



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday
July 22, 2025
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 Ortineau served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Franco.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The City of Aurora's Video Production Division was congratulated for winning 5 Telly Awards and Mayor Laesch presented each member of the team with the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

The Summer Food Truck Festival was a success last Friday, July 18th. Aurora's Farmer's Market continues every Wednesday and Saturday. Community Listening & Action Town Halls begin this Saturday with Mayor Laesch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Andrea Rios McMillian spoke regarding the Civilian Review Board.
2. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding the grocery tax.

PUBLIC HEARING

25-0577

Public Hearing - Public Hearing as Required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), related to the issuance of City of Aurora in Kane, DuPage, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois adjustable rate demand economic development revenue bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 (the "Bonds"), and confirming the sale thereof; authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement, trust indenture, bond purchase agreement and related documents; authorizing the distribution of an official statement; approving the delivery of a letter of credit, a reimbursement agreement a remarketing agreement; and authorizing certain related matters. The Bonds will be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds pursuant to Section 145 of the Code.

Mayor Laesch read the title of the Public Hearing and called the Public Hearing to order at 6:17 p.m. Mayor Laesch further recited the purpose of the Public Hearing including the specific uses intended for the proceeds of the Bonds by Aurora University. The location of the project to be financed or reimbursed with proceeds of the Bonds was specifically identified as the Aurora University Campus at 347 South Gladstone Avenue with the borders identified including adjacent properties. The aggregate principal amount will not exceed \$16,000,000.

Mayor Laesch asked if anyone was present and wishing to make comments regarding the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the Project to be financed with the proceeds of the Bonds. There were no members of the public present and wishing to make comments regarding the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the Project.

Mayor Laesch asked if there were any questions or comments from the City Council. There were no questions or comments from the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn and close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and the 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

[25-0485](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Labor Agreement between the City of Aurora and the Aurora Supervisors Association (ASA) from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-232

[25-0499](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$199,731.00 for the 2025 City Wide Resurfacing Projects.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-233

[25-0513](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a not-to-exceed agreement for Design Phase Engineering and Planning Special Services with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. in the amount of \$99,900 for the "Replace Airfield Signage, Wind Cones, Runway 15 and 27 REILs & Airport Rotating Beacon; Construct Guard Lights at Runway 15/33" Project (ARR-5201) at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-234

[25-0524](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to award contracts for the Citywide Mowing Bid 25-013 lists A,B,C,E-2, F, I, and J to vendors Groundworks Land Design (Plainfield, IL), Beary Landscaping (Lockport, IL), and Apex Landscaping (Hawthorne, IL).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-235

[25-0538](#)

Letter of intent to remain a part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's (USACE) study regarding the removal of dams on the Fox River.

This Recommendation was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[25-0543](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Adjustable Rate Demand Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Aurora University, in one or more series, of the City of Aurora, Kane, DuPage, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000, and confirming the sale thereof; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Loan Agreement, Trust Indenture, Bond Purchase Agreement and related documents; authorizing the distribution of an Official Statement; approving the delivery of a Letter of Credit, a Reimbursement Agreement and a Remarketing Agreement; and authorizing certain related matters.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-046

[25-0554](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Ward 6 Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-047

[25-0564](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of Cornerstone's OnDemand Public Sector eLearning Subscription in the amount of \$106,658.60 from August 15, 2025, to August 15, 2028.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-236

[25-0568](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Stacey Peterson as Chief Financial Officer / City Treasurer.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-237

[25-0569](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Jason Bauer as Director of Public Works / City Engineer.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-238

[25-0570](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Henry Thompson as Superintendent of Facilities Maintenance.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-239

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA[25-0567](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 8, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

[25-0580](#)

Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025, May 20, 2025, May 27, 2025, June 2, 2025, June 17, 2025 and July 8, 2025.

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

[25-0583](#)

A Resolution approving reduction No. 01 for Fourteen Forty Nine Senior Estates Subdivision, 1449 Jericho Circle.

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

Enactment No: R25-240

UNFINISHED BUSINESS[25-0502](#)

A Resolution authorizing the use of funds not to exceed \$455,000 for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) for new fire stations 9 and 13.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco 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-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Enactment No: R25-241

[25-0519](#)

An Ordinance Enacting a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.

Mayor Laesch spoke regarding this item.

Stacey Peterson, Director of Financial Operations - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman White to approve this item. A subsequent motion was made by Alderman Bugg and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to hold this item at City Council until August 26, 2025. 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

[25-0552](#)

An Ordinance amending Article 44 Section 191 of the Municipal Code, "Hotel Occupancy Tax."

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

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

Nay: 3 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos and Alderwoman Baid

Enactment No: O25-048

REPORTS

[25-0592](#)

Treasurer's Report - May 2025.

Linda Read, Comptroller/Deputy Treasurer presented the May 2025 Treasurer's Report.

The May 2025 Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0591](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Bugg to approve and pay the bills. 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

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was required pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Franco to enter into Closed Session and thereafter adjourn the City Council meeting with no further final action or public business to take place for purposes of the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote, with Alderman Bugg not present for the vote, and the Open Session of the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:03 p.m. The Closed Session meeting convened at 7:09 p.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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

ADJOURN

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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