



City of Aurora

City Hall - 5th Floor
Conference Room
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

October 10, 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.

Present: 12 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin

Absent: 1 - Alderman Brandon Tolliver

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 Sullivan served as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Irvin.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderman Bugg.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Irvin announced the City of Aurora's recognition of being named "One of the Safest Cities in America."

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to: Shanita Anderson (for her 12 years of dedication to the Aurora Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission) and to Curtis Wilson (for his volunteer work with the Civilian Review Board, Aurora Veterans Advisory Council, African American Heritage Advisory Board and for earning the Governor's Volunteer of the Year award).

Mayor Irvin also read the Proclamation given to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum in recognition of their 55th Year Anniversary and the Executive Director, Brian Failing, gave his remarks.

Clayton Muhammad announced the inaugural City of Aurora's Film Festival, which will be held on November 3rd and 4th of this year.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[23-0701](#)

A Resolution approving the appointments of Susana Rivera-Mills, Lindsay Cochrane, Andalib Khelghati, Thomas Kim, Rosaisela Sida, and Evan Glazer to the Education Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza 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 Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-296

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Ms. Mercy Galicia announced their "Tejano-ween" Scholarship Fundraiser event.
2. Mr. Nate Pichler spoke regarding Hello Fresh.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy 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 Alderwoman Garza to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[23-0597](#)

An Ordinance amending Sections 2-184 and 2-185 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Outside Occupations and the Disclosure of Economic Interests and Campaign Contributions.

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-066

[23-0601](#)

An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Vehicle Repair, Minor (2834) Use on the Property Located at 1995 Melissa Lane.

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-067

[23-0613](#)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to rezone the property located at 55 Jackson Street from B-2 Business District - General Retail to R-4 Two Family Dwelling District

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-068

[23-0705](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase an Indoor Mapping Solution and associated work from Motivf Corporation, Alexandria, VA for a total award of \$161,101.00 with a 10% contingency.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-297

[23-0709](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase a 3-year subscription for an automated integration of services to SoundThinking, Fremont, CA and Intergraph Corporation, Madison, AL for a total award of \$60,816.95.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-298

[23-0713](#)

A Resolution awarding the design and engineering services for Fire Station #9 and #13 to FGM Architects of Oak Brook, IL and for Station #4 to Cordogan Clark of Aurora, IL.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-299

[23-0720](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase an 8-year service agreement from Big Belly Solar, Inc, Needham, MA, for a connected smart waste, solar compacting and recycling platform at Philips Park for a total award of \$793,989.12.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-300

[23-0736](#)

A Resolution updating all fees pertaining to Chapter 46 of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances Entitled "Towing Services".

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-301

[23-0745](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract supplement with Fehr Graham & Associates, LLC of Freeport, IL in the amount of \$22,000.00 for CSO Monitoring and DMR Preparation.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-302

[23-0746](#)

A Resolution to award the Frontenac and Gregory 54" RCP Storm Sewer Extension project located in Ward 10 to Stokes Excavating Inc. in the bid amount of one hundred seventy one thousand five hundred fifty five Dollars and zero Cents (\$171,555.00).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-303

[23-0748](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Nedrow Painting, Aurora, IL in the amount of \$107,250 to perform maintenance on the pedestrian bridge near RiverEdge Park in Ward 1.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-304

[23-0749](#)

A Resolution ratifying payment to the Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$175,000 from the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax for the 2023 year.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-305

[23-0750](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Limited Operator Agreement with Freedom Flying Club, Inc. at the Aurora Municipal Airport for a period of One Year.).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-306

[23-0760](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to accept on behalf of the City a donation in the amount of \$40,000 from the Huntington Foundation for the Financial Empowerment Center.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-307

[23-0764](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class C: Specialty On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Foreign Exchange Brewing, Inc. at 110 Cross St, Aurora). [Ward 4]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-308

[23-0778](#)

A Resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule for Peddler and Solicitor Permits, Related to Chapter 32, "Peddlers and Solicitors" of the Code of Ordinances.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-309

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0767](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Car Wash Facility, 2903 Kirk Rd.

This Resolution was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-310

[23-0795](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 26, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-0602](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan on Lot 8 of Podolsky Orchard 88, Phase 1 Subdivision, Located at 1995 Melissa Lane, for Business and Professional Office (2400) use, Vehicle Repair, Minor (2834) use, and a Warehouse, Distribution and Storage Services (3300) use.

Alderman Laesch had questions regarding this item.

Mayor Irvin made remarks regarding this item.

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

Aye: 9 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Bugg

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-311

[23-0741](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$10,000 from The Hartford, to support fire safety education efforts and programming.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza 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 Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-312

[23-0753](#)

An Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing and a Joint Review Board Meeting to Consider the Amendment of a Redevelopment Project Area and the Approval of an Amended Redevelopment Plan and Project for the City of Aurora West Farnsworth Tax Increment Financing District No. 7.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-069

[23-0754](#)

An Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing and a Joint Review Board Meeting Relative to the New City of Aurora Farnsworth Bilter Tax Increment Financing District Eligibility Study and Report, and the Redevelopment Plan and Project.

Alderman Laesch asked questions regarding this item.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-070

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this meeting.

REPORT

There was no report given at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[23-0807](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

Alderwoman Baid had questions about this item.

Alderman Laesch had questions about this item.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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 Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Mayor Irvin adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Maria Socorro Flores, Deputy City Clerk

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