



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

April 15, 2014

5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Mayor Weisner, and the Roll was called.

Present 13 - Mayor Tom Weisner, Alderman Kristina "Tina" Bohman, Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman John Peters, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderman Rick Mervine, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Lynne Johnson, Alderman Richard Irvin, and Alderman Bob O'Connor

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2014

[14-00250](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the April 1, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman O'Connor moved, seconded by Alderman Saville, to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 1, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 10 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Peters, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson and Alderman O'Connor

Abstain: 2 - Alderman Hart-Burns and Alderman Irvin

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

[14-00150](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement with Simon Property Group, Inc. / Chicago Premium Outlets for 1901 Bilter Road

Chief Development Services Officer, Bill Wiet, introduced this item. Mr. Wiet explained slight modifications to the development agreement related to the agreement's tax abatement/rebate portion, and presented an aerial view of the site plan, showing existing phase I, and proposed phase II. Wiet added that, unlike phase I, and through the creation of TIF District #8, the development will be financed without the use of sales tax rebates. Wiet also pointed out the section that refers to job opportunities for Aurora residents, and the continuation of the meetings with the Aurora Police Department relative to security matters.

Attorney Sandy Stein, representing Simon Property group, added that this logical expansion to the project will be a more modern development, and that upgrades to the existing center will match the amenities at the new property.

John Villapiano, senior development manager with Simon Group's Premium Outlets division, expressed how glad they are to be part of the thriving Aurora market, and added that this will be the largest expansion of any Premium Outlets centers throughout the world undertaken by Simon Group.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Mayor Weisner announced he had to depart, and asked Mayor Pro Tem O'Connor to chair the rest of the meeting.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

[14-00242](#)

An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for a Religious Institution Use on the Property located at 502 Westgate Drive, Aurora, Illinois, 60506

Pastor McManus spoke briefly about this item, explaining they are in the process of purchasing the property in question back from the bank to put a church back in place. McManus said they plan to add a parking lot and upgrade the facility.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

[14-00126](#)

A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the Fox Valley Park District Concerning a Fireworks Show and other Programmed Activities on Park District Property on July 4, 2014 and July 4, 2015

Chief Community Services Officer Dan Barreiro spoke briefly about this item.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- [14-00217](#) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois and to execute a Cooperative Service Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a Wildlife Management Study & Plan at the Aurora Municipal Airport.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [14-00219](#) A Resolution Authorization to purchase three Wausau Home-Safe Snow Plows from Lindco Equipment Sales, as a sole source, in the amount of \$30,949.00.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [14-00232](#) A Resolution which authorizes the purchase of two FORD utility vehicles for the Aurora Police Department Special Operations Group.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [14-00243](#) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a not-to-exceed contract in the amount of \$30,000 with Geneva Construction Company for the 2014 Downtown Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Project.
Maintenance Services Superintendent Joe Hopp spoke briefly about this item.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [14-00248](#) A Resolution to Purchase 300 SmartPoint Transceiver Units and 300 iPerl Water Meters from HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., Carol Stream, Illinois in an Amount not to Exceed \$70,000 for the Water and Sewer Division.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- [14-00228](#) A Resolution establishing the maximum number of City of Aurora liquor licenses by class.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [14-00263](#) A Resolution authorizing an extended hour of sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor for Liquor License classifications A, B, E and F on Monday, May 5, 2014 only, upon approval by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- [14-00099](#) A Traffic Study at Thunderbird Court and Middlebury Drive to check paint condition of the pedestrian cross-walks and addition of Pedestrian Crossing signage. Ward 9; Alderman Bugg (Held in Committee at the February 25, 2014 meeting.) (Held in Committee at the March 11, 2014 meeting.)
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00168](#) A Traffic Study for the Elmwood Drive and Plum Street intersection for the installation of Pedestrian Crossing Signage. Ward 4, Alderman Donnell .
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00174](#) A Traffic Study for Ottawa Avenue during school dismissal, requesting taking steps to reduce traffic congestion. Ward 4, Alderman Donnell
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00213](#) A Traffic Study for "No-Left-Turn" signage for traffic exiting Brooks Elementary School onto Stonebridge Blvd. Ward 10, Alderman Johnson
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00216](#) Advocate Dreyer Fox Valley Marathon/ShebBix Inc. Sunday September 21, 2014 from 7:00am to 12:00pm..
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00221](#) The Wheatlands Elementary School PTA Running of the Wolves 5K, Sunday May 4, 2014 from 8:00am to 10:00am..
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00226](#) American Cancer Society Bark for Life Walk, Sunday May 18, 2014 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00253](#) Request by Rebuilding Together Aurora (RTA) to close May Street to through traffic from Illinois Avenue to New Haven Avenue, on April 25th and 26th. .
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [14-00247](#) Kiwanis Peanut Days Fundraiser at the Metra D/T Train Station and the Metra Rt. 59 Train Station on Tuesday, September 16th, 2014 and Wednesday, September 17th, 2014 (No sales from the streets.)
(INFORMATION ONLY)

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS[14-00295](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the lease of vacant city-owned property with Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, Inc, for a community garden.

Diane Renner, Executive Director for the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, spoke about this project - a community garden park that will welcome the involvement of the whole neighborhood. The garden will include raised beds for the elderly and the handicapped, and large beds for organizations to come and teach the youth about the importance of gardening, with the food coming back to the pantry. Renner added the garden will include pathways, gazebos, and a compost area.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS[14-00237](#)

A Resolution Appointing Raquel Tamer and Josie Alcaez Tanksley and Reappointing Hector Ochoa, Maria del Carmen Tinajero and Dalila Alegria to the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board.

(REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL)

[14-00266](#)

A Resolution Appointing Keith Gerald and Jacquelyn Spires to the Aurora African American Heritage Advisory Board.

(REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL)

REQUESTS AND REFERRALS[14-00286](#)

NA28/1-13.174-Fpn - Final Plan on 2.04 acres for an 8,460 square foot Montessori School located 4100 Westbrook Drive by DEI ROSSI, INC./COSMIC MONTESSORI SCHOOL (Ward 10 - TM)

AU18/4-14.098-AR - Administrative Review for the installation of new telecommunication equipment located at 401 N. Constitution Drive by ASSISSI HOMES-CONSTITUTION HOUSE, INC. / VERIZON WIRELESS (Ward 5 - TM)

The above Requests and Referrals were referred to the Planning Council and Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

Alderman Hart-Burns moved, seconded by Alderman Mervine, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Isabel M. Garcia-Kodron
City Clerk