



City of Aurora

City Hall - 5th Floor
Conference Room
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

August 08, 2023

6:00 PM

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment for this meeting must be physically present at the meeting and registered to speak prior to the meeting being called to order. Please call the City Clerk's Office at (630) 256-3070 with questions.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 11 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Shweta Baid

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Sullivan served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Irvin.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderman Bugg.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS[23-0627](#)

Recognition for Aurora resident and educator, Laura Gonzalez, on her appointment to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Laura Gonzalez in recognition of her appointment to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Wendy Lopez, General Manager at Endiro Coffee, recipient of Restaurant Magazine's 2023 General Manager of the Year Award.

[23-0628](#)

Introduction of finalists for the Ward 7 Alderperson appointment.

Mayor Irvin introduced the finalists for 7th Ward Alderman and each made comments introducing themselves:

1. Alex Arroyo
2. Diana Barajas-Gonzalez
3. Drew Eddy
4. Cynthia Gamboa
5. Anderson Lee
6. Brandon Toliver

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS[23-0237](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Vimi Shukla and Jyoti Shirahatti to the Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-214

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to Public Comment Mayor Irvin presented remarks to correct information that has been provided to the public regarding TIF Districts.

The City Clerk read the Rules for Public Comment and the following individuals presented comments to the City Council:

1. Steve Hendry spoke regarding TIFs.
2. Adam Pauley spoke regarding the 2024 Election.
3. Matthew Orr spoke regarding Stolp Island Social.
4. Todd VonOhlen spoke regarding the Aurora Uke Fest.
5. David Cannon spoke regarding Factor/Hello Fresh.
6. Frank Patterson spoke regarding TIFs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**23-0567**

Public Hearing regarding the creation of the proposed River Vine Tax Increment Finance District and Approval of the Related Redevelopment Plan and Project.

Mayor Irvin called the public hearing on the proposed River Vine Tax Increment Finance District to order at 7:05 p.m.

Trevor Dick, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development - City of Aurora, presented regarding the proposed TIF District.

Representatives of Ryan & Co., Phil McKenna and Charles Durham, spoke regarding the proposed TIF District.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented regarding the proposed TIF District.

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

1. Charlotte Dillon stated her opposition to the proposed TIF District.
2. Helen Ratzlow stated her opposition to the proposed TIF District.
3. Marylee Leu stated her opposition to the proposed TIF District.
4. David Cannon stated his opposition to the proposed TIF District.
5. Maria Jurado stated her opposition to the proposed TIF District.

Mayor Irvin opened the hearing to members of the City Council for questions and comments. Members of the City Council asked questions and made comments regarding the proposed TIF District.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and Mayor Irvin closed the public hearing at 8:35 p.m.

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiascos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

23-0568

Public Hearing regarding the creation of the proposed Cross Street Tax Increment Finance District and Approval of the Related Redevelopment Plan and Project.

Mayor Irvin called the public hearing on the proposed Cross Street Tax Increment Finance District to order at 8:35 p.m.

Trevor Dick, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development - City of Aurora, presented regarding the proposed TIF District.

A representative of Ryan & Co., Charles Durham, spoke regarding the proposed TIF District.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented regarding the proposed TIF District.

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

- 1. Marylee Leu stated her opposition to the proposed TIF District.**
- 2. Adam Pauley stated his support of the proposed TIF District.**

Mayor Irvin opened the hearing to members of the City Council for questions and comments. Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the proposed TIF District.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and Mayor Irvin closed the public hearing at 9:14 p.m.

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[23-0545](#)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Aldermen to encumber and expend funds allocated to Ward 7 for purposes related to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Funfest and Back to School Bash.

This Resolution was previously approved by the Rules, Administration & Procedures Committee.

Enactment No: RAP23-001

[23-0390](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Stanard and Associates as the Provider for Services of Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments through December 31, 2023.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-215

[23-0454](#)

A Resolution authorizing the annual maintenance renewal for VMware Server software (VMware) used by the City of Aurora through CDW Government, Inc., Vernon Hills IL in the amount of \$64,037.12

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-216

[23-0459](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement between the City of Aurora, and Family Services Association of Elgin Illinois in support of the Aurora Police Department Crisis Intervention Unit.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-217

[23-0511](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 5,000 Gallon ASTM Double Walled Tanks, from Tiles in Style DBA Taza Supplies, South Holland, IL., for the price of \$61,786.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-218

[23-0515](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Volunteer Supply Industries, Ltd., 105 E Galena Blvd, Suite 806, Aurora, IL 60505 in an amount not to exceed \$367,190.00 for the purchase of lighting materials for various locations throughout the City.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-219

[23-0521](#)

A Resolution to award the Clark Street and White Eagle Lift Station Improvements located in Wards 2 and 8 to Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC in the bid amount of \$1,473,989.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-220

[23-0531](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Nighthawk Video, Sycamore, IL in the amount of \$923,867.69 to fabricate and furnish five new video monitors and to complete additional purchases in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for any additional material purchases required to complete the installation at RiverEdge Park in Ward 1.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-221

[23-0532](#)

A Resolution authorizing the continued services of civilian fingerprint analysts Julie Smith and Gina Minetti as contractual consultants for the purpose of fingerprint analysis and identification for the Aurora Police Department.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-222

[23-0537](#)

A Resolution authorizing acceptance of the low bid from J. Gill & Company for repairs and maintenance of the Aurora Police Department Headquarters Parking Deck in the amount of \$374,335.00, plus a contingency amount of \$37,433.50.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-223

[23-0572](#)

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$287,659.09 towards the purchase of new fire hoses for the Aurora Fire Department.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-224

[23-0546](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Geneva Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,665,556.10 for the 2023 Contract #2 - City Wide Sidewalk, Patching, Striping and Bike Path Overlay Projects.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-225

[23-0550](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from El Huichol de Don Memo NVS No 2, Inc. at 815 N Lake Street). [Ward 6]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-226

[23-0553](#)

A resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to adopt unit prices submitted by Core and Main for the purchase of large Sensus water meters.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-227

[23-0554](#)

A Resolution to Award the contract for the White Eagle Force Main Improvements located in Ward 8 to H. Linden & Sons Sewer and Water, Inc. in the amount of \$453,600.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-228

[23-0576](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Option and Land Lease of Real Property Located on the Northeast corner of Sullivan and Route 25 (Ward 1).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-229

[23-0562](#)

A Resolution authorizing change orders and additional contingency for the remodeling of the City of Aurora Council Chambers, Conference Rooms 5A & 5B and the addition of a press room and communications control center using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting Program for an amount of \$272,586.48.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-230

[23-0564](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$895,890.00 from Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to reimburse the City of Aurora for its purchase of body worn and squad cameras.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-231

[23-0566](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan on 2A of The Second Resubdivision of Fox Valley East, Region I, Unit No. 1 with a modification to the building code amendments located at 3975 Fox Valley Center Drive

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-232

[23-0569](#)

A Resolution approving a revenue sharing agreement between the City of Aurora Fire Prevention Bureau and Inspection Reports Online (IROL).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-233

[23-0561](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Option and Land Lease of Real Property Located at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-234

[23-0574](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Option and Land Lease of Real Property Located at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-235

[23-0575](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Option and Land Lease of Real Property Located at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-236

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0595](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 25, 2023, City Council Meeting.

The Minutes were approved as read on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

REPORT

[23-0611](#)

Corporate Funds Investment Report - Second Quarter 2023.

Mayor Irvin acknowledged receipt of the Corporate Funds Investment Report - Second Quarter 2023. Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST[23-0619](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and pay the bills as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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