



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday

March 18, 2026

5:00 PM

*****Rescheduled from Tuesday, March 17, 2026.****

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. Call the City Clerk's Office at (630) 256-3070 with questions. Please refer to the last page of this agenda for information regarding translation & reasonable accommodation requests.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and the roll was called. Alderman-at-Large White left the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Bañuelos left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent 1 - Alderman Jonathan Núñez

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[26-0143](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 3, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Fire Station 9 & 13 will have ribbon cuttings on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

City of Aurora 2026 Summer Camp Applications are now open.

Mayor Laesch's first State of the City Address will be held on Thursday, April 16th at 5:30 p.m. at Aurora University.

Mayor Laesch shared that Mr. Rafael Valencia, the owner of Tecalitlan Restaurant - Aurora, passed away recently. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

Mayor Laesch gave a presentation regarding ComEd and how they are addressing data center growth in Northern Illinois.

Jonathan Chao, a representative from the Electronic Frontier Foundation, presented regarding the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Anonymous Aurora Resident spoke regarding data centers.
2. Manuel Fernando Cardoza spoke regarding his proposal for the ACC.
3. Mavis Bates spoke regarding data centers.
4. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding ethics issues in the City of Aurora.
5. Abhibit Choudhury spoke regarding data centers.
6. K. Evans spoke regarding data centers.
7. Laura Evans spoke regarding data centers.
8. Leo Wright spoke regarding data centers.
9. Danielle Fischer spoke regarding data centers.
10. Kathy spoke regarding data centers.
11. Julie Mraz spoke regarding data centers.
12. Akshay spoke regarding data centers.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On March 11, 2026
and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[26-0154](#)

An Ordinance prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or By Any Other Method.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

**REPORT OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee Meeting Scheduled for March 12, 2026 was Cancelled.

**REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On March 10, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0795](#) A Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Air One Equipment for the purchase of protective gear for the Fire Department in amount not to exceed \$316,000.00, with two optional one-year extensions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0076](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles (LDV, Inc.) for the construction of a negotiator vehicle for the APD Crisis Negotiator Team in an amount not to exceed \$200,000

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0151](#) A discussion of parking and speed studies.

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

(INFORMATION ONLY)

**REPORT OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On March 9, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0091](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase services for Amendment 5 of the System Maintenance Agreement with L3Harris, Melbourne, FL for \$284,189.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0137](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,058,300.00 for the 2026 Citywide Pavement Patching for Water and Sewer Maintenance.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0138](#) A Resolution to award the Star Ave Water Main Replacement Project, located in Ward 1, to Gerardi Water & Sewer Co., in the bid amount of \$467,106.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On March 3, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0098](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 "Alcoholic Liquor", Sec. 6-2 "Definitions" and Sec. 6-8 "Classifications" of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0092](#) An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by adding "Chapter 50 - Aurora Responsible Data Center Ordinance" and "Chapter 51 - Data Center Privacy Protection Ordinance," pertaining to performance standards and operational reporting requirements for Data Centers.

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

Tracey Vacek, Director of Zoning & Planning - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[26-0112](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying Section 49-103.3 Definitions and 49-104.3 Conditional Uses and Structures with regards to data center facilities

Alison Lindburg, Director of Sustainability - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Alderwoman Baid discussed three issues with the ordinances as proposed:

1. The minimum setback of any data center structure should be increased to 2,640 feet.
2. Limit with conditional use for M-1 & M-2.
3. Decibel limits of 49 from 7am - 7pm and 39 from 7pm - 7am.

After extensive discussion, items 26-0092, 26-0112, 26-0114 and 26-0115 were all placed on Unfinished Business for the 3/24/26 City Council Meeting.

[26-0114](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying Section 49-103.3 Definitions and Section 49-108.10 "ORI" Office, Research and Light Industry District regarding warehouses and Section 49-108.10 "ORI" Office, Research and Light Industry District, Section 49-109.2 "M-1" Manufacturing District, Limited and Section 49-109.3 "M-2" Manufacturing District, General regarding performance standards

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[26-0115](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Article II "Building Code" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying Section 12-17.1 Additions, Insertions, Deletions and Changes

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

NEW BUSINESS

[26-0155](#)

An Ordinance approving the acquisition of certain real property generally located on the east side of North Farnsworth Avenue, north of Bilter Road, Aurora, Illinois by eminent domain or otherwise.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0170](#)

A Resolution consenting to a short-term lease extension until the end of 2026 to FR2, Inc. at the Aurora Airport.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0175](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Emergency Procurement for Interim Transportation Services with GoGo Grandparent for the City of Aurora Ride Solution (CARS) Transportation Program through August 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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