The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:05 PM in the Council Chamber of the Auburn Public Safety Building at 141 North Ross Street.

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.

City Manager Crouch said a video recognizing July service awards would be shown at the next meeting due to technical difficulties.

Employee of the Month and Service Awards.
 Video presentation.

Employee of the Month

Logan Kipp	Planning
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Service Awards

Mike Weaver	Water Resource Management	5 years
Chris Griffin	Information Technology	10 years
Kami Evans	Finance	15 years
Joe Eckhardt	Water Resource Management	15 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 July 7 Committee of the Whole meeting, nominated individuals to serve on the Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority and discussed parking issues at Auburn High School.

c. Announcements.

Mayor Anders stated the following:

- The Big 10 Mayors met in Mobile last week.
- The Fireworks were spectacular and he thanked all involved with organizing the event.
- The Neighborhood Conference will be held on August 21, 2021.
- He thanked city staff for producing the PAFR document and said it is available for pickup at City Hall.
- He read a letter from Orange Beach Fire Chief Michael Kimmerling thanking the City for sending help during Hurricane Sally.
- The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lee County will host its Great Futures Gala July 29, 2021.
- Auburn2040 kickoff is July 8, 2021.

Councilperson Taylor thanked all for attending the Juneteenth celebration and thanked those involved with organizing the event.

5. AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.

AU SGA Director of City Relations Anna Coker updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

6. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Chris Cyr (330 Lightness Drive) asked the Council to give residents more time to read the development agreement in item 8d(9) before voting on it.

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

City Manager Crouch said item 8b(2) has a change in the heading of Section 22-51 that should read, "Parking time limits and meter/pay station, lease costs."

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Councilperson Griswold asked to remove items 8d(5) and 8d(9) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted. Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda items adopted.

- a. Minutes. June 15, 2021. APPROVED
- Tax abatement. Seohan Auto USA Corporation. Auburn Technology Park West.
 Resolution No. 21-114
- c. Authorize temporary street closings. Pine Hill Lantern Tour. October 14 and 15, 2021, 6 p.m. 9 p.m. **Resolution No.** <u>21-115</u>
- d. Contracts and agreements.
 - (1) Inline Electric Supply, Inc. Purchase nine (9) traffic signal mast arm poles. Project No. STPOA-4116(250) Resurfacing, Widening, Traffic Signals, and Drainage Improvements on South College Street, Samford Avenue, and Gay Street from South of Garden Drive to Miller Avenue. \$182,841.

 Resolution No. 21-116
 - (2) Tyler Technologies. Authorize three-year contract renewal for maintenance of City's financial management software. \$106,244.11.
 Resolution No. 21-117
 - (3) C Spire Business. Purchase three years of Cisco Secure Email cloud gateway service. \$17,520. **Resolution No. 21-118**
 - (4) Projility, Inc. Professional services in support of the City's project management software. \$35,000. **Resolution No.** <u>21-119</u>
 - (5) University Ace Hardware. Purchase one (1) Exmark mower for the Soccer Complex. \$34,604.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- Dell Marketing L. P. Purchase twelve (12) Dell Latitude 5420 Laptops with auto adapters. Public Safety Police Division. \$24,805.92.
 Resolution No. <u>21-121</u>
- (7) Green Pond Volunteer Fire Department. Declare one (1) 2010 KME Custom Pumper as surplus property, and authorize the sale of the vehicle. Resolution No. 21-122

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (Cont).

- (8) CSX Transportation, Inc. Facility Encroachment Agreement for the construction of the Highway 14 Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement Project. \$57,681. **Resolution No. 21-123**
- (9) Edgar Hughston Builder, Inc. Development Agreement. Plainsman Lake.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- e. Board appointments. Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin July 19, 2021 and end July 18, 2027.
 - Resolution No. 21-124 (Marlene Bowman, Nancy Davis, Thomas Sparrow)
- d. Contracts and agreements.
 - (5) University Ace Hardware. Purchase one (1) Exmark mower for the Soccer Complex. \$34,604.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the purchase of an Exmark mower to be used at the Soccer Complex.

Councilperson Griswold asked if there is a reason to prefer the diesel engine over the gas powered one. He said the gas powered one with similar capabilities is much cheaper.

Parks & Recreation Director Becky Richardson explained why the mower was chosen and answered question about the pending purchase and the condition of the soccer fields.

The Council discussed the purchase.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion and the following members voted aye: Dawson, Dixon, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: Griswold. Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 21-120

(9) Edgar Hughston Builder, Inc. Development Agreement. Plainsman Lake.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a development agreement with Edgar Hughston Builder, Inc.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted. Councilperson Witten seconded.

The Council discussed the development and asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch, Engineering Services Director Alison Frazier, Executive Director of Development Services Scott Cummings and Acting Planning Director Katie Robison answered the questions.

Councilperson Griswold moved to postpone the item until July 20 to allow residents to have more time to weigh-in on the agreement.

Councilperson Witten seconded and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the item postponed until the July 20, 2021 meeting.

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Zoning Ordinance amendments. Article II, Definitions (Section 203 – Definitions) and Article V, Detailed Use Regulations (Section 511.04 – Detailed Use Regulations: Home Occupations). Supplemental regulations governing short-term rentals. Planning Commission recommendation. SECOND READING. Public hearing required.

Councilperson Dixon left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Article II, Definitions and Article V, Detailed Use Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. She added that it was the second reading and a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Witten moved that the ordinance be adopted.

Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) asked the Council to reverse the Short-term Rental Ordinance altogether and asked that it not accept the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

Joshua Poole (334 Hickorywoods Drive) asked the Council to reverse the Short-term Rental Ordinance.

There being no further comments from the audience, Mayor Anders closed the public hearing.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: Smith.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 3309

Councilperson Dixon returned to the meeting at 7:56 PM.

b. Amend city code. Chapter 22, Article II. Wright Street Parking Deck fees. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Chapter 22, Article II of the City Code.

Councilperson Hovey introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilperson Hovey moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders asked if there was an objection to the ordinance being considered on its first reading.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

The Council asked questions about the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Dixon asked to amend Section 22-46, adding Juneteenth to the list of parking holidays.

Councilperson Griswold seconded and the following members voted aye: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders.

9. **ORDINANCES.**

Mayor Anders said the amendment passed and the ordinance would be voted on as amended.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 3310

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Michael Halperin (913 Seay Circle) spoke about the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mike Friedman (1113 Eagle Circle) spoke about the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Joshua Lewis (1106 Stage Road) spoke about Executive Order 13985.

Christine Baugh (130 East University Drive, H106 & 160 Lee Road 817, Auburn, AL) spoke about Executive Order 13985 and asked when Boykin Community Center Gym will reopen to the public for basketball free play.

John Andrew Harris (311 East Avenue, Opelika) spoke about Presidential Executive Order 13985.

John Pudner (561 Shelton Lane) asked that Boykin Community Center Gym reopen to the public as soon as possible.

Lemuel Fitch (311 Williams Avenue) spoke about the development of Auburn as it impacts his community.

John Parish (102 Carolina Court) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Amirah Mahrous Hurst (2023 Janabrooke Lane) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Nick Waters (128 Kimberly Drive) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Linda Dean (474 Scott Street) spoke about Councilperson Dixon.

Jonathan Shoff (902 Cutler Ridge Court, Opelika) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Joshua Poole (334 Hickorywoods Drive) spoke about Short Term Rentals.

Councilperson Taylor asked about Executive Order 13985.

City Manager Crouch spoke to the American Rescue Plan, and that the City was still awaiting final guidelines from the Federal Government on how the money may be spent.

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13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Hovey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Smith seconded the motion, and all members voted The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.	d aye.
ATTEST:	Mayor
City Manager	