



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

January 13, 2026

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White and Mayor John Laesch

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Ortinau served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Mesiacos.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Honoring the Waubonsie Valley High School Marching Warriors for their historic trip to perform in Rome's New Year's Day Parade
- Honoring Herget Middle School Student and Aurora Flyers track star Amari Lewis for capturing National Recognition for bringing home THREE gold medals at the AAU Northern Indoor National Championships
- Update on a water main leak on the city's 36-inch transmission main and repair plans moving forward, presented by Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works, city of Aurora.
- Mayor Laesch reminded the City Council and the public about the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations at East Aurora High School on January 19th.
- Mayor Laesch announced the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Workforce Development Hub launch happening on January 20th at 1:00 p.m. at 649 S. River St.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[25-1018](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Zayra Chavez and Rafael Martinez to the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board (AHHAB).

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Larson, Alderman White

Enactment No: R26-001

[25-1019](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Zachary Bishop and Frederick Yanos to the Aurora LGBTQ Advisory Board.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Larson, Alderman White

Enactment No: R26-002

[25-1020](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Ella Fahlstrom to the African American Heritage Advisory Board.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Larson, Alderman White

Enactment No: R26-003

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and the following individuals presented comments to the City Council:

- 1. Manuel Fernando Cardoza spoke regarding winter parking.**
- 2. Senayit spoke in opposition of higher property taxes in Aurora.**
- 3. Laura Evans spoke regarding the data center moratorium.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

[25-0996](#)

An Ordinance Amending Sec 25-267, Regarding Applications and Fees for Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O26-001

[25-1059](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Lukasz Tatara as Superintendent of Facilities Maintenance.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-004

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-1030](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 9, 2025, City Council Meeting.

The minutes were approved and filed as presented on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

[25-1039](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2025, City Council Meeting.

The minutes were approved and filed as presented on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[25-0987](#)

A Resolution Authorizing an Advance of \$80,000 to OnLight Aurora for Operational Support

Before this item was read and discussed, Mayor Laesch and Alderman Larson recused themselves and left the room. Mayor ProTem Saville presided over the meeting in place of Mayor Laesch. Brian Caputo, Chief Operating Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions. Austin FitzCorbett, Volunteer Director of OnLight Aurora presented and responded to questions. Yordana Wysocki, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco, seconded by Alderman Mesiacos, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 2 - Alderman Núñez and Alderwoman Baid

Abstain: 1 - Alderman-At-Large Larson

Enactment No: R26-005

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to suspend the rules to hear items of New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Larson, Alderman White

[25-1004](#)

A Resolution authorizing the divestment and sale of City owned properties located at 930 and 932 West New York Ave., Aurora, IL 60506.

Patrick Collins, Asst. Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding this item and its supporting documents. John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, presented background information regarding the property and responded to questions. Alderman Saville made a motion to hold this item for two weeks and then withdrew his motion after discussion.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco, seconded by Alderman Mesiacos, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Enactment No: R26-006

REPORT

There were no Reports at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[26-0016](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to a question regarding ACCA payments.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Bugg to approve and pay the bills. Alderwoman Smith had temporarily stepped out of the room during the vote on this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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