



# City of Aurora

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

## City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

December 12, 2023

6:00 PM

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**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 6:03 p.m. and the roll was called.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to allow Alderman Bugg and Alderman Llamas to participate in this meeting remotely. The motion carried by voice vote and Alderman Bugg and Alderman Llamas participated in this meeting remotely.

**Present:** 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Brandon Tolliver, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin

### APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith 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 members of the City of Aurora Veterans Advisory Council.

### INVOCATION

*The Invocation was presented by Alderman Bugg.*

### MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

The Aurora Veterans Advisory Council presented a donation of \$14,000 to Rebuilding Together Aurora for four veteran's home builds in Aurora.

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

There were no Mayoral Appointments at this meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Marjorie Logman spoke regarding the casino TIF
2. George Gutierrez spoke regarding events in Aurora
3. Brian Dahl spoke in support of the casino TIF
4. Pat Weiler spoke in opposition of the casino TIF
5. Sandi Schmitt spoke regarding the casino
6. Brian Hooker spoke in support of the casino
7. Steve Hendry spoke regarding the budget

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**23-0999**

Public Hearing regarding the proposed first amendment to the existing West Farnsworth TIF District #7.

Mayor Irvin called the Public Hearing to order and identified the legal requirements that were followed regarding this TIF Amendment.

Trevor Dick, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, spoke regarding this item.

Charles Durham of Ryan & Co., City of Aurora TIF Consultant, presented regarding this item.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak during public comment.

There were no questions posed by City Council members regarding this item.

Alderman Laesch asked if there were any members of City Council who might be seeking contracts with the Casino or have family members seeking contracts with the Casino who might need to recuse themselves.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

**23-1000**

Public Hearing regarding the proposed Farnsworth Bilter TIF District.

Mayor Irvin called the Public Hearing to order.

Charles Durham of Ryan & Co., City of Aurora TIF Consultant, presented regarding this item.

Trevor Dick, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, spoke briefly regarding the Joint Review Board meeting.

The following members of the public spoke during the public comment portion of the Public Hearing:

1. Sandi Schmitt
2. Helen Ratzlow
3. Guatam Bhatia
4. Mary Lee Leu
5. Steve Hendry
6. Anonymous Aurora Resident
7. Rachel Wassink and Susan Bachmeier - World Relief Chicagoland
8. Emma Eschenfeldt - Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
9. Bob Gorski - Association for Individual Development (AID)
10. Linda Young
11. Chris Lauzen
12. Lidia Sonthipanya - YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

The following Aldermen and Alderwomen spoke regarding this item:

1. Alderwoman Patty Smith
2. Alderman John Laesch
3. Alderman Emmanuel Llamas

No other Aldermen or Alderwomen wished to present comments regarding this item.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Alderman Laesch

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

[23-0669](#)

An Ordinance Levying Taxes For the City of Aurora, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco 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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

**Abstain:** 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-089

### CONSENT AGENDA

**The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[23-0668](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For The Abatement of General Obligation Bond Tax Levies. 2023 Tax Levy Extension.

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-090

[23-0653](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023 (Special Service Area Number One).

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-091

[23-0656](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Forty-Four)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-092

[23-0657](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Three).

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-093

[23-0658](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Five)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-094

[23-0659](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six A)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-095

[23-0660](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six B).

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-096

[23-0661](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six C)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-097

[23-0662](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six D).

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-098

[23-0663](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Seven)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-099

[23-0664](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Eighty-Eight)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-100

[23-0665](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Ninety)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-101

[23-0666](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number One Hundred Forty-One)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-102

[23-0667](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023. (Special Service Area Number Twenty- Four)

**This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: O23-103

### **DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

[23-1004](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*There were no items of New Business.*

### **REPORT**

*There were no Reports during this meeting.*

**APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST**

[23-1017](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith 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, Alderman Tolliver, 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 Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

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Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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