

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:06 PM by means of the Zoom video conferencing web application.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Anders.

Mayor Anders called the meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL.**

The following Councilpersons were present: Tommy Dawson, Steven Dixon, Kelley Griswold, Jay Hovey, Bob Parsons, Brett Smith, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten, and Mayor Ron Anders, Jr. Absent: None. Also present was City Manager Crouch.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Mayor Anders invited all present to stand and join the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and in observing a moment of silence after the Pledge.

4. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS.** Mayor Anders.

- a. Employee of the Month and Service Awards.  
Video presentations.

A video was shown to recognize the employee service awards for March 2021.

**Employee of the Month**

Clint Saggus	Engineering Services
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**Service Awards**

Derek Johns	Public Safety – Police Division	5 years
James Jones	Public Safety – Police Division	5 years
Marc Thomas	Public Safety – Police Division	5 years
Pam Owen	Parks & Recreation	5 years
Jonathan Taunton	Public Safety – Fire Division	20 years
Monetta Beamon	Public Works	20 years

- b. Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Anders stated that at the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held the Council approved the minutes from the February 16 Committee of the Whole meeting, nominated individuals to the Commercial Development Authority and discussed changing the agenda to allow for Councilmembers to respond to citizen comments.

- c. Announcements.

Mayor Anders stated the following:

- Congratulations to the AHS basketball teams for making it to the Final 4 in the State Championship.
- He is excited for Keith Etheredge’s hire as the new AHS football coach.
- He attended the Capitol on the Plains event at AU.
- He signed a proclamation for National Eating Disorders Month and thanked Reeder Dulaney for advocating for those with eating disorders.
- He had dinner with AU SGA incoming officers.
- He is proud of the partnership regarding the COVID-19 vaccination clinic.
- Auburn was ranked No. 6 on Site Selection magazine’s list of metros that added the most economic development projects in 2020.

Councilperson Parsons extended thoughts and prayers for Police Officer Justin Sanders and family as he undergoes another surgery for injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Councilperson Taylor said she and other community members are sponsoring a new Scout Troop called YFABS (Young Female Achiever Believer Scouts) and said they are looking for volunteers.

4. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (cont).**

Councilperson Smith said he held a ward meeting over Zoom on Monday, March 1 and thanked Public Affairs Neighborhood Specialist Allison Blankenship and Chief Information Officer Greg Nelson for their support in hosting the meeting.

Councilperson Dawson thanked Mr. Parsons for remembering Justin and paid tribute to the tornado victims in Beauregard, Former Police Chief Frank DeGraffenreid and Auburn University student Lauren Burke on the anniversaries of their passing.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Director of City Relations Abby Ronson updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

6. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

None.

7. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** City Manager Crouch.

- a. Board announcements. Historic Preservation Commission. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin April 21, 2021 and end April 20, 2024. Appointment April 6, 2021.

City Manager Crouch announced two vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission. She said the appointments would be made at the April 6 City Council meeting.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

City Manager Crouch asked if any items should be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Councilperson Dawson asked that item 8d(1) be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Witten moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted.

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda items adopted.

- a. Minutes. February 16, 2021. **Approved**
- b. Commendation. Auburn High School Wrestling Team. Alabama High School Athletic Association Girls Wrestling Championship. Resolution No. **Resolution No. 21-046**
- c. Authorize temporary street closings, Gay Street Parking Lot closings, and Invocation of Entertainment District. Auburn University, Auburn University SGA, Auburn City Schools, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association, Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau and Auburn Arts Association. 2021 community events. **Resolution No. 21-047**
- d. Contracts and agreements.
  - (1) Alabama Department of Transportation. Traffic signal operation and maintenance agreement. Traffic signal to be located at the intersection of South College Street (AL 15/US 29) and Shell Toomer Parkway (CR 674).

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (2) Ryan Public Safety Systems. Annual renewal of customer support fee associated with the 911 Call Handling System. **Resolution No. 21-049**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (cont).**

- (3) Alabama Historical Commission. Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Agreement. Auburn Historic Preservation Commission Annual Training.  
**Resolution No. 21-050**
- e. Accept warranty deed and approve compensation of \$3,500. Estate of Bennie G. Adkins, Mary Ann Black, William Keith Adkins and Michael David Adkins. Property located at 416 South Gay Street. Project No. STPOA-4116 (250) Resurfacing, Widening, Traffic Signals and Drainage Improvements on College Street, Samford Avenue, Gay Street and Reese Avenue. **Resolution No. 21-051**
- f. Board appointments. Commercial Development Authority. Two (2) positions. Terms begin March 16, 2021 and end March 15, 2025. **Resolution No. 21-052**
- d. Contracts and agreements.
  - (1) Alabama Department of Transportation. Traffic signal operation and maintenance agreement. Traffic signal to be located at the intersection of South College Street (AL 15/US 29) and Shell Toomer Parkway (CR 674).

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with the Alabama Department of Transportation a traffic signal to be located at the intersection of South College Street and Shell Toomer Parkway.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.  
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion.

Councilperson Dawson asked when the traffic light will be operational.

City Engineer Alison Frazier said it will likely be 6 months.

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all members voted aye.  
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.  
**Resolution No. 21-048**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

None.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

None.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

None.

13.     **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager