



# City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor  
Council Chambers  
44 East Downer Place  
Aurora, IL 60505

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday  
May 19, 2026  
5:00 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. Call the City Clerk's Office at (630) 256-3070 with questions. Please refer to the last page of this agenda for information regarding translation & reasonable accommodation requests.**

### ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White, and Mayor John Laesch

### MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[26-0329](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Jon Zaghoul, Director of Communications - City of Aurora, introduced the following items on the Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Jakoi Ruff of the 2026 City of Lights Boys Track Tournament Champions, Jewel Middle School.
2. Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the 2026 City of Lights Girls Track Tournament Champions, Holy Angels Catholic School.
3. Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the 2026 City of Lights Girls Soccer Tournament Champions, Waldo Middle School.
4. Members of the Aurora Youth Council presented their End of the Year Report and Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the graduating seniors on the Council.
5. Mayor Laesch presented a brief update on the status of the Special Census.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

1. Danny Souri spoke regarding a recall petition for the next election ballot.
2. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding the City administration.

**REPORT OF THE  
BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 13, 2026 was Cancelled.**

**REPORT OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**The Finance Committee Met On May 14, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[26-0300](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 2 Design Engineering Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$283,729.00, and the appropriation of \$283,729.00 of MFT Funds for the Montgomery Road Multi-Use Path Extension-Middlebury Drive to IL Route 59 Project.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[26-0313](#)

A Resolution authorizing the expenditure of special service area tax funds in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Aurora Downtown District (ADD), as the successor organization for Aurora Downtown, for the provision of special services within Special Service Area One.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

**The Finance Committee also discussed item 26-0134 and 26-0324 (item 26-0324 is listed under "New Business" section of this agenda).**

**REPORT OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On May 12, 2026 and  
Reviewed the Following Items:**

[26-0118](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: Onsite Consumption liquor licenses, (unofficially related to the application from L Mil Amores Restaurant, LLC located at 518 S Lake St). [Ward 4]

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[26-0291](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Farnsworth Bilter Entertainment District liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Aurora-Boulevard LLC d/b/a Boulevard Food & Drink Hall - Aurora at 2500 N Farnsworth Ave. Ste. 110). [Ward 1]

*Richard Camarota of Aurora-Boulevard, LLC was present and briefly introduced himself to the Committee of the Whole.*

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[26-0298](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Downtown Fringe On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from The Poppy Estate, LLC at 251 S River Street, Aurora). [Ward 4]

*Sasha and Andreas Papazafeiropoulos were present and introduced themselves to the Committee of the Whole.*

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

**REPORT OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On May 11, 2026 and Reviewed the  
Following Items:**

[26-0212](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into agreements with Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. of Yorkville, IL in the amounts of \$4,600,000.00 and \$576,183.06 for the Mastodon Lake Dredging and Shoreline Restoration projects, respectively.

*Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing - City of Aurora, responded to questions.  
Kurt Muth, Assistant Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, presented briefly and responded to questions.*

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

- [26-0306](#) Provide an informational only update summarizing the completion of the 36" Southeast Transmission Water Main Repair project, located in Ward 1, by Vortex Infrastructure Services, Inc. and Miller Pipeline.  
(INFORMATION ONLY)

**REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

**The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On May 5, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

- [26-0124](#) Discussion of the Process to establish the Salary for Elected Officials.  
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [26-0285](#) A Discussion Regarding a Proposed City Policy on Special Attractions at Community Events.  
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- [26-0292](#) A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Julie Chandler and Scott Krave to the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Board.  
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- [26-0324](#) An Ordinance Amending the Ward 3 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.  
(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to enter into closed session and thereafter adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting with no further action or public business to take place pursuant to Sec 2(c)(29) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America.

The motion carried by the following vote and the open session of this meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m. The closed session was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and adjourned at 6:52 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

## **ADJOURN**

Submitted by:

---

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

**THIS MEETING AGENDA SHALL ALSO SERVE AS NOTICE THAT A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS MAY ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMITTEE MEETING. NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL OCCUR AT THIS COMMITTEE MEETING. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND ANY MEETING OF THE MAJORITY OF THE QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OCCURRING AT THE SAME TIME AND LOCATION.**

**Any individual requiring language translation and/or with a disability requesting a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in a public meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. The City Clerk's Office can be reached in person at 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora Illinois, via telephone at 630-256-3070, or via e-mail at [CityClerk@aurora.il.us](mailto:CityClerk@aurora.il.us). Every effort will be made to allow for meeting participation.**

**Cualquier persona que requiera traducción de idiomas y/o tenga una discapacidad y solicite una adaptación razonable para poder participar en una junta pública, debe comunicarse con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal al menos 48 horas antes de la junta programada. Puede comunicarse con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal en persona en 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora Illinois, por teléfono al 630-256-3070 o por correo electrónico a [CityClerk@aurora.il.us](mailto:CityClerk@aurora.il.us). Se hará todo lo posible para permitir la participación en la junta.**