

CITIZENS’ ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE (CABC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 4, 2023 Time: 6:30PM Location: Hybrid In-Person (AMC) and Teams Virtual Meeting
 Next Meeting: May 2, 2023 Time: 6:30PM Location: To be confirmed

MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of the Citizens’ Advisory Budget Committee (CABC) is to study all phases of the budget of the City of Aurora and to make recommendations to City Council in regard to any and all budget matters.*

The CABC accomplishes the mission by examining and evaluating needs and priorities as they relate to the budget and by making recommendations for action to the City Council.

ATTENDANCE

Name		Name		Name		Name
Mustafa Abdullah	A	Max Gimelshteyn	P ⁺	Michael Senich	P	COA Staff
Ericka Alfonso	P	Debra Johnson	P	JulieMarie Shepherd Macklin	E	Greg Hays
Sunny Banka	P	Danielle Lammon	P	Janet Marlow	E	
Tikneshia L. Beauford	E	Jim Mattson	P	Katrice Traylor	A	Guests
Andris Berzins	P	Omar Montgomery	P	Katrina Zerilli	P	
Marsha Berzins	P	George Peck	P			
Reno Carollo	P	David Rich	P			
Gretchen Dirks	P	Jonathan Scott	P			

Key: P=Present; P⁺ Present after roll call; E=Excused; A=Absent; R=Resigned; *New Member

HANDOUTS

(Emailed to committee)

March Meeting Minutes <i>(Sent April 4, 2023, via email)</i> April Meeting Agenda <i>(Sent March 30, 2023, via email)</i>
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MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order	Chair Danielle Lammon called the meeting to order at 6:33pm	
2. Roll Call/ Establishment of Quorum	Roll call was taken by and a quorum was established with 12 members present in-person and 4 members joining virtually.	
3. Approval of April Agenda	<p>Chair Lammon introduced the April agenda for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no changes or additions, the April agenda stands approved as presented. 	
4. Approval of March Minutes	<p>Chair Lammon introduced the March minutes. David Rich motioned that we postpone the March approval until they can be reviewed more thoroughly. Debra Johnson seconded. This motion was approved unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approval of March minutes was postponed until the May meeting. 	
5. Revenue and Budget Updates	<p>Greg Hays provided a monthly budget update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February sales tax info: up 3.7% • In 2023: up about 7.2% (only need about 1% growth to beat projection) • It was mentioned that although optimism is good, a lot of caution should be employed because of the uncertainty in the days/months ahead (banks, economy, etc.) • sectors which were up: clothing, utilities, auto dealers, grocery, • sectors which were down: building materials, sporting goods, telecom, discount stores, etc. • Questions from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has there been a noticeable revenue impact now that wine is allowed in grocery stores? (Answer: this is not showing yet – not until April... the prediction is that it will eventually hurt liquor stores) ○ Grocery bag fee impact? Answer: The impact and procedures are not yet known. This is not accounted for in the projections. ○ A.I. Technologies – Can they make municipalities better? This was more of a statement than a question. It was urged that the long-term impact of budgets on cities should be considered: whether positive or negative. 	
6. Subcommittee Work, Chair Assignments, Updates, Breakouts	<p>Chair Lammon reviewed March’s Subcommittee discussion and the members of each subcommittee. Some members changed committees or joined a second (reflected in italics below).</p> <p>Each subcommittee was then given a chance to give an update on their work and their plan for future work. Reno Carollo and George Peck gave an excellent and extensive overview of the “Arts and Venues” committee work, then each other committee gave quick updates.</p> <p>The subcommittees for 2023 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Venues (George, Reno, Debra, Danielle, and <i>David</i>) • Infrastructure (Gretchen, Mike, Jim, <i>Andris, and Debra</i>) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development (Reno, Erika, Katrina, and JulieMarie) • Public Safety (Sunny, Erika, Katrina, Janet, Jono, Marsha, and <i>Omar</i>) 	
7. Housekeeping	<p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 2 June 6 July 11 July 25th – July 26th Workshop (Aurora Room) August 1 September 5 October 3 November 14 December 15 	
8. Meeting Adjourned	Encouraging sub-committees to meet immediately following, Chair Lammon officially adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.	