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Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60505

City of Aurora

Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

July 07, 2026

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the roll was called. A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to allow Alderwoman Smith to participate in this meeting remotely pursuant to Sec 2-80 of the code of ordinances. The motion carried by voice vote and Alderwoman Smith participated in this meeting remotely.

Present 12 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White, and Mayor John Laesch

Absent 1 - Alderman Javier Bañuelos

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

26-0387 Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve and file the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Jon Zaghloul, Director of Communications - City of Aurora, introduced the following items on the Mayor's Report:

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, led a moment of silence in honor of Herman Beneke, a beloved 23-year City of Aurora employee who passed on June 24, 2026.

Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation in honor of National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Aurora, July 2026. Steve Kulesza, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation - City of Aurora, accepted the Mayoral Proclamation and expressed his appreciation for staff.

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Juanita Wells, the 2026 City of Aurora's Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal.

An update was presented regarding storm recovery efforts by City staff relating to damage sustained during the storms that occurred on July 3rd and July 4th. Theo Van de Sampel, EMA Coordinator - City of Aurora, discussed the self-reporting damage assessment survey available for City residents and businesses to provide damage data for the City.

If residents have lost parkway trees or want a new parkway tree they can contact 311 and can receive a free tree planted by the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and the following speakers presented public comment to the Committee of the Whole:

1. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding the condition of the medians on Downer Pl. and Lake St. as well as other areas of the City that are aesthetically unpleasing.
2. Adam Pauley spoke regarding the creation of a recall mechanism in the City and his recent communication with Mayor Laesch.
3. Danny Souri spoke regarding the recall petition in process in Aurora.
4. Keyanna Savage spoke regarding Stable Able Non-Profit Organization to invite everyone to their event on July 11, 2026, from 11 am to 4 pm at 714 W Illinois Ave. - Greene Field Park.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On June 24, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

26-0391 — An Ordinance Vacating a City Easement on the Property located at 55 S. Constitution Drive, in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois 60506

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0392 An Ordinance Annexing Property located at 1160 Jackson Street to the City of Aurora, pursuant to a Water Service Agreement.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Planning & Development Resolutions

26-0379 A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plan on Lot 1 and 2 of Lindsay Window & Door Subdivision, located at 55 S. Constitution Drive for a Processing, finishing and assembly facilities (3140) Use, Business and professional, office (2400) Use, and Retail sales or service (2100) Use

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, explained conditions of a future associated redevelopment agreement relating to this item.

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, added information regarding the redevelopment agreement relating to this item.

This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).
Enactment No.: PDFNL26-005

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On June 25, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0764 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with V3 Companies in the not to exceed amount of $144,100.00, and the appropriation of $530,000.00 of MFT Funds for the Safe Routes to School Project in School Districts 129, 131, and 204.

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, presented briefly regarding the status of this project.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0262 A Resolution to Establish a Preferred Contractors List for the 2026 Aurora Rental HVAC Replacement Grant Program.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0315 A Resolution authorizing the execution of real estate contracts to purchase properties and appropriating MFT Funds required for the 2022 Safe Routes to School Project in the amount of $8,150.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0361 A Resolution requesting approval of a three-year support renewal contract to Scientel Solutions, LLC., 2021 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60502, for Network Infrastructure Managed Services of city-wide network infrastructure in the amount of $2,168,127.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

26-0373 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase 2 Design Engineering Supplement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of $17,622.00 and the appropriation of $17,622.00 of MFT Funds for Safe Routes to School Project in School Districts 129, 131, and 204.

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0380 A Resolution approving the purchase of bulk rock salt in the amount of $74.33 per ton from Compass Minerals America Inc., Overland Park, KS, for the Division of Street Maintenance under the DuPage County Department of Transportation of Illinois Joint Purchasing Agreement Bid for the 2026-2027 season.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On June 23, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Item:

26-0301 A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: Onsite Consumption liquor licenses, (unofficially related to the application from HH 59, LLC located at 4448 E New York St). [Ward 10]

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On June 22, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

26-0368 A Resolution to award Sans Souci Dr and Cobblestone Dr Water Main Replacement project, located in Ward 5 to Winninger Excavating, Inc. in the bid amount of $1,599,570.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0370 A Resolution to award a contract for well maintenance services for Well 119 to Municipal Well & Pump in the not to exceed amount of $103,474.70.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0372 A Resolution to award the Phillips Park Irrigation Pump System Replacement project, located in Ward 3 to Midwest Well Services, Inc. DBA: Pumpstation Professionals in the contract amount of $244,000.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On June 16, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Item:

26-0359 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Provide Parking for Residents of the Hobbs Building

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

RETURNED FROM CITY COUNCIL

25-0779 An Ordinance amending and adding Sections 2-185 and 2-186 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora pertaining to the disclosure of economic interests and campaign-related employment and volunteerism.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

The following documents were provided for reference during discussion and were discussed as follows:

1. Exhibit A - REVISED AS RECOMMENDED BY RAP ON 5/19/2026. Not discussed specifically, this is the existing state of the draft and is provided as a reference document.
2. Exhibit A - REVISED STAFF REQUESTED CHANGES - DRAFT 07/06/2026. A majority of the Committee of the Whole was in favor of accepting the proposed amendments as identified in this Exhibit A, and these changes will be considered a "friendly amendment" by consensus.
3. Exhibit A - REVISED BARREIRO PROPOSAL #4. A majority of the Committee of the Whole was in favor of accepting the proposed amendments as identified in this Exhibit A, page 3, line 21-24 and page 4, line1 of the document as it currently exists, and these changes will be considered a "friendly amendment" by consensus.
4. Exhibit A - REVISED BAID PROPOSAL #1. The proposed changes in this Exhibit A have already been addressed in item 2 above.

Alderman Núñez is working on additional changes that will be provided to Corporation Counsel before July 10th for circulation to the City Council.

At the conclusion of discussion on this matter, a motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Barreiro to take a 5 minute recess. The motion carried by voice vote and a 5-minute recess was convened.

26-0406

An Ordinance amending and adding Sections 15-120, 15-130, 15-320, 15-321, and 15-322 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora pertaining to campaign contributions and campaign fundraising.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

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1. Exhibit A - REVISED AS RECOMMENDED BY RAP ON 5/19/2026. Not discussed specifically, this is the existing state of the draft and is provided as a reference document.
2. Exhibit A - REVISED SAVILLE-SMITH & BARREIRO PROPOSAL DRAFTED 7/06/2026. Consensus was reached as to page 2, page 4, page 5, page 6 including changes made to Sec 15-321(a) changed to 24 months. Consensus also reached as to page 9 proposed changes, with the understanding that more amendments may be proposed.

Alderman Mesiacos briefly discussed proposed changes to Sec 2-38 regarding the Mayor's outside employment. A brief discussion was held regarding the proposed changes and the item will be presented to the RAP Committee.

STAFF REPORT

There were no staff reports at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Larson to enter into closed session and thereafter adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting with no further action or public business to take place for purposes of this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and a closed session meeting was held pursuant to the following sections of the Open Meetings Act:

1. Sec 2(c)(1) - to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and
2. Sec 2(c)(5) - to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and
3. Sec 2(c)(11) - to discuss litigation; and
4. Sec 2(c)(29) - to discuss meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States.

The open session of this meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:19 p.m. The closed session convened at 8:26 p.m. The closed session adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by:

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Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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