



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

April 09, 2024

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 6:12 p.m. and the roll was called.

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 Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Dispensa served as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ward 7 Alderman Brandon Tolliver.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Pastor Marguerite Blitch from Grace Deliverance Church.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Irvin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Pastor Marguerite Blitch from Grace Deliverance Church.

The Mayor's Award of Excellence was presented to LaDonna Carr - City of Aurora Director of Training and Development.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[24-0176](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Charlie Zine to the FoxWalk Overlay District Design Review Committee.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-087

[24-0178](#)

A Resolution approving the the reappointment of Tony Martinez, Michael Nelson, Scott Samson, and Christine Goerlich Weber to the Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board (AACVB)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-088

[24-0182](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment Kermith Bilbao, Mireya Banuelos, Alexis Morales, Paul Dominguez, and Noelia Ruiz to the Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-089

[24-0188](#)

A Resolution Approving the reappointments of Terrence Lindsay, Jonathan Bieritz, Hank Artlip to the city's Administrative Boards including the Building Code Board of Appeals; and the Permanent Building & Fire Code Committee.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-090

[24-0189](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Matthew Clegg and Bert Wickam to the city's Administrative Boards: Fire Code Board of Appeals and the Permanent Building and Fire Code Committee.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-091

[24-0190](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of David Mertz and Shaun Thomas to the Electrical Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-092

[24-0192](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Christopher Minick to the Aurora Firefighters Pension Fund Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Tolliver to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-093

[24-0194](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Te'yonna Bailey to the Aurora Youth Council.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Laesch to approve this item. 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, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-094

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Nicole Astra spoke in support of the APS Training Academy
2. Andrew Cozens spoke in support of the APS Training Academy
3. Lesha Saxon spoke in support of the APS Training Academy
4. Bruno Garcia spoke requesting a cease-fire resolution
5. Hayden Malloy spoke in support of the APS Training Academy
6. Cynthia Ferrer-Lopez spoke in support of the APS Training Academy

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 Alderman Franco to approve the Consent Agenda and the 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, Alderman Woerman

[23-0961](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase a 5-year subscription for grants management software to Dulles Technology Partners, Inc., of Leesburg, VA, for \$102,800.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-095

[24-0108](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Roadway Agreement for Access and Roadway Improvements on Sullivan Road between Highland Avenue and IL. Rte. 31 (Lake Street) in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois 60506

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-096

[24-0124](#)

A Resolution to enter into a three-year Enterprise Agreement for the purchase of Microsoft software from the State of Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology Joint Purchasing Contract CMT #1176800 with Dell Marketing L.P. in an amount of \$1,889,555.20.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-097

[24-0153](#)

A Resolution to execute the intergovernmental Agreement between City of Aurora, IL and Fox Valley Park District for Waubonsie Lake Park.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-098

[24-0160](#)

A resolution authorizing the purchase of valve actuators from Dorner Company Inc. for the Water Production Division in the not-to-exceed amount of \$569,163.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-099

[24-0163](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$37,680.00 from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-100

[24-0164](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fox Valley Music Foundation for the Calendar Year of 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-101

[24-0167](#)

A Resolution authorizing change orders for the remodeling of the City of Aurora Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for an amount of \$85,012.48.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-102

[24-0171](#)

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the low bid from Anchor Mechanical Inc. of Chicago, IL., for the replacement of roof top HVAC units at the Aurora Police Department TAS and the Aurora Animal Control Facilities for \$256,060.00, and a contingency of \$12,803.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-103

[24-0173](#)

A Resolution authorizing F.H. Paschen S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC, using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting program, to perform masonry repairs to the riverside of City Hall, in the amount of \$130,909.77, and a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$13,090.97.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-104

[24-0185](#)

A Resolution to award the Best Pl. and Greenwood Dr. Water Main Replacement project, located in Ward 5, to Brandt Excavating, Inc., in the bid amount of five hundred sixty-three thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars and three cents (\$563,573.03).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-105

[24-0196](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into agreements with Aurora Wire and Fixture Company (AWF), Electric Conduit Construction (ECC), and Platt Electric, Inc in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the relocation of existing electrical infrastructure from vaults located under the sidewalk along Broadway from Benton Street to New York Street.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-106

[24-0204](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) to Provide Third-Party Administrative Services for the City's General & Auto Liability and Workers' Compensation Claims as of April 15, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-107

[24-0208](#)

A Resolution authorizing the increase of \$66,836 to the purchase price for the 2024 E-ONE Cyclone Pumper for a total of \$864,844

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-108

[24-0227](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Ariel Rikki Benjamin as Customer Relations Manager.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-109

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[24-0207](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of an Easement located at 195 South State Route 59 and 4441 Ogden Avenue, being Lot 1 and Lot 2 of U-Haul Center of Aurora Subdivision.

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

Enactment No: R24-110

[24-0213](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Meridian Business Campus Building A - Lot 3, 925 Enterprise St.

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

Enactment No: R24-111

[24-0214](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Meridian Business Campus Building B - Lot 1, 805 Enterprise.

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

Enactment No: R24-112

[24-0226](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 26, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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

[24-0232](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Easement located at 3900 Sussex Avenue, being Lot 1 in Sussex Court Subdivision.

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

Enactment No: R24-113

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[24-0142](#)

A Resolution to award a contract for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM) training services from APS Training Academy, 105 E Galena Blvd Fourth Floor, Aurora, IL 60505 for a three-year term with two one-year options for a total amount of \$2,525,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: R24-114

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith 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, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

[24-0250](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Muchacho Alegre, LLC at 1941 W Galena Blvd., Aurora). [Ward 5]

Alderman Llamas recused himself from discussion and vote on this item and left Council Chambers during the discussion. Due to miscommunication from inside of Council Chambers, Alderman Llamas returned to Council Chambers during the roll call vote but did not cast a vote on 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 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Bugg

Enactment No: R24-115

REPORT

[24-0261](#)

Treasurer's Report - January 2024.

Linda Read, Deputy Treasurer - City of Aurora, presented regarding this item and item 24-0262.

Mayor Irvin acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for January 2024. The Report was accepted and filed.

[24-0262](#)

Treasurer's Report - February 2024.

Mayor Irvin acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for February 2024. The Report was accepted and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[24-0264](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Laesch

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith for the City Council to enter into Closed Session at 7:03 p.m. and thereafter adjourn this City Council meeting with no further final action or public business to take place. The motion carried by the following vote and a Closed Session was held pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

ADJOURN

City Council moved to Closed Session. The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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