



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

April 11, 2023

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 call the City Clerk's Office at (630) 256-3070 with questions.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to allow Alderwoman Hart-Burns to participate in this meeting via Zoom teleconference. The motion carried by voice vote and Alderwoman Hart-Burns participated in this meeting via Zoom teleconference.

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

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms at this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Sullivan served as Sergeant-At-Arms at this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nevprett Signh, 7th grade student at Still Middle School.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Priest Mohinder Singh, Head President of the Illinois Sikh Community Center.

The Invocation was then led by Pastor James Berry from Harvest of Faith Church.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Irvin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Pastor Berry from Harvest of Faith Church.

Mayor Irvin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Priest Mohinder Singh, Head President of the Illinois Sikh Community Center.

Mayor Irvin presented a Mayoral Proclamation for April 2023 as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month. The Proclamation was accepted by Spokesperson Ginny Jolly of the BJolly Foundation.

Mayor Irvin congratulated the Girls 2023 State Wrestling Champion, 6th Grader at Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy, Jaylene Dealba.

Mayor Irvin congratulated the Boys 2023 State Wrestling Champion, 7th Grader at Simmons Middle School, Brandon Monroy.

Coaches from the Aurora Wrestling Club spoke regarding the team.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[23-0179](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Kader Sakkaria to the Innovation and Technology Advisory Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve this item. 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, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-092

[23-0183](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Rene Craig to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Donnell and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-093

[23-0184](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of Adam Marshall and Mike Kluber to the Electrical Commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-094

[23-0185](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Steve Vervive and Mike Kluber to the Building Code Board of Appeals; as well as the reappointment of Lori Chandler, Kelly Schomer, and Terry Bohr to the Fire Code Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-095

[23-0187](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Timothy Oelker to the Civil Service Commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Donnell and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-096

[23-0235](#)

A Resolution approving the re-appointment of Darrin Johnson to the Aurora Education Commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Bugg to approve this item. 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, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-097

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Angela Collier expressed her appreciation for the City's support of the Collier Community Center.

Adam Pauley spoke regarding the need to continue to support mental health awareness in the City of Aurora.

STAFF REPORT

[23-0281](#)

Update on Mayor's Office of Economic Development Projects

David Dibo, Director of Economic Development - City of Aurora, spoke regarding the importance of economic development in the City of Aurora.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, spoke regarding the financial implications of economic development in the City of Aurora.

Trevor Dick, Director of Development Strategy - City of Aurora, presented before-and-after photos of economic development projects in the City of Aurora.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agendas in full.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agendas 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 Woerman and Alderman Jenkins

[23-0172](#)

A Resolution authorizing approval to purchase 4 Carryall 502 Turf Utility Vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$51,280 for Phillips Park Golf Course.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-098

[23-0188](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SiteMed for Providing On-Site Firefighter Medical Examinations and Other Services through December 31, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-099

[23-0223](#)

An Ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-022

[23-0231](#)

A Resolution awarding Total Property Management of Monee, IL as the 2023 contractor with a possible two 1-year extensions for Grass and Weeds abatement services within the City of Aurora Illinois.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-100

[23-0238](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Aurora Metal Recycling Plan Description and Amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by Modifying the Zoning Map Attached Hereto to an Underlying Zoning of M-1, Manufacturing District - Limited, for the Property Located West of Highland Avenue, and South of West New York Street.

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-023

[23-0243](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a change order to the agreement with Kluber, Inc., 41 W Benton Street, Aurora, IL, 60506 in an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for additional design services related to the new Public Works Combined Maintenance Facility.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-101

[23-0244](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to increase the purchase order for RC Wegman Construction Company, 750 Morton Avenue, Aurora, IL, 60506 in the amount of \$17,714,867.00 for fourteen individually bid construction trade packages as part of the Public Works Combined Maintenance Facility Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-102

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0267](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 28, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-0106](#)

A Resolution authorizing the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act funds in a combined amount not to exceed \$500,000 to the APS Training Institute, Inc. and TinkrWorks, Inc. for the provision of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics educational programming to Aurora children.

Alderman Jenkins recused himself from the discussion and vote on this item and left City Council chambers during deliberation on this item.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-103

[23-0151](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to sign the agreement with A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. (Epstein) for updating City of Aurora's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: R23-104

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to consider items of New Business. 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

[23-0250](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase decorative concrete barriers for RiverEdge Park, from ConServ Co., in the amount of \$185,850.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: R23-105

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[23-0280](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderwoman Garza 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

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and Alderwoman Garza to enter into closed session and thereafter adjourn this Council meeting with no further final action or public business to take place. The motion carried by voice vote and a Closed Session meeting was held pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, independent contractors, volunteers or legal counsel for the public body.

ADJOURN

The Open Session meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m. with no further public business discussed.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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