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Aurora meeting on data center moratorium delayed

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Aurora's mayor delayed a vote on an indefinite data center moratorium, which was scheduled to happen in a special Aurora City Council meeting Monday night.

Two councilmembers were unable to attend the meeting, so Mayor Mike Coffman rescheduled the vote to the next regular meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 26.

"Without their votes, the passage of an indefinite data center moratorium is unlikely," Coffman wrote in a Facebook post Monday morning.

He did not specify which councilmembers were unable to attend the meeting.

Coffman initially called for a special meeting on Thursday, saying the council would meet Monday to vote on a proposal from Councilmember Amy Wiles to establish an indefinite moratorium on accepting any new data center applications in Aurora.

The moratorium would not affect the Trident Data Center application, since it has already been submitted.

"We cannot be blindsided by another Trident Data Center disaster that is unacceptably close to surrounding residential areas," he wrote in both the initial post announcing the meeting and Monday's post delaying it. "We must take a pause to prevent any further requests for data center applications until we have the right policies in place."

In an Aug. 10 City Council meeting, the council voted down a data center moratorium, with opposition from Coffman and Councilmembers Rob Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock and Angela Lawson.

Coffman told The Denver Gazette he voted against the first moratorium because it had a fixed time frame of six months, whereas the new moratorium is indefinite.

Aurora needs to pause on taking applications until the city can update its regulations, he said.

The mayor's special meeting announcement comes shortly after Andrews said he has "on good authority" that the developer is looking for new locations in Aurora for the Trident Data Center.

Trident is the latest project by Vantage Data Centers, which has 30 data centers in 12 countries. The company submitted the application for Trident to the city on Aug. 25, 2025.

Vantage did not respond to The Denver Gazette's request for confirmation that it is looking at alternative sites. Residents of the surrounding area said they are skeptical and want to see confirmation in writing from the company.