



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

March 03, 2026

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present 13 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, 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

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[26-0111](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 17, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Jon Zaghloul, Communications Manager - City of Aurora, presented the following report:

1. Vibez on the River will hold their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at 29 W New York Street.
2. Aurora Greenfest will be held on May 2, 2026.
3. Aurora Public Art will host the exhibition, "Riverine: A Confluence of Women Artists of the Fox" from March 6th - March 21st with an opening reception on March 6, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at 20 E Downer Pl.
4. The Aurora Downtown Organization will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl.

Cub Scout Troop 643 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Rochell Ray spoke regarding her two Rachel's Learning Center locations in Aurora and asked for Aldermanic support to do more for the community in the future.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Meeting Scheduled for February 25, 2026 was Cancelled.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On February 26, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

- [26-0003](#) An Ordinance Reserving 2026 Volume Cap in connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0050](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of a Lease with the Fox Valley Music Foundation for Property at 19-21 Broadway.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0088](#) An Ordinance amending the Ward 1 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

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

**The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Scheduled for
February 24, 2026 was Cancelled.**

**REPORT OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On February 23, 2026 and Reviewed
the Following Items:**

[26-0123](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Ayre Productions in the amount of \$318,978.00 for sound equipment at RiverEdge Park.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0125](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with GenServe LLC for preventative maintenance of the City of Aurora's lift station and facility emergency standby generators.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

**The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On February 17, 2026 and
Reviewed the Following Items:**

[26-0083](#) An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-500 of the Aurora City Code to increase the membership of the Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board from seven to nine members.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0099](#) A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lee Catavu and Toby Gill to the Deferred Compensation Administration Committee.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0106](#) A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Pedro Rodriguez to the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council.

Nicholas Richard-Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

- [26-0107](#) A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Michael Zepeda to the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council.
(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
- [26-0109](#) A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Oscar Ramirez Jr. to the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council.
(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
- [26-0110](#) A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Curtis Wilson to the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council.
(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
- [26-0113](#) A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Jose Jesus Cervantes to the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council.
(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
- [26-0116](#) A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jenni Park to the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Advisory Board.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0117](#) A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mercedes Walls, Jamil Morales, Raymond Bronski and Kenan Cooper-Gilmore to the Aurora LGBTQ Advisory Board.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

HELD

- 25-0779** An Ordinance amending and adding Sections 2-185, 15-130, 15-320, 15-321, 15-322, and 15-354 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora pertaining to the disclosure of economic interests, campaign contributions, and lobbying.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

Deb Lang, Assistant Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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