



City of Aurora

City Hall - 2nd Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

August 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment for this meeting must be physically present at the meeting and registered to speak prior to the meeting being called to order. Please contact the City Clerk at (630) 256-3070 with questions.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman Ron Woerman, Alderman Sherman Jenkins and Mayor Richard Irvin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Irvin.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderwoman Hart-Burns.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman-At-Large Jenkins to appoint Officer Sullivan as Sergeant-At-Arms. The motion carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

[21-0673](#)

Mayor's Office Community Presentations.

Clayton Muhammad, Chief Communications Officer/Chief Equity Officer - City of Aurora, presented an update regarding the CHANGE Reform Initiative.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment. The following members of the public presented public comment to the City Council:

1. Lay Brother Steven Gerard Sidlovsky, OFS spoke regarding social issues.
2. Kristin Nelson spoke regarding social issues.

PUBLIC HEARING

[21-0583](#)

Public Hearing on a Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Aurora, Kane County and the City of Elgin; the participation in the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program; and the use of the City of Aurora's portion toward the Aurora Police Department equipment purchase.

Mayor Irvin called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. There were no members of the public wishing to be heard during the Public Hearing for purpose of public comment. A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and Mayor Irvin closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman and Alderman Jenkins

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (12) - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Woerman, Alderman-At-Large Jenkins

[21-0559](#)

A Resolution allowing the Director of Purchasing to approve Change Order 1 to the Contract with W.E. Mundy Landscaping & Garden Center, Inc. for the 2021 Citywide Landscaping Repair and Maintenance Program.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-220

[21-0563](#) A Resolution Authorizing Full Circle Training Solutions of Morgantown, West Virginia to Provide Training to the Police Department for Compliance with Federal and State Police Reporting Requirements.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-221

[21-0578](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Aurora, Kane County and the City of Elgin; the participation in the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program; and the use of the City of Aurora's portion toward the Aurora Police Department equipment purchase.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-222

[21-0592](#) An Ordinance amending Article 2-VI-5 to Codify Aurora's Technical Boards and Commissions by adding sections 2-540 (Building Code of Appeals), 2-545 (Electrical Commission), 2-550 (Fire Code Board of Appeals), 2-555 (Permanent Building and Fire Code Committee) and 2-560 (Permanent Housing Code Committee).

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-043

[21-0593](#) A Resolution Approving the Appointments of the Members of the city's Administrative Boards including the Civil Service Commission; Fox Walk Overlay District Design Review Committee; Human Relations Commission; and Preservation Commission.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-223

[21-0597](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in and Completion of the ComEd Green Region Program for the Riverside Pollinator Garden.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-224

[21-0600](#) A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class C: Specialty On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Smash Factor Indoor Golf, LLC d/b/a Smash Factor Indoor Golf at 367 S Rte 59, Aurora). [Ward 10]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-225

[21-0601](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Hard Rock Concrete Cutters, Inc. in the bid amount of \$33,687.50 for the 2021 Sidewalk Cutting Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-226

[21-0602](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to enter into a Lease Agreement of City Owned Property at 1130 Mitchell Road, Aurora, IL with Linares Partners LLC d/b/a Indian Trail Plaza.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-227

[21-0605](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract for the Downtown Bike Path Rehabilitation project located in Wards 4 and 6 with Geneva Construction Co., Aurora, IL in the bid amount of (\$288,379.00).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-228

[21-0606](#)

Acceptance of the 2020 Annual Financial Reports for the City, TIF funds, and Single Audit reporting requirements.

This Report was accepted and filed on the Consent Agenda.

[21-0607](#)

A Resolution authorizing Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment 2021-#2 to reallocate prior year resources and current year resources in response to the Corona Virus pandemic and other eligible activities.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-229

[21-0614](#)

A Resolution approving an extension of parking lot lease agreement with Hollywood Casino-Aurora, Inc., for the property located at 201 N. River Street, and known as the HCA-West lot, for an additional two years.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-230

[21-0616](#)

A Resolution to use the City's primary fiber vendor, NTI National Technologies, Downers Grove, IL, for emergency fiber optic repairs for an annual amount not to exceed \$50,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-231

[21-0617](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Lite Construction, Inc., 711 S. Lake Street, Montgomery, IL 60538 for New York Street Bridge Stairs in the amount of \$144,902.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-232

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[21-0628](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 10, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[21-0598](#)

An Ordinance amending various provisions of Division 2-V-2 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to purchases.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Bugg to amend the proposed Ordinance to include a requirement that purchases between \$25,000 - \$50,000 be presented to the Finance Committee for review and approval. The motion to amend was seconded by Alderwoman Garza. The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Aye: (3) - Alderwoman Garza, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg

Nay: (9) - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Woerman, Alderman-At-Large Jenkins

A motion was made by Alderman-At-Large Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to adopt the Ordinance as originally presented and without amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman and Alderman Jenkins

Nay: 2 - Alderwoman Garza and Alderman Bugg

Enactment No: O21-044

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST[21-0671](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman and Alderman Jenkins

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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