

RESOLUTION NO. R2022- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA TO TACKLE THE INCREASE OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THE CITY BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE CRIME REDUCTION PLAN

WHEREAS, nearly every day, Aurora is tragically reminded of the violent crime that continues to climb to unprecedented levels. Over the last year, addressing crime was a common concern that we heard from citizens in every corner of the city, and we vowed that improving public safety would be a top priority. As Members of Council, we believe there is no greater responsibility than ensuring the safety of our citizens. Unfortunately, current trends suggest that not enough is currently being done to address the crime wave sweeping across our city and that must change; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the growing wave of crime threatening the safety of Coloradans is in large part a result of the policies passed by state lawmakers creating hurdles that will be difficult to overcome. But as local elected officials, public safety must be a top priority, and we can't wait for the Colorado General Assembly to act; and

WHEREAS, we must deploy every resource available toward this mission as the safety of our families, our neighborhoods, our schools, and our businesses must be our top priority; and

WHEREAS, we believe a comprehensive set of core strategies must be intentionally defined and strategically implemented to begin the task of tackling violent crime in our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Manager is directed to work with city departments and Council to further develop and implement a comprehensive crime reduction plan integrating all aspects of the core strategies outlined below. While each of the core strategies are separate, they need to be packaged together as a plan that can be presented to Council and the public as a forward-facing strategy to tackle the surge in violent crime in the city:

Section 1. The City of Aurora shall provide the needed resources and other support to ensure the Aurora Police Department is fully staffed, including all specialty units critical to building and maintaining community relationships, and all officers have access to ongoing and industry leading training.

Section 2. The City of Aurora police department shall improve overall data collection, utilize hot spot analysis to put more officers on patrol in key neighborhoods, and improve efficiency through data analytics.

Section 3. The City of Aurora shall restore and expand the Aurora Gang Reduction Impact Program (“AGRIP”) to address youth violence through immediate intervention and long-term prevention strategies.

Section 4. The City of Aurora shall increase the number of clinicians and other personnel on the “Aurora Crisis Response Team (CRT)” to increase response ability to mental health calls.

Section 5. The City of Aurora shall address the public health and safety challenges created by the current encampments along our highways, in neighborhoods, and next to our businesses.

Section 6. Monthly updates on progress made toward each of the core strategies shall be presented by the appropriate departments/staff to the Public Safety Committee and quarterly updates made at a Study Session.

Section 7. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Section 8. Any reconsideration of this Resolution by the City Council of the City is hereby waived.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



PETER SCHULTE, Public Safety Client Group Manager