



City of Aurora

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

April 27, 2021

5:00 PM

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND PARTICIPANT NAMES MAY BE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

Mayor Irvin found that an in-person meeting of the Council was neither
practical nor prudent and that it was not feasible for members of the public to
attend this meeting in person at City Hall. The meeting was conducted by
Internet teleconference without the physical presence of a quorum. Mayor
Irvin was present at City Hall, the regular meeting location.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted
Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike
Saville, Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderman Patty Smith, Alderman
Edward Bugg, Alderman Judd Lofchie, Alderman Sherman Jenkins,
Alderman Bob O'Connor and Mayor Richard Irvin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amnol Singh, 8th grader from Granger Middle
School.*

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Sarwan Singh of the Sikh Religious Society.

PRESENTATIONS

[21-0291](#)

Mayor's Office Community Presentations

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Healthcare Hero Award to Aurora resident Dr. Baljinder Singh - United States Army and Randall Road Animal Hospital.

April 2021 was proclaimed Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in the City of Aurora via Mayoral Proclamation presented by Mayor Irvin. The Proclamation was accepted by Mr. Rajinder Mago.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

[21-0292](#)

Update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative

Clayton Muhammad - City of Aurora, presented an update on the City of Aurora Civilian Review Board and an update on equity focused vaccine clinics provided in Aurora.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer and Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented briefly regarding the status of vaccine clinics in Aurora and encouraged citizens to get vaccinated.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the rules of public comment and the following citizens presented public comment to City Council in opposition to agenda items 21-0064 and 21-0110:

Mavis A. Bates, Pat Weiler, Danny Perez, Nicole Mullins (who also addressed the former Culture Stock building), Roger Vernon, Jackie Descoto, Judy Adams, Thomas Adams, Mary Anne Cummings, Eddie Rios, Steven Brengman, Dr. Monica Silva, Cynthia Martinez.

PUBLIC HEARING

[21-0297](#)

A public hearing on a proposed amendment to an annexation agreement between the City of Aurora and the owners of record of territory, commonly known as the Lincoln Prairie Planned Development District, located east of US Route 30, south of Wolf's Crossing, north of 111th Street and West of Canadian National Rail Line in the City of Aurora, Will County, Illinois

Mayor Irvin opened the Public Hearing. There were no members of the public wishing to be heard for the purposes of public comment on this item and there were no questions or comments from the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Bugg to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and the public hearing was closed:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderman Garza and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor

[21-0069](#)

An Ordinance Providing for the Execution of an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement with the owners of record of territory, commonly known as the Lincoln Prairie Planned Development District, located east of US Route 30, south of Wolf's Crossing, north of 111th Street and West of Canadian National Rail Line in the City of Aurora, Will County, Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-018

[21-0070](#)

An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Plan Description for the Lincoln Prairie Planned Development District located east of US Route 30, south of Wolf's Crossing, north of 111th Street and west of Canadian National Rail Line

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-019

[21-0071](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat for Lincoln Crossing Subdivision on vacant land generally located at the southeast corner of Wolf's Crossing and Eola Road

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-090

[21-0072](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plan for Lincoln Crossing Subdivision on vacant land generally located at the southeast corner of Wolf's Crossing and Eola Road

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-091

[21-0073](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision on vacant land located east of US Route 30, south of Wolf's Crossing, north of 111th Street and west of Canadian National Rail Line

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-092

[21-0074](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plan for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision on vacant land located east of US Route 30, south of Wolf's Crossing, north of 111th Street and west of Canadian National Rail Line

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-093

[21-0105](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$119,131.00 for the 2021 City Wide Resurfacing Projects.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-094

[21-0130](#)

A Resolution ratifying payment in the amount of \$92,680.00 and approving additional payments of \$158,880.00 to Richland Community College, Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center for police recruit training, lodging and meals in 2021.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-095

[21-0216](#) A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to purchase the Apex Officer virtual simulator for the Training Division of the Aurora Police Department (APD) for an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-096

[21-0217](#) A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to purchase 100 ballistic shields with asset forfeiture and general funds.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-097

[21-0223](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Permits with the State of Illinois for Maintenance and Construction on State Highways.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-098

[21-0228](#) A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Restoration and Cleaning of the G.A.R. Murals Contract to Third Coast Conservation L. Liparini Studio from Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$41,134.50.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-099

[21-0230](#) A Resolution Authorizing approval to accept a bid from McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory, Inc. from Oberlin, Ohio in the amount of \$109,889.00 for the restoration and replication of the G.A.R. Sentry Statue.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-100

[21-0237](#) An Ordinance Annexing Property located at 39 W 579 Prairie Street to the City of Aurora, Illinois, 60506

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-020

[21-0239](#) A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class A: Package Sales (Beer & Wine Only/Gas Station) liquor licenses, (unofficially related to the application from 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven #38509J at 2626 Ogden Ave., Aurora, IL 60504) - Ward 8.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-101

[21-0240](#)

A Resolution Appointing Linda Read as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent for the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-102

[21-0246](#)

A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plan for the construction of an office within the Parking Deck located north of Prairie Street, east of S. Evanslawn Avenue, and south of Southlawn Place

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-103

[21-0263](#)

A Resolution Approving a Transfer and Use and Occupancy Agreement between the City of Aurora and Taking Back Our Community.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-104

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT

[21-0258](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of a Fire Access Lane Easement located on Lot 2 of Meridian Business Campus, Phase 2, Unit 9 Subdivision on property located 845 Enterprise Street

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

Enactment No: R21-105

[21-0280](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 13, 2021 City Council Meeting.

The Minutes were approved and filed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**21-0064**

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plan and Plat for vacant land located at 1340 Molitor Road being at the northwest corner of Farnsworth Avenue and Molitor Road

Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Llamas and Alderman Smith all gave a recap of the informational public meeting that was held on April 25, 2021 regarding this item.

Alex Alexandrou spoke briefly regarding this item.

Tony Scarlata and Ryan Swanson presented on behalf of the Petitioners regarding this item.

Mark Phipps, Engineer - City of Aurora, spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Smith to table this item to the May 25, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion to table this item failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Franco, Alderman Smith, Alderman Jenkins

Nay: 8 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman O'Connor

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve this item. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Franco, Alderman Smith, Alderman Jenkins and Mayor Irvin

Nay: 8 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman O'Connor

21-0110

An Ordinance Approving a Revision to the Estate of Adeline Diehl and Chicago Land Trust Plan Description on 3.4 Acres for Property located at 1340 Molitor Road being at the northwest corner of Farnsworth Avenue and Molitor Road

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve this item. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Franco, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Jenkins and Mayor Irvin

Nay: 7 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman O'Connor

[21-0255](#)

An Ordinance amending O20-078 granting additional time for compliance of the Special Use (Conditional Use) for a Cannabis Dispensing Facility (2115) at 35 N. Broadway that was granted on October 27, 2020

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman Jenkins

Nay: 1 - Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: O21-021

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to hear items of New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor

[21-0215](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer to disburse payments to the businesses recommended for award in the second grouping as part of the City's Small Business Financial Relief Program to address business losses as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic or other such major business interruption events.

A motion was made by Alderman Garza and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: R21-106

[21-0299](#)

A Resolution Recognizing Alderman Judd Lofchie for his outstanding public service to the City of Aurora and to the Citizens of the 10th Ward.

Rich Jacobs, Aldermen's Office Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, recited the Resolution in honor of Alderman Lofchie. Members of Council thanked Alderman Lofchie for his service to the City of Aurora.

Due to technical difficulties, Alderman Jenkins was not available for the initial vote on this item. A motion was made by Alderman Garza and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman O'Connor

Alderman Jenkins returned to the meeting after the initial vote was taken on this item. A motion was subsequently made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to reconsider the vote on this item. The motion to reconsider the vote on this item carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor

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

Aye: 13 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor and Mayor Irvin

Enactment No: R21-107

[21-0300](#)

A Resolution Recognizing Alderman-At-Large Robert J. O'Connor for his exemplary public service to the City of Aurora and its Citizens.

Rich Jacobs, Aldermen's Office Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, recited the Resolution in honor of Alderman-at-Large O'Connor. Council was informed that there will be a special ceremony on May 7, 2021 in honor of Alderman-at-Large O'Connor.

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

Aye: 13 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor and Mayor Irvin

Enactment No: R21-108

REPORT

[21-0302](#)

Treasurer's Report - March 2021

Marty Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, was present on the meeting regarding this item.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[21-0301](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings - City Clerk

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