



City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60505

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday
July 21, 2026
5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

- Present** 10 - Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, and Mayor John Laesch
- Absent** 3 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, and Alderman-At-Large Will White

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[26-0441](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 7, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

1. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to members of the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council (APRCC) proclaiming July 18 - July 26, 2026 Puerto Rican Heritage Week in the City of Aurora. The 54th Annual Aurora Puerto Rican Heritage Festival will be held this Sunday, July 26th at Wilder Park.
2. Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Sriyan Kantamneni for advancing to the National level as part of the Reflections Art Program.
3. Mayor Laesch honored three Aurora student members of Project Altogether Aurora who served fresh meals to 75 residents of Hesed House as part of Talented Tenth Social Services.
4. The Aurora Special Census will begin in certain areas of the City this week.
5. Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works/City Engineer provided an update regarding potential roadway projects for which the City is seeking funding assistance, including Eola Rd. & Autumn Grove Circle.
6. Mayor Laesch provided an update regarding election packets that will be available for pick-up at the City Clerk's Office on Tuesday, July 28th.
7. It was announced that the next Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, August 4th will begin at 2:00 p.m. due to National Night Out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk recited the Rules of Public Comment and the following people presented comments to the Committee of the Whole:

1. Sunayit spoke asking why the World Cup watch events at RiverEdge Park were broadcast in Spanish and not English.
2. Rick Lawrence thanked Adrian Perez and the Streets Department for maintenance on Downer as well as the Aurora Police Department for assisting in his neighborhood and suggested improvements to the City gateways.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Meeting Scheduled for July 15, 2026 was Cancelled.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On July 16, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0032](#) A Resolution authorizing the sale of obsolete and surplus property, using JJ Kane Auctioneers.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0364](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., for the Provision of Strategic Planning Consulting Services

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0390](#) A Resolution to utilize donation funds in the amount of \$226,950 from the Festival of Lights for the purpose of a Youth Programs Enhancement Grant administered by the Youth Services division.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0412](#) A Resolution to Accept the Youth Climate Action Fund grant for the 2026-2027 cycle and Agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors in the amount of \$50,000 by the Youth Services division.

Simon Rodriguez, Youth Services Manager - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0417](#) A Resolution authorizing the director of purchasing to enter into a three-year agreement and two one-year options with Equature of Southfield, MI for a total of \$301,078.90 for a dispatch recording system.

Jeff Anderson, Deputy CIO - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0420](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to open a Purchase Order in the amount of \$292,027.05 for Blink Network, LLC to furnish and install a total of nine (9) dual-port chargers across three city-owned locations utilizing rebate vouchers allocated to the city by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program in the amount of \$211,320.

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

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0427](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase radio equipment, installation services and support from L3Harris, Lynchburg, VA for \$2,409,905.06.

Jeff Anderson, Deputy CIO - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0428](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to acquire Public Safety radio networking equipment from L3Harris, Melbourne, FL for \$244,506.45.

Jeff Anderson, Deputy CIO - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Scheduled for July 14, 2026 was Cancelled.

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On July 13, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0385](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of one year of manufacturer-supported security services in the amount of \$90,296.43 to Worldcom Exchange, Inc.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0398](#)

A Resolution to award a contract for the River Intake Building Roofing Membrane Replacement Project to Anthony Roofing Tecta America LLC, in the not to exceed amount of \$61,713.75.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On July 7, 2027 and Reviewed the Following Items:**[26-0402](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 of the Aurora Code of Ordinances titled Buildings and Building Regulations to Amend the 2015 I-Series adoption of the International Property Maintenance (IPMC).

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0404](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Hayden Malloy, Blaze Kimbrough, Andre Jack, Christopher Ruiz, Pragun Aggarwal, Satyanandini Kandukuri, Vihaan Sublibhavi and the reappointment of Adwik Panda to the Aurora Youth Council.

Simon Rodriguez, Youth Services Manager - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding the composition of the Aurora Youth Council.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0405](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Tracy J. Duran, John Fusek, Katie Garrett, Gina Moga and the reappointment of Gretchen Timm to the Aurora Area Convention Visitors Bureau.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

NEW BUSINESS[26-0416](#)

A motion authorizing and directing Chief Human Resources to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City on the Workers Compensation Claim #23Q5I5662329; #25Q05M737625.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0425](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with the Aurora Civic Center Authority (ACCA) for the production of the 2026 Fiestas Patrias celebration in partnership with the City of Aurora and the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board at the Aurora Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (RiverEdge Park).

Tony Martinez, Chief Communications Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

ALDERMAN'S CORNER

7th Ward Alderman Javier Bañuelos presented an update on 7th Ward happenings.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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