Aurora, Nebraska
July 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 July 28, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Todd Jensesn, 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, Police Lieutenant Ryan Dummer, Public Works Director Jeremy Cattau and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on July 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 Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2026 meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Hallie Razo, Interim Director of Willow Rising, Inc., presented Willow Rising's funding request for FY 2026-2027. Discussion was held. Councilor Bergen moved to deny the request from Willow Rising, Inc. for funding for FY 2026-2027 for $4,000. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen and Jensen. Voting Nay: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lackore. The motion failed.

Councilor Dunn moved to approve the request from Willow Rising, Inc. for funding for FY 2026-2027 for $4,000. Councilor Phillips second the request. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillip, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: Bergen and Jensen. The motion carried.

Jenny Friesen, Director of the Senior Center spoke about the Senior Center's budget. Councilor Dunn moved to approve Senior Center funding request for FY 2026-2027 for $26,400. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Abstain: Phillips and Bergen. Nay: Jensen. Mayor Seeman stated, "As mayor, I choose to vote Aye". With the mayor voting in favor, the motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve payment to SCEDD for construction management services from March 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026, Invoice #2105 for $460.00 for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Abstain: Jensen. Nay: None. 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 8:09p.m.

Marlin Seeman

Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra J Mikkelsen

City Clerk

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