



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 021-041
DATE OF PASSAGE August 10, 2021

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 2-VI-4 of the Code of Ordinances

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City's cultural and historical heritage boards and commissions are an integral part of the local community:

WHEREAS, the City's cultural and historical heritage boards and commissions selflessly serve the community through the dedication of their time, talent and service, and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to codify all its cultural and historical heritage boards and commissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that Chapter 2, Article 2-VI-4 of the Code of Ordinances, shall be and hereby is amended to add sections 2-520 (African American Advisory Board); 2-525 (Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Commission); 2-530 (Hispanic Heritage Board); and 2-535 (Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board).

BE IT ORDAINED, that any prior resolutions and ordinances that are inconsistent or conflict with this resolution shall be and hereby be repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-041
LEGISTAR NO. 21-0537

PASSED AND APPROVED ON August 10, 2021

AYES 11 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 1

ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Llamas, Ward 1	absent
Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2	yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	yes
Alderman Donnell, Ward 4	yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	yes
Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Ward 7	yes
Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8	yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	yes
Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10	yes
Alderman Woerman, At Large	yes
Alderman Jenkins, At Large	yes

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor

1 Division 2-VI-4 Cultural and Historical Heritage Boards

2 Sec. 2- 520 African American Heritage Advisory Board

3 (a) Creation and Purpose. The African American Advisory Board is
4 hereby created for encouraging the education and preservation of
5 African/Black culture and history, the empowerment and upliftment
6 of the African/Black community through advocacy, education, and
7 engagement, to serve as a bridge between the African American/Black
8 community and all other communities within the City, and to
9 encourage civil engagement within the African American/Black
10 Community.

11 (b) Powers and Duties.

12 The Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the city and in
13 connection therewith shall:

14 (1) Organize or promote events recognizing African American
15 Heritage Month;

16 (2) Encourage the education, advocacy, and community
17 involvement of the City's Black/African American youth;

18 (3) Help promote a greater awareness and ongoing cross-
19 cultural understanding;

20 (4) To build higher levels of civic engagement between local
21 government entities and the Black/African American Community.

22 (5) To encourage or help provide opportunities for our current
23 Black/African American residents and businesses.

24 (6) To embrace the Black/African American community through
25 Board's/City's cultural and Socio-economic outreach efforts

26 (7) Help raise funds and/or promote scholarship to
27 financially assist Black/African American college-bound high
28 school seniors.

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30 (c) Membership.

31 The African American Advisory Board shall consist of thirteen (13)
32 members.

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1 Sec. 2-525 Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Commission

2 (a) Creation and Purpose. ed

3 The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Commission is
4 hereby created~~purpose of the grand army of the republic memorial~~
5 ~~commission will be~~ to preserve, maintain and improve the Grand
6 Army of the Republic Memorial Building and premises located in the
7 city and to maintain the traditions of the former Grand Army of
8 the Republic Organization and its members who served and defended
9 the Union cause during the Civil War.

10 (b) Members

11 The grand army of the republic memorial commission shall consist
12 of not more than nine (9) members, all of whom either live in the
13 city, work in the city, volunteer in the city, or are employed by
14 a business that serves city residents. Of the nine (9) members,
15 there shall be no more than twenty five percent (25) who are not
16 residents of the city. Each veteran association shall have the
17 option of recommending a representative to the mayor for membership
18 on the commission but in no event shall membership of veteran
19 associations exceed five (5) members on the commission.

20 ~~The members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor with~~
21 ~~the advice and consent of the city council, and they shall serve~~
22 ~~without compensation. At the first meeting of the commission, the~~
23 ~~commissioners shall draw lots to determine the three (3) to serve~~
24 ~~for one (1) year, the three (3) to serve two (2) years and the~~
25 ~~three (3) to serve three (3) years. As the term of each~~
26 ~~commissioner expires, his successor shall be appointed for a three-~~
27 ~~year term, provided that each commissioner shall serve until his~~
28 ~~successor is so appointed.~~

29 ~~The mayor in his discretion, may remove any member for~~
30 ~~incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office or whenever~~
31 ~~the best interests of the city and its citizens will be served by~~
32 ~~such removal. The mayor shall, within ten (10) days, report such~~
33 ~~removal, in writing, to the city council with the reasons therefor.~~

34 ~~Any vacancy in the commission, whether caused by the death,~~
35 ~~disability or removal of any member, or otherwise, shall be filled~~
36 ~~by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council for~~
37 ~~the balance of the unexpired term.~~

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39 (c) Officers

~~One (1) of the members of the grand army of the republic memorial commission shall be designated by the mayor at the time of appointment to be chairman of the commission. The chairman shall preside over meetings of the commission. The mayor shall at the time of appointment designate one (1) of the members as vice-chairman.~~

(cd) Meetings

~~The grand army of the republic memorial commission shall prepare and adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings and its work. A copy of the rules shall be filed with the city council.~~

~~Meetings shall be held at regularly scheduled times or at the call of the chairman. A record of all procedures and actions shall be kept and maintained by the commission. All meetings shall be open to the public.~~

~~A quorum shall consist of six (6) members. Transaction of business shall be made by a majority vote of those members in attendance while a quorum is present, except in the case where rules are being adopted, modified or rescinded, and then an affirmative vote of six (6) members shall be required.~~

~~Members shall be automatically dismissed from the commission upon failing to attend at least two thirds of all meetings held during a one year period.~~

~~(e) Purpose~~

~~The purpose of the grand army of the republic memorial commission will be to preserve, maintain and improve the grand army of the republic memorial building and premises located in the city.~~

(df) Functions

The ~~G~~rand ~~A~~army of the ~~R~~epublic ~~M~~emorial ~~C~~ommission may:

(1) Perform any and all functions which will foster the preservation and maintenance of the G.A.R. building and museum and the curatorial care of the contents therein.

(2) Solicit and receive funds from federal, state and private sources for deposit in a separate account of the city to be referred to as the G.A.R. fund, which funds shall only be loaned or expended by the commission with approval of the city purchasing

1 agent subject to all of the applicable city ordinances and the
2 statutes. In the event the commission shall be dissolved, then any
3 amounts remaining in the fund shall be applied by the city council
4 to further the purposes of this division.

5 (3) Engage in mutual cooperation with other city departments
6 and commissions or with any other group or association on matters
7 affecting the improvement, curatorial care, maintenance or
8 preservation of the premises and the contents therein.

9 (4) Make the premises open to the public and, so far as
10 possible, to provide meeting space for the various veteran and
11 historical groups or associations.

12 (5) Make recommendations and suggestions to the mayor and
13 city council for that which is important for the proper
14 preservation and maintenance of the premises.

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16 (eg) Appointment Of Operating Custodian

17 The mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council may
18 also appoint a part-time custodian whose duties will include
19 general maintenance of the premises. The custodian is entitled to
20 the salary established by resolution. He is also entitled to
21 hospitalization and insurance benefits. The operating custodian
22 shall report to the mayor.

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24 **Sec 2-530 Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board**

25 (a) Creation and Purpose.

26 The Hispanic Heritage Board is hereby created to encourage the
27 education and preservation of Hispanic culture and history, to
28 serve as a bridge between the Hispanic community and all other
29 communities within the City, and to encourage civil engagement
30 within the Hispanic Community.

31 (b) Duties.

32 The Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the city and in
33 connection therewith shall:

34 (1) Organize or promote events recognizing Hispanic Heritage
35 Month;

1 (2) Encourage the education, advocacy, and community
2 involvement of the City's Hispanic youth;

3 (3) Help promote a greater awareness and ongoing cross-
4 cultural understanding;

5 (4) To build higher levels of civic engagement between local
6 government entities and the Hispanic Community.

7 (5) To encourage or help provide opportunities for our current
8 Hispanic residents and businesses.

9 (6) To embrace the Hispanic American community through
10 Board's/City's cultural and Socio-economic outreach efforts

11 (7) Help raise funds and/or promote scholarship to
12 financially assist Hispanic college-bound high school seniors.

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14 (c) Membership.

15 The Hispanic Heritage Board shall consist of thirteen (13) members.

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18 **Sec 2-535 Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board**

19 (a) Creation and Purpose.

20 The Indian American Heritage Board is hereby created to promote,
21 encourage, educate and preserve Indian culture and history, to
22 serve as a bridge between the Indian community and all other
23 communities within the City, and to encourage civil engagement
24 within the Indian American Community.

25 (b) Duties.

26 The Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the city and in
27 connection therewith shall:

28 (1) Organize or promote Diwali events or other
29 events/activities related to Indian American Heritage;

30 (2) Encourage the education, advocacy, and community
31 involvement of the City's Indian American youth;

32 (3) Help promote a greater awareness and ongoing cross-
33 cultural understanding through Arts and cultural
34 events/activities;

1 (4) To build higher levels of civic engagement between local
2 government entities and the Indian American Community.

3 (5) To encourage or help provide opportunities for our current
4 Indian American residents and businesses in local and
5 international economic development efforts.

6 (6) To embrace the Indian American community through
7 Board's/City's cultural and Socio-economic outreach efforts
8 (including welcoming exchange students, visiting dignitaries,
9 cultural events, Public Awareness Civic Education, etc.)

10 (7) Help raise funds and/or promote scholarship to
11 financially assist Asian-Indian American college-bound high school
12 seniors who have demonstrated exemplary community service to
13 further their education in a field of their choice through Swami
14 Vivekananda Scholarship Fund.

15 (c) Membership.

16 The Indian American Advisory Board shall consist of thirteen (13)
17 members.