



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

September 16, 2025

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[25-0704](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 2, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month and proclaimed September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Aurora.

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to members of the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board and Deputy Mayor Casildo Cuevas.

The City of Lights Film Festival will be held this Thursday through Saturday, September 18-20, 2025.

The Auroraland Octoberfest will be held this Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Phillips Park hosted by the Auroraland German Heritage Society.

Mayor Laesch updated the Committee of the Whole on the status of the partial census recount.

Mayor Laesch presented remarks regarding his decision to fully raise the American Flag after the conclusion of the September 11th remembrance period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Helen Ratzlow spoke regarding the flag raising on September 12, 2025.
2. Sandi Schmitt spoke regarding the flag raising on September 12, 2025.
3. Rick Lawrence presented general comments regarding City leadership.
4. Senayit spoke regarding new employees and the flag raising on September 12, 2025.
5. Danny Sourì spoke regarding the flag raising on September 12, 2025.
6. Salek Khalid spoke regarding Fiestas Patrias and suggested becoming a Certified Welcome City.
7. Daniel Perez expressed appreciation to the Mayor and administration for bringing back the Mexican Day Parade and discussed the City's social media policies.
8. Thew Elliott expressed appreciation for the actions of the City Council.
9. Val Ojeda spoke regarding the flag raising on September 12, 2025.
10. Jack Py spoke regarding the flag raising on September 12, 2025.
11. Curtis Wilson spoke regarding recent issues at East Aurora High School.
12. Mary Gomez spoke regarding the actions of the Chair of the Aurora Township Republicans.
13. Dr. Moe expressed appreciation to the Mayor for not lowering the flag on September 12, 2025.

After speaker #11 finished his comments, the 30 minute total time allowed for public comment expired. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to extend the public comment period to allow all registered speakers to speak. The motion and second were subsequently withdrawn. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to extend the public comment period. The motion carried by the following vote and the remaining two speakers were allowed to present public comment:

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.

**REPORT OF THE
BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On September 10, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0638](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Summer 2025 Historic Preservation Grants and Allowing the Mayor to enter into Historic Preservation Grant Agreements and Addendums

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

**REPORT OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee Met On September 11, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0628](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to issue a change order to the existing contract with Purvis Systems Incorporated for a Fire Station Alerting System (FSAS).

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0676](#)

A Resolution authorizing Angie's Place to Provide the City of Aurora Police Department wellness checks for the Period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0708](#)

A Resolution Establishing Health and Dental Insurance Monthly Rates of Contributions for Pre-Medicare Retirees Effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0710](#)

A Resolution Establishing C.O.B.R.A. Insurance Monthly Rates Effective January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0711](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue of Illinois (BCBSIL) for Group Health Care Services and Rates for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Elizabeth Coronado, Director of Human Resources - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0719](#) Discussion regarding OnLight Aurora.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

The Finance Committee also reviewed and discussed item 25-0638 as Information Only during this meeting, which is under the BZE Committee Report.

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

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Scheduled for September 9, 2025 was Cancelled.

**REPORT OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On September 8, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0254](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$275,341.00, and the appropriation of \$960,000.00 for the Diehl & Molitor (Farnsworth to Eola) Resurfacing Project.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0256](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$251,247.00, and the appropriation of \$755,000.00 for the Stonebridge Blvd Resurfacing Project.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0587](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$343,221.00, and the appropriation of \$1,185,000.00 for the combined Randall, Eola, Kautz, Ellington, and Keating Resurfacing Project.

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, presented an overview of the project at the request of Alderman Bugg.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0677](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of real estate contracts to purchase properties required for the Farnsworth Bilter Church Roadway Widening Project.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On September 2, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0605](#)

A discussion on Chapter 9, Article 9-II, Sec 9-15 as it pertains to backyard chickens.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

Rules, Administration and Procedures Committee Resolutions

[25-0643](#)

A Resolution authorizing a two-year grant program in the amount of \$50,000.00 per year in partnership with Rebuilding Together Aurora (RTA) and The Neighbor Project to assist qualified residents with projects in the Third Ward

(INFORMATION ONLY)

Enactment Number: RAP25-007

ALDERMAN'S CORNER

Alderman Bugg presented an update on happenings in Ward 9.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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