



City of Aurora

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

August 25, 2020

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Judd Lofchie, Alderman Sherman Jenkins, Alderman Bob O'Connor and Mayor Richard Irvin

Absent: 1 - Alderman Ted Mesiascos

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Alderman Hart-Burns provided the Invocation.

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

20-0493

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 11, 2020 City Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

20-0509

Update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative

Clayton Muhammad - City of Aurora, discussed the Census Drive that was conducted on the August 25, 2020 Community Census Day.

Clayton Muhammad - City of Aurora, presented a 60-day report on the CHANGE Reform Initiative.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

20-0510

Presentation from the Aurora Police Department

This presentation was presented following the Consent Agenda and prior to Public Comment. Lt. Robinson-Chan - Aurora Police Department, presented regarding agenda item 20-0431.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ms. Sharonda Roberson spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Mr. Isiah Oliva spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Ms. Shannon Buckley spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Ms. Nicole Mullins spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Ms. Arlisia Dockery spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Ms. Marjorie Logman spoke in opposition to agenda items 20-0431 and 20-0262.
Ms. Alison Bell spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Mr. Elliott Thew spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Ms. Emily McDonald spoke in opposition to agenda item 20-0431.
Mr. Jordan Jeffries spoke in opposition to agenda items 20-0431 and 20-0262.
Ms. Mary Fultz spoke regarding unity in the City of Aurora.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[20-0434](#)

A Resolution Appointing Kristina Murphy and Ryan Anderson and reappointing Mavis Bates to "Sustainable Aurora" (The Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board).

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns 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 Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor.

Enactment No: R20-163

[20-0437](#)

A Resolution Appointing Karina Suarez-Darden and Daniel Tinajero and Reappointing Barbara Hernandez, Blanca Saavedra, Casildo Cuevas, Melissa Sosa and Marisela Fonseca to the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins 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 Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor.

Enactment No: R20-164

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 20-0431 was removed from the Consent Agenda to Unfinished Business without objection. A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve the consent agenda after the removal of item 20-0431. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-0127](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Electrical Resource Management, 401 S. Carlton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187 for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the purchase of lighting materials for various locations downtown.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-165

[20-0175](#)

A Resolution Initiating a Public Hearing to Amend and Expand the River Edge Redevelopment Zone, Known as the Aurora River Zone.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-166

[20-0184](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of real estate contracts to purchase properties and to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds required for the East New York Street - Segment III (Farnsworth Avenue to Welsh Drive) Project, Section 14-00210-02-PV, in the amount of \$170,400.00. - Ward 7

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-167

[20-0397](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, Illinois by repealing paragraph (b) of Section 6-33 in its entirety.

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O20-053

[20-0398](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC, 217 W. John Street, Plano, IL 60545 in the amount of two hundred and sixty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty-five dollars and zero cents (\$267,755.00) for the 2020 Storm Sewer Extensions and Replacement project located in Wards 1, 5, 6, 7, & 9.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-168

[20-0420](#)

A Resolution accepting of improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Vermeer Midwest - Parking Lot Expansion - 2801 Beverly Dr. - Ward 10

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-169

[20-0432](#)

A Resolution consenting to a Direct Aviation Operating Agreement between Air School Corporation and the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-170

[20-0439](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waving the maintenance security for WAHS Building and Parking additions with UG detention - 1201 W. New York St.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-171

[20-0440](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for WASD No. 129 - Nancy Hill School Improvements - 724 Pennsylvania Ave.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-172

[20-0444](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B - On-Site Consumption City of Aurora liquor licenses (unofficially related to application from: Dixie's Bistro, LLC, d/b/a Dixie's Bistro, 1515 Butterfield Rd., Unit 111, Aurora, IL 60502).

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-173

[20-0445](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waving the maintenance security for WAHS Parking additions - 1201 W. New York St. - Ward 4

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-174

[20-0446](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with J&S Construction Sewer and Water, Inc., 136 Kirkland Circle, Oswego, IL 60543 in the amount of \$140,191.00 for demolition of structures and site cleanup at nine single family residences on Bilter Road.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-175

[20-0447](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Sidewalk Agreement between the City of Aurora and Gonnella Baking Co. Inc., owner of the property at 2435 Church Road (Ward 1).

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-176

[20-0448](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to execute contracts with Nexamp to provide solar powered energy for various City of Aurora accounts.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-177

[20-0449](#)

An Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing and a Joint Review Board Meeting to Consider the Designation of a Redevelopment Project Area and the Approval of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for the City of Aurora Fox Valley Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District.

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O20-054

[20-0465](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Specialty By Area - Downtown Core Entertainment District licenses (unofficially related to the application from Tavern On Broadway, Inc. d/b/a Tavern On Broadway, to be located at 24 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois 60505.)

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-178

[20-0479](#)

An Ordinance amending an intergovernmental agreement with the County of DuPage, Illinois, pertaining to the reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O20-055

[20-0484](#)

A Resolution authorizing a donation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to West Aurora School District No. 129 to support the construction of an accessible playground at the Hope D. Wall School.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R20-179

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[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.

Commander Rick Robertson - Aurora Police Department, spoke and responded to questions regarding this item.

Lieutenant Liz Robinson-Chan - Aurora Police Department, spoke and responded to questions regarding this item.

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

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

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

This matter was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business. A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to return this matter to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Nay: 2 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Bugg

[20-0262](#)

A Resolution requesting approval to utilize existing Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) funds to purchase 349 Getac portable computers and associated accessories for use by Aurora Public Safety Departments from CDW-G Corporation of Vernon Hills, IL

Chief Gary Krienitz - Aurora Fire Department, spoke regarding this item.

Commander Mike Doerzaph - Aurora Police Department, spoke regarding this item.

Mike Pegues, Chief Information Officer - City of Aurora, spoke and answered questions regarding this item.

Alderman Hart-Burns left for the remainder of the meeting at 7:41 p.m. prior to the vote on this item. A motion was made by Alderman Garza and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: R20-180

[20-0341](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Special Sign District on the Property located at 5 S. Lake Street

A motion was made by Alderman Garza and seconded by Alderman Smith to approve this item as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Smith, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman O'Connor

Nay: 3 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Bugg and Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: O20-056

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to consider items on the New Business section of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[20-0504](#)

A motion authorizing the acceptance of a workers compensation arbitration judgment for WC Claim #188232501.

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

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

[20-0505](#)

A motion authorizing the execution of a workers compensation final settlement agreement WC Claim #188461147.

A motion was made by Alderman O'Connor 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 Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

REPORT

[20-0511](#)

Treasurer's Report - July 2020

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

Receipt of the July 2020 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

BILLS

[20-0506](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Bugg that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings - City Clerk

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