



# City of Aurora

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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44 East Downer Place  
Aurora, IL

## City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

September 08, 2020

5:00 PM

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### ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Irvin found that an in-person meeting of the Council was neither practical nor prudent and that it was not feasible for members of the public to attend this meeting in person at City Hall. The meeting was conducted by Internet teleconference without the physical presence of a quorum. Mayor Irvin was present at City Hall, the regular meeting location.

**Present:** 12 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Judd Lofchie, Alderman Sherman Jenkins, Alderman Bob O'Connor and Mayor Richard Irvin

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Patty Smith

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Students of Simply Destinee.*

## INVOCATION

*The Invocation was led by Pastor Charisse Jensen of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.*

## MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

20-0537 Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 25, 2020 City Council Meeting.

**A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Mesiacos abstained from voting on this item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

**Abstain:** 1 - Alderman Mesiacos

## PRESENTATIONS

20-0558 Proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

*Mr. Joel Frieders spoke regarding suicide prevention and National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.*

**This Proclamation was discussed and filed.**

20-0559 Update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative

*Clayton Muhammad - City of Aurora, presented an update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative.*

**This Presentation was discussed and filed.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk Stallings read a statement regarding the rules of public comment and the following individuals addressed the City Council:

Tonya Makrinski spoke in favor of item 20-0431.  
Maria Jurado spoke in opposition to item 20-0431.  
Alicon Bell spoke in opposition to item 20-0431.  
Viviana Barajas spoke in opposition to item 20-0431.  
Nichole Mullins spoke in opposition to item 20-0431.  
Arjun Nair spoke in opposition to item 20-0431.  
Nadia Kanhai spoke in opposition to item 20-0431.

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

### 20-0478

A Resolution appointing Ahana Narayana, D'Angelo Carbalal, Gabriel Bradford, Gauri Venkatraman, Ian Ortego, Mariella Acevedo, Moises Jimenez, Pravallika Padyala, Satya Balmuri and reappointing Arleth Rodriguez to the Aurora Youth Council.

**A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor.**

Enactment No: R20-191

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 20-0553

Public Hearing on a Proposal to Amend and Expand the River Edge Redevelopment Zone, known as "Aurora River Zone".

**Mayor Irvin called the Public Hearing to order.**

**Trevor Dick - City of Aurora, presented regarding this item.**

**Mr. James Mead presented public comment regarding this item.**

**There were no questions or comments from the City Council and no additional persons present wishing to be heard. A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to close this hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor.**

### 20-0458

A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and Sugar Grove Drainage District #1 for Mutual Cooperation in the Construction of Drainage Improvements on the Site of the Aurora Municipal Airport.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-181

- 20-0467 A Resolution to Award a Contract for the Lime Sludge Removal and Disposal for the Water Production Division

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-182

- 20-0481 A Resolution pursuant to Sec. 2-101(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, pertaining to categories of business authorized for placement on the consent agenda.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-183

- 20-0487 A Resolution Requesting Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois, the Mayor to Execute the Phase 2 Design Engineering Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., 9575 W. Higgins Road, Suite 600, Rosemont, IL 60018 in the amount of \$108,541.29 for the Access to Transit - Aurora Transportation Center (ATC) East Platform Parking Lot Enhancement Project, MFT Section 18-00325-00-PK.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-184

- 20-0490 A Resolution Awarding the 2020 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining contract to Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC, 9014 S. Thomas Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455 in the amount of eight hundred ninety-eight thousand, seven hundred and ninety-seven dollars and zero cents (\$898,797.00).

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-185

- 20-0491 A Resolution to amend the grant agreement with the Cities for Financial Empowerment to accept \$80,000 in additional funding to support the Aurora Financial Empowerment Center.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-186

- 20-0516 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O14-061 Approving an Expansion of the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Known as the "Aurora River Zone" in the City Of Aurora, Illinois, Following Notice and Public Hearing in Connection Therewith.

**This Ordinance was adopted on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: O20-057

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20-0518

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics and a not-to-exceed agreement for Construction Phase Engineering Services in the amount of \$78,100 with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Phase 3, Area 1 Project.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-187

20-0520

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant in the amount of \$975,000.00 towards the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the Aurora Fire Department.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-188

20-0528

A Resolution regarding the implementation of officer-worn body cameras for the City of Aurora Police Department.

**This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R20-189

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

20-0425

An Ordinance Granting a Variance pursuant to Section 10.5-6 of the Aurora Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 613 Smith Boulevard to reduce the lot width from 75 feet to 57.33 feet, to reduce the minimum exterior side setback requirement from 15 feet to 3 feet, and to increase the maximum lot coverage from 40% to 44%

**Alderman Mesiacos recused himself from this item and took himself off of video and turned off his audio. Alderman Mesiacos took no part in the deliberations or the vote thereupon and returned to the meeting after business was concluded regarding this item. A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: O20-058

20-0431

A Resolution to accept the quote from Pro-Tech, 1313 West Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017 to purchase 150 complete sets of Personal Protective Equipment for the Aurora Police Department.

**A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman O'Connor

**Nay:** 3 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R20-190

20-0469

A Resolution awarding the Job Order Contracting Vendor Services (JOC) for the City of Aurora to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC of Chicago, IL.

*Marty Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding this item.*

*Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer and Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding this item.*

*Rick Veenstra, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.*

**A motion was made by Alderman Bugg and seconded by Alderman Lofchie to return this item to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman Jenkins

**Nay:** 5 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Franco, Alderman Hart-Burns and Alderman O'Connor

20-0476

A Resolution Approving the Director of Purchasing to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement(s) with various agencies/entities to allow the use of the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting Services program.

**A motion was made by Alderman O'Connor and seconded by Alderman Franco to hold this item at City Council until September 22, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

20-0486

An Ordinance amending the Aurora Liquor Control Ordinance pertaining to nuisance activity and the process of applying for licensure in certain locations.

*Deb Lang, Assistant Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, spoke regarding this item.*

**A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: O20-059

## NEW BUSINESS

*There were no items of New Business on the agenda.*

## REPORT

*There were no reports on the agenda.*

## APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

20-0555

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

**A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

## CLOSED SESSION

*There was a need for a closed session meeting to discuss pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act.*

**A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins that the Committee convene in closed session immediately prior to the adjournment of this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor.**

**ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to adjourn this meeting upon the conclusion of the closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor.**

**The closed session meeting concluded at 7:59 p.m. and this meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Jennifer Stallings - City Clerk**

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