



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

October 21, 2025

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:03 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, OCTOBER 7, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

25-0810

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 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

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the Aurora Police Department Crisis Negotiation Team for being named the Negotiations Team of the Year by the Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association.

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Jason and Carrie Lever's for their Biltmore Haunts Haunted House at 2509 Biltmore Circle, Aurora.

The City of Aurora is having a Halloween Haunt Your House contest. Submission deadline is October 30th at noon.

The Illinois Tejano Organization is holding a Dia De Los Muertos Celebration on October 25, 2025 at the Royal Palace Event Center in Joliet.

"City Hall" Trick-or-Treating will be held at Wilder Park from 2-4 on October 31, 2025.

Mayor Laesch expressed his appreciation for the Aurora Fire Department who recently administered live-saving measures on a newborn baby.

Mayor Laesch recognized the incredible work of Stacey Peterson, Krista Heinke, Shannon Cameron and Brian Caputo throughout the 2026 Budget and thanked the Aldermen and Alderwomen for their work during the process. Mayor Laesch also thanked Department Heads who have worked late and responded to phone calls from the Mayor's Administration during the 2026 Budget Process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Rick Lawrence made general comments to the Committee of the Whole regarding messaging by the Mayor and his Administration and praised the Aurora Police Department.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On October 15, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0362

An Ordinance Approving a Revised Plan Description to amend a certain section of the Farnsworth International Plan Description for the Property located at 998 Corporate Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0363 An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Mental Health Facility limited to Residential Treatment Facility including Educational Services for children and adolescents who demonstrate mental health and behavioral difficulties on the Property located at 998 Corporate Boulevard

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0776 An Ordinance Providing for the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with the Owners of Record Providing for ORI(C) Office, Research, and Light Industrial District with a Conditional Use zoning for the territory which may be Annexed to the City of Aurora located south of Sunrise Road and east of Frieder Lane on Vacant Land in DuPage County, Aurora Illinois 60563

Jill Morgan, Senior Planner - City of Aurora, was present to answer questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025)

25-0777 An Ordinance Annexing Property being Vacant Land located south of Sunrise Road and east of Frieder Lane to the City of Aurora, Illinois 60563

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025)

25-0778 An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Sheila Brown Trust Property Plan Description and amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to an underlying zoning of ORI Office, Research, and Light Industrial District for the property located south of Sunrise Road and east of Frieder Lane

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025)

Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Planning & Development Resolutions

25-0774 A Resolution approving a Final Plan on Lot 19 of Fox Valley Properties, Phase II Subdivision, located at 3046 E New York Street for a Business and Professional, Office Use

This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).

Enactment Number: PDFNL25-028

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On October 16, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0378 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into a purchase agreement with Five Eight Group for the procurement of a drive test scanner for the Aurora Police Department, in a total amount not to exceed \$170,000.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0696 A Resolution to Approve Tavarez & Sons Lawn Care and Guardian Asphalt as Contractors for Snow Removal and Ice Control Services, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$128,000.00, for the Operation Senior Shovel Program).

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0700 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with InfoSend to Provide Utility Invoice Production and Distribution Services for the Water Billing Division.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0762 A Resolution awarding the Montgomery Road and Kautz Road Traffic Signal Installation project to H & H Electric Company of Franklin Park, IL for the amount of \$646,164.08 and the appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for the project).

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0780 A Resolution Authorizing the mayor to execute phase III construction engineering agreement with HR Green, Inc. and appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Montgomery Road and Kautz Road Traffic Signal Installation project.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0786 A Resolution approving the purchase of bulk rock salt in the amounts of \$68.71 per ton from Morton Salt Inc., Chicago, IL, and \$70.46 from Compass Minerals America, Inc., Overland Park, KS for the Division of Street Maintenance under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Agreement Bid for the 2025-2026 winter season.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- 25-0819 A Resolution to accept a grant award in the amount of \$4,000,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the Mastodon Lake Dredging and Shoreline Restoration project.

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

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- 25-0824 A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award from the Illinois Finance Authority of \$200,000.00 to support stretch code adoption and implementation

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

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, briefly presented.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- 25-0826 A Resolution Authorizing Stanard and Associates as the Provider for Services of Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments through December 31, 2025.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met on October 14, 2025 to approve the minutes from their meeting held on August 26, 2025.

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On October 13, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

- 25-0666 A Resolution requesting approval to continue with Bentek Benefits Technology of Palm Beach Gardens, FL as the City's Benefits Enrollment and Administration Software provider for two additional years for an amount not to exceed \$137,550.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

- 25-0761 A Resolution awarding H&H Electric Company, the low bidder, for the two-year citywide Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance contract.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0770 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to award a Managed Security Services contract to NuHarbor Security, Inc., Colchester, VT, for a three year contract with two additional option years.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0796 A Resolution requesting approval of a one-year renewal agreement with Absolute Software, Inc., Seattle, for virtual private network software for an amount not to exceed \$102,920.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On October 7, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0747 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Sharain Spears to the Aurora Housing Authority Board.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0750 An Ordinance amending Sec. 8-131 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to video gaming terminal regulations.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0757 A Resolution approving the appointment of Stacey Peterson to the Aurora Police Pension Board.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0759 A Resolution approving the appointment of Stacey Peterson to the Aurora Firefighters Pension Fund Board.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0784 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Pat Sutton, Louise LeDuc to the "Aging-in-Community Advisory Board" (AICB).

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0785 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of William Hubble and Caitlin Kossakowski to the city's Advisory Commission for Disabilities.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0820

A Resolution authorizing the expenditure of special service area tax funds in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000 and the provision of staff support for the purposes of organizing an independent not-for-profit organization to render special services within Special Service Area One.

Danielle Tufano, Downtown Economic Development Manager - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

David Dibo, Director of Economic Development - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Brian Caputo, Director of Fiscal Integrity and Operations - 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 Garza and seconded by Alderman Larson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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