

Aurora, Nebraska
April 28, 2026

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Esther Bergen. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Adam Darbro, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Public Works Director Jeremy Cattau and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on April 22, 2026. Notice of meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Seeman stated "AS PERSCRIBED BY LAW A COPY OF THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS."

MINUTES:

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Dennis Mattner spoke about City's Noise Ordinance

Nick Hochertz spoke about a citizens focus group for reviewing EMS operations.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve Project DTR-#012 for the Aurora CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Forgivable Loan Program, contingent on the City's receipt of the requested amendment extending the project end date to December 31, 2026. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved to approve Project DTR-#013 for the Aurora CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Forgivable Loan Program, contingent on the City's receipt of the requested amendment extending the project end date to December 31, 2026. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve Project DTR-#014 for the Aurora CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Forgivable Loan Program, contingent on the City's receipt of the requested amendment extending the project end date to December 31, 2026. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1228: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XI BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 110 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 110.23 LICENSES; CITY POWERS AND DUTIES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1228 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1228. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1228 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lackore, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1229: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XI BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 121 OCCUPATION TAXES, SECTION 121.01 LEVIES AUTHORIZED, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Dunn moved to bring Ordinance No. 1229 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1229. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1229 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1230: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 35 ELECTIONS, SECTION 35.11 EXIT POLLS; POLL WATCHERS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Dunn moved to bring Ordinance No. 1230 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1230. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1230 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1231: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 35 ELECTIONS, SECTION 35.09 PETITION, WRITE-IN, AND OTHER CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; PROCEDURES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1231 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1231. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1231 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lackore, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1232: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 34 CITY DEPARTMENTS, SECTION 34.46 CITY LIBRARY; DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED; OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1232 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1232. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1232 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1233: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 31 MEETINGS AND LEGISLATION, SECTION 31.02 PUBLIC; NOTICE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Dunn moved to bring Ordinance No. 1233 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1233. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1233 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1234: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 35 ELECTIONS, SECTION 35.04 SPECIAL ELECTIONS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Dunn moved to bring Ordinance No. 1234 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1234. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1234 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lackore, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1235: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 10 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 10.05 DEFINITIONS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1235 before the council for the first reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1235. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1235 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

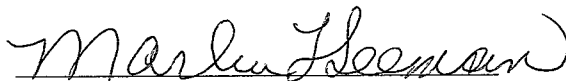
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Councilor Lackore moved to accept the resignation for Wayne Roblee as City Councilor for Ward 1. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman thanked Wayne for his many years of service to the City of Aurora. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

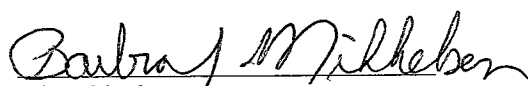
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

