



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
May 12, 2026
6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and the roll was called.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Mesiacos.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

1. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the City of Aurora's AANHPI Advisory Board, proclaiming May as Asian American Heritage Month in the City of Aurora.
2. The Mayor's Award of Excellence was presented to Alex Minnella, Senior Planner - City of Aurora, for his nomination for the Climate Action Museums Climate Action Hero Award.
3. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month.
4. Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Awards for Historic Preservation.
5. Mayor Laesch reminded everyone to vote to name the Baby Falcons.
6. The Aurora Advisory Commission on Disabilities presented an overview of the work they've done and future plans of the Commission.
7. Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, presented an update on the repair of the broken 36 inch water main on the East Side.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and the following people presented comments to the City Council:

1. Manuel Fernando Cardoza stated that he would not be presenting the comments he prepared.
2. Joe Toma spoke regarding concerns with the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Counsel.
3. Mike Carrasco spoke regarding the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Counsel and verification of official documentation of service. Mike Carrasco tendered his resignation from AVAC along with the resignations of other AVAC members who were present with him for public comment.
4. Adam Pauley of Aurora 4 Change spoke regarding a recall mechanism for elected officials in Aurora.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye: 11 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

[26-0184](#)

A Resolution authorizing EyeMed Vision Care, LLC ("EyeMed") and First American Administrators, Inc. to administer vision insurance for active employees and retirees from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-111

[26-0187](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 2 Design Engineering Agreement with WBK Engineering, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$351,523.00, and the appropriation of \$351,523.00 of MFT Funds for the New York Street Corridor Safety Improvement Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-112

[26-0195](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Director to execute a contract with Beary Landscaping Maintenance, of Lockport, IL for mowing and landscaping maintenance of 9 Aurora fire stations for one year and the option of two (2) one-year extensions.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-113

[26-0200](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Geneva Construction Company in the amount of \$4,648,733.10, and to appropriate \$3,500,000.00 of MFT Funds for the 2026 Citywide Street Resurfacing - WEST/NORTH project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-114

[26-0211](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Geneva Construction Company of Aurora, IL in the amount of \$433,908 for asphalt resurfacing at the Aurora Transportation Center Parking Lot and Parking Lot S downtown.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-115

[26-0214](#)

A Resolution to accept the bid from Superior Asphalt Materials LLC, North Aurora, IL for the Citywide Asphalt Purchase Program.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-116

[26-0215](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of the Expert Partner Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., and the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-117

[26-0217](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$225,406.00 and the appropriation of \$225,406.00 for the Farnsworth & Ogden Intersection Improvement Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-118

[26-0223](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Farnsworth Bilter Entertainment District liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora at 2500 N Farnsworth Ave., Ste. 220) [Ward 1]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-119

[26-0224](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Farnsworth Bilter Entertainment District liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora at 2500 N Farnsworth Ave. Ste. 330). [Ward 1]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-120

[26-0225](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Farnsworth Bilter Entertainment District liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from HC Aurora, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Aurora at 2500 N Farnsworth Ave. Ste. 440). [Ward 1]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-121

[26-0228](#)

A Resolution amending Next Generation 911 resolution R20-143 to from five years to 10 years to align with contract.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-122

[26-0234](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Compass Minerals America Inc. in the amount of \$1,065,000.00 and the appropriation and expenditure of MFT funds for an amount up to \$1,065,000.00 for salt purchases.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-123

[26-0239](#)

A Resolution amending the contract awarded to Mark43, Inc. for a CAD/RMS system.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-124

[26-0248](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement for the Use of City of Aurora Property for an Outdoor Dining Area on a Portion of 26 North River Street.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-125

[26-0251](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of licenses for tattoo and body art establishments in accordance with Chapter 25, Article XI "Tattoo and Body Art Establishments".

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-126

[26-0260](#)

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat for the Resubdivision of Lot 107 Ashton Pointe, Unit One Subdivision on vacant land located at 3141 North Aurora Road

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-127

[26-0263](#)

A Resolution to award the N. Fordham Ave. Water Main Replacement project, located in Ward 6 to Gerardi Sewer & Water, Co., in the bid amount of \$1,101,195.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-128

[26-0264](#)

An Ordinance approving a Conditional Use on 2850, 2871, and 2880 Vision Court for a Food, textiles, and related products (3110) Use

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O26-032

[26-0267](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$130,063.50 and the appropriation of \$130,063.50 for the Bilter Road Highway Safety Improvement Program Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-129

[26-0268](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan on Lot 1 of the Resubdivision of Lot 107 Ashton Pointe Unit One Subdivision located at 3141 North Aurora Road for a Vehicle Repair, Minor Use

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-130

[26-0269](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to Process a Change Order to the Agreement with Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC for the S. Broadway Ave Sewer Separation - Hazel Ave to North Ave Contract in the amount of \$90,000.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-131

[26-0270](#)

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

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O26-031

[26-0275](#)

A Resolution approving a Final Plan Revision for Lot 6 of Chicago Premium Outlets Subdivision, located at 2365 North Farnsworth Avenue for a(n) Restaurant with a drive-through facility (2530) and Retail sales or service (2100) Use.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-132

[26-0289](#)

A Resolution authorizing approval of a Lease Agreement between the City of Aurora and Aurora Downtown District.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-133

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[26-0296](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, City Council Meeting.

The Minutes were approved and filed as presented on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[26-0288](#)

A Resolution authorizing approval of a Service Agreement between the City of Aurora and Aurora Downtown District.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote, however, Alderman Mesiacos initially abstained from the vote and subsequently entered a yes vote on this item, therefore, the roll call vote reflects Alderman Mesiacos as a yes vote.

Aye: 11 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

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[26-0287](#)

A Resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between the City of Aurora and the Phillips Park Foundation.

Alderman Mesiacos recused himself from the discussion and vote on this item and left City Council Chambers prior to any discussion or vote. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Núñez to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote and Alderman Mesiacos returned to City Council Chambers at the conclusion of the vote on this item:

Aye: 10 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

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NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

REPORT

There were no Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST[26-0308](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

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 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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