

MF POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 28, 2022

Members Present: Council Member Gardner – Chair, Council Member Zvonek, Council Member Murillo

Others present: R. Venegas, T. Velasquez, K. Stuart, B. Levine, N. Wishmeyer, J. Lorenzen, M. Ardan, B. Rulla, M. Crawford, C. Zapata, S. Newman, G. Hays, K. Skaggs, C. Toth, D. Krzyzanowski, A. Johnson, J. Bajorek, J. Lorenzen, R. Lantz, J. Calegari, D. Hudson, A. Jamison, C. Dancy, K. Jeffries, C. Dukes, M. Stamp, T. Sedmak, K. Rodriguez, M. Noble, H. Hernandez, D. Sisneros and T. Hoyle

INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES

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MAY 2022 SALES TAX CHART**Summary of Issue and Discussion**

Bill Levine presented the May 2022 Sales Tax Chart. Four sectors saw double-digit growth. Building materials were up by 18.9%, utilities were up by 17.1%, eating and drinking places were up by 15.5%, and auto dealers and auto parts were up by 13.2%. The aforementioned sectors are those with the highest inflation which is the primary driver of the sales tax growth. Sectors, namely electronics and computers, clothing, liquor stores, telecom, furniture, sporting goods, hobby stores, and bookstores all showed a decline in sales tax collections compared May 2021. Inflation is low in these sectors.

Committee Discussion

CM Gardner: One question I had. The 8.9%, that is growth over the same month the previous year. And I just noticed that May of last year was really high. What was that from? Greg, do you remember? I don't remember why we had such an outlier.

Greg Hays: I know what that was. That was the huge growth after the May of 2020 being so bad. That was the worst COVID month. And so just in comparison to May of 2021, was skyrocketing. We had to change all of our charts and everything for that month.

CM Gardner: Got you. Yes, that makes sense. All right. Councilmembers Murillo or Zvonek, any questions?

CM Murillo: I guess I'll ask a little bit more pointedly. You kind of identified some of the trends in terms of low sales tax from industries that don't have high inflation and high growth and sales tax in industries that do have high inflation. What does that mean for long-term stability? What do we need to monitor or be aware of? I understand, we're kind of just understanding trends. But I'm

wondering, is there a prospective outcome of that kind of combination that we might prepare for at this time?

G. Hays: I can actually respond to that. One of the things with the Leeds projection and with our 2022 projection, 2022 being around 7% right now after five months we're 10%. So we're expecting some softness to come through. And in addition, if you remember from the spring workshop when I was talking about the Leeds projection for 2023 being pretty low, below 3% for the entire year. So, I think our projection expects some weakness to start to continue to permeate through. There are no negatives, there's no recession built in. You don't really plan on a recession; you just plan on getting out of it. But I think that we're going to expect some well, not double-digit growth. We've had a lot of good months. It's hard to grow on growth like that.

CM Murillo: Okay, cool. So. Yes. It sounds like we were planning for an ebb and flow so that we're already anticipating that. At what point does that become a concern? If this is the same trend over several months? I guess, Greg, when do you start to worry and stop smiling and being happy?

G. Hays: That's an excellent question. I would say that it's hard to grow on double-digit growth. And so, I'm expecting, if something goes down to 6, 7, 8%, that's not going to worry me too much. If we have several months in a row where it's dropping way down or we're starting to see bigger issues and maybe auto use tax, the auto sales tax isn't holding us up. That's when I'm going to start worrying a little bit more. We have a saying in the Budget Office that it's not a trend until it is. So, I'd have to see a couple of months of ickiness before I get too scared

CM Murillo: Got you. Thank you.

CM Gardner: All right. Thanks, Greg and Bill. Appreciate it.

B. Levine: Thank you.

CM Gardner: One item of note before we get into general business. I failed to mention at the start of the meeting we'll have an update from Kadee, I believe, on redistricting or rewording. We'll have that as item 4e. So we'll do that after we get to the other item.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

No follow-up needed.

2021 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT RESULTS

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Nancy Wishmeyer, City Controller, Marcie Ardan from FORVIS, and Karmyn Jeffries from FORVIS presented this item. A merger of BKD and Dixon Hughes Goodman effective June 1 resulted in the renaming of the city's external audit firm to FORVIS. Aurora's 2021 Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the single audit report have been completed and are ready to be placed on the city's website. The report summarizes the financial audit results and identifies any issues encountered. It presents a schedule of audit adjustments since there are non-recorded adjustments due to being immaterial. It also includes the management representation letter that outlines the statements made by city management to the auditors. The report also includes the single audit report and provides the results of the audit of the federal grants on which the city expended money in 2021. Aurora received an unmodified or clean audit opinion on the 2021 financial statements and received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2020 ACFR. The city has been receiving that award for 35 consecutive years and it is a testament that the city follows the principles and best practices for accounting and reporting.

There were two management letter comments. One is a deficiency in which city staff did not do a timely suspension and debarment check that ensures vendors given contracts are not excluded from doing business with the federal government. The check was then performed and determined that the vendors are not suspended or debarred. Another management letter comment was an 'other matter.' The auditors recommended management monitor payments using a data analytic tool to identify potential fraud patterns and weaknesses in internal control.

The single audit also received an unmodified or clean opinion. Five federal programs were audited. Two findings were due to other instances of noncompliance. Both were on the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Grant from the Federal Treasury. One was the inability to file a quarterly report due to the Treasury portal being down and the other was inadequate documentation that proved the eligibility for a recipient.

FORVIS uses a high-risk audit approach to identify areas of emphasis. No matters reportable were found in debt and capital assets, revenue recognition, expenditures, and management override of controls. Testing was performed on five major federal award programs as required by the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance. The audit was performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and OMB. Significant estimates were reviewed and identified. For 2021, both governmental and business-type activities increased. Program revenues decreased, general revenues increased, and expenses showed a slight decrease. Expenses and revenues of business-type activities related to water and wastewater were primarily consistent. Golf, however, showed an increase. For capital assets, the increase in the number of projects undertaken by the city in 2021 resulted in an increase in infrastructure in both governmental and business-type activities. Due to the issuance of revenue bonds, there is an increase in debt. Revenue bonds make up 74% of the outstanding debt in 2021. Unrestricted category makes up 60% of the fund balance related to governmental funds and Restricted makes up 40%. There are no alternative accounting treatments to report. Subsequent events disclosures were reviewed. There were no significant unusual transactions to report. There were no matters to report on the quality of the city's accounting policy or other information. No disagreements were had with management during the audit process. FORVIS was not aware of any consultations with individuals outside of the audit management teams. However, there were consultations with other auditors related to the

Havana BID, Parkside City Center BID, and Citadel on Colfax BID. Reliance on the financial statements for those was placed on other auditors. No difficulties were encountered during the audit and there were no significant related-party findings to report. There are four accounting pronouncements to occur in Fiscal Year 2022. The largest is related to leases in which there will be a change in the standard of reporting leases in financial statements.

Committee Discussion

CM Murillo: I'm wondering if there is or do you have an opinion on an optimal mix in terms of a position where we should be? Is there an optimal mix of, for example, unrestricted to restricted funds that you might have insight into?

M. Ardan: May I ask a clarifying question? Do you mean in the fund balance breakout on page nine? Is that what you're referring to?

CM Murillo: Yes. Or just as you take a high-level look at where we stand in terms of our activities and audit of our activities, I wonder if there's an optimal mix that we should be mindful of and why. Or maybe it depends is the answer. But yes, I was curious if you could elaborate a little bit more.

M Ardan: Okay. I would say that the answer to that question is it depends. But I think there are a couple of things to understand in the classifications. A restricted fund balance has legal restrictions or grants or some specific purpose for what they must be used for. So those are restricted. And then with the unrestricted balance, we're combining the committed, assigned, and unassigned. So really you have a good balance. Commitments and assignments are things that Council says what we want to use this money for. But if there was another need, you could maybe pull them back and use it for another purpose. So it's a pretty good balance based on what you have and it's pretty common in what we see.

CM Murillo: Okay. Thank you.

CM Gardner: I have two questions. One is just a clarification because I'm not familiar with the term. But under the significant estimates for the city, liability for insurance claims incurred but not reported. Does that mean we have paid out the claim, but we haven't accounted for it in our financials?

M Ardan: No, what that means is there's maybe been a claim incurred. So that's an estimate that there are potential claims that you've incurred, but they haven't been requested for reimbursement yet.

CM Gardner: Okay. I got you. And then also on that list, on the allowance account. Do we use gap principles for determining that? Or how is that calculated? I would assume so, but I'm just making sure. Or as a public entity, do we not?

K. Jeffries: An allowance for doubtful accounts?

CM Gardner: Yes.

K. Jeffries: Yes, yes. That's using GAAP principles. That's how that's calculated.

CM Gardner: Okay.

K. Jeffries: As well as experience.

CM Gardner: Yes. Okay. And then my last question is on Page 8 on the debt outstanding. It's hard to tell because we're only seeing three years of history. But there was pretty much level from 2019 to 2020 and then a pretty large increase from 2020 to 2021. What was that from?

M Ardan: The increase came in from the issuance of some pretty significant water bonds. Water and sewer bonds in 2021.

CM Gardner: Got you. All right. Appreciate those answers. I think that's all the questions from the committee. Well, thank you for your presentation.

K. Jeffries: Thank you very much for having us. I appreciate it.

CM Gardner: And just real quickly, I want to say just kudos to our finance team, Terri and Nancy, and everybody. Obviously, we do a really good job. Our budget's always good. Our finances are always good. And you all are very good at what you do. And just appreciate that, because it is what's in the best interests of the taxpayers of the city of Aurora. So, thank you for all that you guys do.

N. Wishmeyer: Thank you.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

No follow-up needed.

RESOLUTION TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE (FAMLI) PROGRAM

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Jennifer Lorenzen presented this item. The FAMLI leave was created by Proposition 118 voted on and approved by Colorado voters in November 2020 which provides family leave to Colorado employees. It is a state-funded program that provides up to 12 weeks of paid time off for qualifying reasons. The leave would run concurrently with FMLA and has a capped benefit of \$1,100 a week varying based on the employee as determined by their average weekly wage. The fund will be paid for by taxes on both employees and employers with a premium of 0.9% for each employee split

50-50 with the employer. Local governments have the option to opt out of participating. Procedures to opt out are now being initiated with the suggested completion during the summer and fall months of 2022.

The city offers job-protected leave. Aurora offers a family medical leave that provides up to 12 weeks of time off in addition to an employee medical leave which affords up to a year of time off. Military leave is also offered. Aurora also offers 30 to 60 days of time off under the CAARS program related to addiction rehabilitation services. The city also offers paid benefits or pay supplements including any leave accruals, Healthy Families Workplace Act (HFWA), short and long-term disability, military leave, pay and differential pay, emergency and bereavement leave, and income replacement through the CAARS program. The city provides paid leave in excess of what would be covered under the FAMLI leave. Should the city choose to opt out, it must pass a resolution prior to January 1st 2023, which is the start of contribution collection. Prior to a vote by the City Council, public notice must be provided, and testimony must be taken. After the City Council has voted, a formal notification must be given to the Division of Family and Medical Leave Insurance and a notification must be provided to employees. Part of the notification for employees would include the decision to opt out of participating in FAMLI and providing them with a breakdown or a comparison of the difference between the benefits that are offered by FAMLI leave versus what's offered through city-paid benefits.

The decision to opt out of FAMLI leave is not permanent. Participation may be considered annually but must be reconsidered every eight years. In the absence of a vote to opt out, the city will automatically be a covered employer. If the city opts in, it must remain in the program for a minimum of three fiscal years. A recommendation was made to take the topic to Study Session on August 1st. Should the city opt out, it must then enter the notification period and accept public comment. It will be brought back to a Regular Council Meeting on August 8th.

Committee Discussion

CM Gardner: When I met with staff probably three months ago or so on this. I had said that I would be willing to sponsor this item coming forward. I had floated the idea to Ryan Lantz of doing some employee communication. But it sounds like from your presentation that's required anyway. And I just say that because I think it's important that we demonstrate to city employees that the benefits that they have with the city are actually richer than what is offered under this program. So, it is in their best interest for us to opt out of it and continue offering the benefits we offer. And just so the other council members on this call are aware, I've spoken to several other cities, council members in other cities here in the metro area, and outside of it since this came out. And all the council members that I've talked to there, cities are intending to opt out as well. So not really surprising. So, I'd be willing to sponsor it. And because the benefits that we currently offer are richer than what are offered under this program, for that reason I'm in support of it as well. But since I've seen this before and have had a chance to ask questions.

CM Zvonek: I support this. I think it's smart to opt out of it. Are there requirements? I know that it just happens to be that the plan that we offer is more generous than what was passed through the ballot measure. But are there requirements for local governments to opt-out or are they can they

opt out even if the benefits that they would already offer are less than what they would get through the state program?

J. Lorenzen: And Kim Skaggs is on the call also. So, Kim, please correct me at any point, but it's my understanding there are no requirements for the city to opt out. It truly is our decision on what we think is best. So, there's no requirement purely because we are a government agency, we have to opt-out.

CM Zvonek: Okay. That makes a lot of sense to allow governments to opt out and not I guess, not private businesses. We're going to get hit with this, probably the largest tax increase to employees in state history, but letting local governments opt-out is at least the start.

CM Murillo: I supported the bill when it was at the state legislature. I think this is a big win in terms of like worker protections and making a safer and more sustainable work environment. Though, I think the fact that we offer better benefits, makes me really happy to hear and excited that it's not the bare minimum. So, I'm in support of declining participation because our benefits exceed what would be required by that bill. So yeah, I support moving it forward and am glad we had the presentation to discuss.

CM Gardner: All right. Appreciate it. Is that what you needed, Jen?

J. Lorenzen: That is it. Thank you.

CM Gardner: All right. Appreciate it. Thank you for the presentation.

Outcome

The Committee recommended the item move forward to Study Session sponsored by Council Member Gardner.

Follow-up Action

Staff will move forward the item to Study Session.

TITLE 32 METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS NOVEMBER 2022

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Cesarina Dancy from the Office of Development Assistance presented this item. Three proposals for the November election cycle were presented. Both Eastern Hills and Kings Point South are in conformance with the model service plan. For Green Valley Ranch East, which covers Districts 6 to 14, Districts 6 to 8 would be amended and restated. Districts 9 to 14 are new districts. This is not in conformance with the model service plan. This allows for the inclusion of the districts into ARTA. The language that is proposed is consistent with what was previously approved for Districts 6 to 8.

Committee Discussion

CM Gardner: Council Member Murillo, any questions on any of these items?

CM Murillo: I don't believe so. Thank you.

CM Gardner: Council Member Zvonek?

CM Zvonek: No.

CM Gardner: All right. And I assume you both are okay with this moving forward?

CM Murillo: Yes.

CM Zvonek: Yes.

CM Gardner: All right. Thank you for the presentation. Appreciate it.

C. Dancy: Thank you.

CM Gardner: That was quick. All right.

Outcome

The Committee recommended the item move forward to Study Session.

Follow-up Action

Staff will move forward the item to Study Session.

DISCUSSION OF THIRD-PARTY REVIEW OF NON-PROFIT SPENDING

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Nancy Wishmeyer presented this item. Upon review of the years 2019 through 2021, it was identified that a lot of dollars were being expended either through federal grants or other grants to nonprofits. In addition, CARES money, COVID-19-related money, and marijuana-tax money were also provided to non-profits. Wayne Sommer presented proposals to allow outside auditors to conduct an audit or Agreed Upon Procedure review of non-profits that the city has provided money to. The first proposal is to hire an outside firm. The second is to have FORVIS external auditors do the audit as an add-on to their annual audit at additional expense. The third is to hire a contractor to be overseen by the Internal Audit. The last option is to add a full-time employee (FTE) to the Internal Audit and expand their capacity.

Committee Discussion

CM Gardner: Next up is a discussion on the third-party review of nonprofit spending. So just to give a little context and I know Nancy will probably get into this a little bit more. But I had some conversations with Mayor Pro-Tem Bergan several months ago requesting an audit of nonprofit spending. So essentially the third-party nonprofit groups that the city gives money to, ensuring

financial performance, and tax compliance basically that they're doing what they say they're doing with the money. So, I had a meeting with staff because as this committee is probably aware, we serve as the audit committee for the city. And so I had a meeting with staff a few months ago and kind of gave them a brief description of what we were looking for to get out of that, what we were looking to have reviewed and things like that, and had asked them to come back with a couple of different options on how that audit could be completed. And so, it looks like from the backup and everything that Nancy has, I think four different options. So, I'll turn it over to you, Nancy, if you want to talk a little bit about the process and what our options are. And then I guess this group can decide how we want to proceed.

So I think before we talk about the options, maybe see if council members Zvonek and or Murillo have any questions, what the thought process is or the thinking is here, and then maybe we can get into what option or options or what that might look like. Council Member Murillo. Any questions, first off?

CM Murillo: Any questions related to whether or not –

CM Gardner: What the thought process is or what this would be looking into or things like that. I think between myself and Nancy, we talked about it, but just didn't know if you had any further clarifying questions or anything like that.

CM Murillo: Got you. I don't think so. I guess if I understand correctly, it's just for our own decision-making process.

CM Gardner: Yes, as the audit committee of the city. Because, as Nancy indicated, we do spend quite a bit of money on outside groups and don't have a lot of control in some cases once it leaves the city. And so just figuring out a mechanism for how we can make sure that there's accountability and how those funds are spent.

CM Murillo: Got you. Okay. I support, I think, audits in general, just making sure that we're doing the best to understand how our dollars are being spent. I support is the answer. But I guess the concern or potential concern is in the audit, I'm curious because often we have a lot of nonprofits in my district. So, I wonder if, through the audit, we also have an opportunity to understand best practices in addition to that because I think what I often hear are issues, capacity issues. We know that generally, it's a lot of steps, right. And not saying there shouldn't be to make sure that we are spending our money appropriately and accurately for each individual organization that might run bare bones, have a smaller staff. A lot of them are smaller and just might have less capacity to comply, but they might be doing really awesome work and have some really strong relationships in the community, which is what we're trying to connect with. So I wonder if in that audit there is space and opportunity for recommendations or best practices on how we might support greater access for our grants as well. I know that our city has informally collected that information, but it's been very ad hoc. I have explicitly felt like a lone wolf and asking I think every time, "Yes, we could do that and let's do a version of that." But I wonder if we could standardize that and if that would be part of the scope of the audit.

CM Gardner: So what I'm thinking, and Nancy or Terri jump in if you think this is not the right approach, but I think maybe today what we do is decide, A, are we going to move forward and with which of these options. And then maybe next meeting, staff brings kind of an outline of what the agreed-upon procedures might look like. And then each of the council members can give recommended changes, additions, subtractions, and that would probably be the right time to incorporate what you're describing. Does that sound okay to you, Council Member Murillo?

CM Murillo: Yes, it does. Thank you.

CM Gardner: Okay. Any other questions right now?

CM Zvonek: A comment if I could, and I think it's along those lines. I think that what you just laid out is a good process. And I think that in that second conversation that we have really looked at the scope because I think to Council Member Murillo's point, there are some nonprofits that I'm sure we give a fairly small amount and are small themselves. And so understanding this, I think the intent of this is to really look at and not that we don't want to ignore some of the smaller ones, but I think making sure that we're checking in on them is important. But there's I would assume some nonprofits that receive some pretty significant sums and probably on a reoccurring basis. And those are the ones that I think are going to be most critical, at least in my opinion, for us to audit and ensure that as stewards of taxpayer dollars, they are in turn being good stewards with the dollars that we're entrusting them and executing on the programs that they claim to be executing against. So, I think understanding that scope would be a helpful conversation for how far down – I don't know what the number of nonprofits is that we partner with but understanding which ones we would really be looking at.

CM Gardner: Yes. I think what both council members are describing, I'm not looking to be punitive towards a small nonprofit that may not have the recordkeeping capacity of the Salvation Army or whatever. Really, what I'm looking for is making sure that if we're putting money towards something, we're getting what we think we're getting out of it. And that's really what I'm looking for. So, to dovetail on what Council Member Murillo said, I certainly if there's some best practices or things that could be recommended, I think that would be great because I don't want to punish somebody for being small because just because you're small doesn't mean you don't do good work. We just need to make sure that if we're telling the residents of Aurora this money is doing this, then that's what it's really doing.

CM Murillo: I was going to say, I appreciate that because I think the intent is -- I'm on board with that and I'm glad to hear that. And I think I've seen that just working with you that would be the case. And I think there's a lot more weight to a formal audit and recommendations through that formal, legitimized standardized process with subject matter experts as opposed to a Council Member asking for its ad hoc. I do appreciate that that might be part of the scope of this because I feel like it is needed. I like the idea that it would potentially -- we'll talk about the scope later, but that it could potentially be more streamlined as opposed to just kind of on the fly as we go. And that way, we're being consistent between departments and grants and all that good stuff.

CM Gardner: So as far as the four options, I'll throw out my recommendation first and then see what the other two Council Members think. But going through in reverse order or whatever. To me, my preference is not the hire an FTE, hire a contract auditor, or hire another outside firm. To me, I think the best approach would be to use FORVIS formerly known as BKD. They have a really, really strong reputation. Our staff is comfortable working with them, and we've already done the due diligence on that. That group is an audit partner. And so, I think there's a level of knowing that we're going to get what we pay for with them and that they do a thorough job. So that would be my recommendation. I think also and maybe I'm wrong, but I would think that having it as an add-on to their annual audit would be cheaper than hiring another outside firm to do it. As it's like a solo engagement, I would think that would probably be more cost-effective. And so that's what my thought is. And, you know, I don't know that we would need to do this every year. It says add on to their annual audit. I don't know, maybe every three, five years, something like that, just with kind of a lookback period is what I'm envisioning. But of course, that would be up to whoever's on Council at the time. So that's what my thought slash recommendation would be. I don't know, Council Members Murillo or Zvonek, if you have any different ideas or thoughts.

CM Zvonek: I'm good with that plan.

CM Murillo: Yes, I think that that makes sense in terms of just being able to not necessarily have to onboard and a whole new person or company that we've already been working with this group. Yes, I'd be okay with that too.

CM Gardner: Okay. So, Nancy, it sounds like we'll go with the option to have BKD do it as part of their annual audit. Would it make the most sense for this group working with staff next week or next month to formalize the scope before we approach them? What's kind of the best order of operations?

N. Wishmeyer: I think it would be good to provide them with at least an outline of what we're asking them to do. It doesn't have to be finalized, but that might be helpful. And then we can provide that to them so that they could give us the best answer. I guess as far as this is how much it will cost. These are the resources that we may need, and they'll have to put it into their schedule. They may need another person, for instance, on their staff to be available to do this. So I think giving them a little bit of an outline, at least of what we're asking them to do would be good.

CM Gardner: Okay. So then would it be possible for July's meeting to come back with a more formalized outline of what the scope might look like based upon this conversation, the conversations we've had previously, and maybe if staff has any ideas or any color that they would want to add to it? Is that a reasonable time frame? And then at the July meeting, we could take that document, kind of make any changes, finalize it, and then could engage BKD or FORVIS after that?

N. Wishmeyer: I believe so, yes.

CM Gardner: Okay. Well, let's plan on that. And I guess, Terri, when we finalize the agenda for July if that time frame won't work and then we can just push it back to August, but it'd be great if we could get it for July.

T. Velasquez: That sounds good.

CM Gardner: All right. Thanks, Nancy. Appreciate your work so far on this.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

No follow-up needed.

2023 WARD REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Kadee Rodriguez presented this item. Initial meetings have been held with the Election Commission, Management and Finance Commission, and the Ward Council Members. Currently, the ward redistricting is at its public comment process. Following this will be going to the Election Commission which will review all comments and recommendations from the public, scenarios, and vote on a plan to move forward to the M&F Committee. The M&F Committee will review the Election Commission's recommendation and move it forward to the next Council Meeting. If additional information is needed, a secondary meeting with the M&F Committee will be held. The last step would be to have the ordinance have two readings at Council Meetings.

The graphics division made flyers sent to the public including all golf courses, libraries, other entities, and different companies. City staff utilizes EngageAurora.org/Redistricting for public to get information on the process and provide input. All input will be compiled with the public meeting comment information and provided to the Election Commission, the M&F Committee, and City Council. Interactive maps are also available on the site. The Planning Department attends the public comment meetings to give a brief overview and instructions on how to use the interactive maps. Public meetings are hybrid with WebEx links, dates, and locations available on Engage Aurora. Public meetings will be held through August. The Election Commission must approve a plan on August 17th to be followed by the initial review of the M&F Committee on August 23rd. If needed, a final review is scheduled on September 27th. It will go to Study Session on October 17th, then Introduction on October 24th Council Meeting, followed by Finalization on November 14th Council Meeting. The deadline is on May 11, 2023 for the November 7th, 2023 elections.

Committee Discussion

CM Gardner: So one idea that I had, and it might be bullet point number five. But I know at one point we had neighborhood liaisons and I think we call them something different now that communicate with all the registered HOAs in the city and neighborhood groups and those kinds of things. Is that what number five is referring to? Bullet point number five.

K. Rodriguez: Yes, the Housing Community Services Network. I can get a more extensive list of who they all reached out to. But we are working with that department and we do have individuals from that department that attend our public meetings.

CM Gardner: I just know because, in my old neighborhood, I was the HOA president. And since I was registered with the city, I would get notices of like developments in the area and other things like that. And so obviously there's a gatekeeper there and it would be up to them to pass it along to the residents in their neighborhood. But a lot of those neighborhoods have newsletters and things like that that they might be able to put it into.

K. Rodriguez: Yes, that was a suggestion that we received during one of the meetings as well. I will make sure that our Housing Community Services Department did that, but they did reach out to all their various networks.

CM Gardner: Great. Thank you.

CM Murillo: I think my only question is more of that I know are just asked for general input and feedback. One thing that's been kind of top of mind lately in terms of like ward representation was around like I know we do a lot of like income and all these other metrics, but I wonder if in our redistricting conversations, do we have any conversation around the demographics and how that might change a particular district if we reward one way or another? I guess I'm wondering if and to what extent that is part of the conversation.

K. Rodriguez: We do have the Housing and Neighborhood Services as a part of this redistricting. So, like I said, they're attending every public meeting and they are trying to get that information as well. So if we get any comments on that, it will be relayed to Council. That's why we did want to send this out to as many different organizations as we could so we could receive different kinds of input as to how this could affect the community.

CM Murillo: Okay. So I guess we do that by way of like receipt of input from the public, but that's not part of our city process to, I guess do from our end proactively offer that information. It's just more like in response to constituent concerns.

K. Rodriguez: Yes, it's more in response to public feedback. So we're just obtaining all of the facts. We're making sure we're not splitting up neighborhoods. That's part of the criteria. We're making sure we're not splitting up precincts. That's also part of the criteria. So those go into the different scenarios that we've built. And then all of the feedback from the public is what we would rely on for providing to Council to make their decision on which areas they think need to stay intact.

CM Murillo: Got you. Thank you.

CM Zvonek: Just one question, Kadee, from a process standpoint. After the election commission does their review, do they submit to M&F one final map or did they submit options?

K. Rodriguez: There are no specific criteria for that. So what it would be is they would submit either one or maybe submit them in order of preference. There was a proposed third scenario. I just met with the Election Commission and our Planning Department's working on those numbers right now, so we don't have them. So, any kind of scenarios that are proposed, the two that staff has, anything that comes from the Election Commission, everything will go to you guys. You're not just going to see one map and then they'll decide which one they would like to move forward.

CM Zvonek: And I assume that once those final scenarios, however many they may be, we'll have access to the various precinct and demographic and interactive maps so that we can take a look at it prior to our meeting on whatever date that was.

K. Rodriguez: Yes.

CM Zvonek: Okay. That's all I had.

K. Rodriguez: All right. Thanks, Kadee, for the presentation. Appreciate it.

K. Rodriguez: Thank you.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

No follow-up needed.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 pm WebEx Meeting.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED



8/18/2022

Date