

CITIZENS' ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE (CABC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 3, 2023

Time: 6:30PM

Location: In-Person (AMC)

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023

Time: 6:30PM

Location: In-Person (AMC)

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

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order	Chair Danielle Lammon called the meeting to order at 6:34pm	
2. Roll Call/ Establishment of Quorum	Attendance was recorded and a quorum was established with 14 members present.	
3. Approval of October Agenda	Chair Lammon presented the October agenda. A request was made from the floor to add an agenda item: debrief of CABC presentation to Council. With this addition, the agenda stands as amended.	
4. DRCOG Grants Presentation	<p>Chair Lammon welcomed Cindy Colip to provide an overview of recent DRCOG initiatives and grants relevant to Aurora.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 projects included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peoria/Smith Bike/Ped, Colfax Bike/Ped, Toll Gate Creek, Metro Center Station, Westerly Creek, Nine Mile, Parker/Quincy • Current cycle 2020-23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 23rd, 13th ave multi-modal corridor study, Havana street transit improv, nine mile bicycle bridge, parker/Quincy/smoky hill intersection improvement, nine mile ped/bike bridge, high line canal trail, city wide critical sidewalk gaps <p>TIP Funding Awards for Aurora Project Calls 1-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the funding awards will support Citywide multimodal transportation master plan – this is the first time Aurora has done a city-wide initiative • ADA transition plans – ensuring ADA compliance (example of bus stop along Yale in Dam East with no sidewalk access) • Smith Road between Peoria Station and Powhaton <p>CABC members then had a discussion and Q&A with Cindy Colip.</p>	
5. Approval of September Meeting Minutes	Chair Lammon presented the minutes from the September meeting. George Peck moved to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.	Motion Carried Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0

6. Revenue and Budget Updates	<p>Greg Hays provided a brief budget update from August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales tax was at 5.0% in August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This was promising, more on track with forecasted expectations, and in part due to inflation being better compared to July ○ Positive drivers of this: clothing, auto, eating, drinking, industrial sales (these are likely one-time) and grocery. ○ Downward drivers: beer, wine, liquor sales, discount stores, department stores, sporting goods, utilities. Marijuana continues to be down, but this is tracking with projections. • Greg provided an overview of the marijuana tax revenue fund to address previous CABC members' questions. • Greg provided an overview of proposals from the recent council budget workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public works - sideway infills – will use \$410k of council set asides ○ Public Defender – Mental Health Professional Variable hour position from 30 to 40 hours \$30k 	
6. Debrief of CABC Presentation to Council	<p>Chair Lammon opened the floor for a debrief of the 9/19 CABC presentation to Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider going back to our appointing Council member to ask for feedback or advice about the presentation • There was discussion about the implications of these presentations still being virtual and lacking the in-person component • A recommendation was made to put our feedback and suggestions in writing to share with Council and City leadership at the start of the new year. 	
7. Housekeeping	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 14 (moved one week later due to Election Day) and will be in the Ponderosa Room. We will host a presentation from AEDC. • December 5 (start time moved to 7pm for Tree Lighting and will include a potluck) 	
8. Meeting Adjourned	<p>Chair Lammon adjourned the formal business meeting at 8:30pm.</p>	