

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 7:00 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.

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

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

Employee of the Month		
Derek May	Water Resource Management	
Service Awards		
Justin Arwood	Water Resource Management	5 years
Shantrie Collins	Library	5 years
Dustin Murphy	Water Resource Management	5 years
Andrew White	Public Safety – Fire Division	5 years
Brett Wiersma	Judicial	5 years
Brian Bissonnette	Environmental Services	10 years
Thomas Causland	Public Safety – Police Division	10 years
Josh Mixon	Public Safety – Police Division	10 year
Anthony Cain	Public Safety – Fire Division	15 years
Erika Sprouse	Finance	15 years
Andrew Adams	Library	20 years
Heidi Lowery	Finance	20 years
Retirees		
Joe Lovvorn	Public Safety – Fire Division	20 years
Brenda McManus	Judicial	16 years
James Vickers	Public Safety – Police Division	17 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 20 Committee of the Whole meeting.

- c. Announcements.

Mayor Anders stated the following:

- Announced several upcoming events
- Announced a new data center opening in Auburn

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

- Thanked the Public Safety Department for how it recently handled an event in a neighborhood
- He said school starts back August 10 and encouraged all to plan well for the first few weeks of school
- He addressed members of the audience who were in attendance to protest the Auburn City School Board's mask mandate and reminded them that the City Council has no authority over the school board and its only role is to appoint members

Councilperson Griswold thanked Auburn University Facilitates and Landscaping for the improvements to the university-owned properties along North College Street which have enhanced one of the city's major gateways.

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.**

None.

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

- a. Board announcement. Lee County Youth Development Center. One (1) vacancy. Appointment September 7, 2021.

City Manager Crouch announced one vacancy on the Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors and said the appointment would be made at the September 7, 2021 City Council meeting.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Dixon 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. July 20, 2021. **APPROVED**
- b. Alcohol beverage licenses.
 - (1) Bowden Group, LLC d/b/a Auburn Candle Company. 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 – Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) alcohol beverage licenses. Property located at 147 North College Street. **APPROVED**
 - (2) HK 51, LLC d/b/a The Goal Post. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) alcohol beverage licenses. Property located at 190 North Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**
 - (3) HK 51, LLC d/b/a The Goal Post. Transfer a 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) alcohol beverage license. Property located at 190 North Donahue Drive, Suite B. **APPROVED**

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

c. Concurrences. Industrial Development Board.

- (1) Industrial Development Board. Secure financing for improvements to board-owned facility. 2175 Pumphrey Avenue. Auburn Industrial Park. **RESOLUTION No. 21-150**
- (2) WPM Holdings, LLC (Wheel Pros Manufacturing). Provide package of incentives for expansion. 979 West Veterans Boulevard. Auburn Technology Park North. **RESOLUTION No. 21-151**

d. Rebuild Alabama Act. Adopt transportation plan. **APPROVED**

e. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) Dell Marketing LP C/O Dell USA LP. Extend support on two Dell Data Protection 4400 appliances. \$27,010.76. **RESOLUTION No. 21-152**
- (2) Hudmon Construction Co., Inc. Farmville Road Culvert Replacement Project additional expenditures. \$44,768.28. **RESOLUTION No. 21-153**
- (3) Hudmon Construction Co., Inc. Ogletree Road Culvert Replacement Project additional expenditures. \$140,793.02. **RESOLUTION No. 21-154**
- (4) J.A. Lett Construction Company, Inc. Emergency repair to the City Meeting Room. \$42,437. **RESOLUTION No. 21-155**
- (5) Machen McChesney. Annual independent audit. \$87,300. **RESOLUTION No. 21-156**
- (6) Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy. Basic law enforcement training. Five (5) police officers. \$16,000. **RESOLUTION No. 21-157**
- (7) Tallapoosa River Electric Cooperative. Installation of primary underground power. Fire Station 6 Project. \$26,617.51. **RESOLUTION No. 21-158**

f. Easements and rights-of-way.

- (1) Glenn Property Revocable Trust. Accept various sanitary sewer easements. Property located at 105 Prather's Lake Drive. **RESOLUTION No. 21-159**
- (2) Bridgewater at Cary Creek, LLC. Accept various drainage and utility easements and rights-of-way. Property located south of Cary Creek Parkway and the terminus of Turing Lane. **RESOLUTION No. 21-160**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. General Obligation Warrants. Authorize the issuance of the City's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021-A (\$17,915,000), and Taxable General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021-B (\$26,825,000), to finance the construction of public school improvements and the call of certain outstanding obligations of the City for redemption. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the issuance of the City's General Obligation Warrants.

Frazer Lanier Company representative John Mazyck said the bond agencies were very complimentary of Auburn and its staff. He added that the city received AA+ ratings, which is the second to highest rating awarded.

9. ORDINANCES (cont).

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

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

Councilperson Witten moved that the ordinance be adopted.

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 3321

10. RESOLUTIONS.

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Auburn City School Board's mask mandate:

- Veselin Ruychev (662 Anders Court)
- Brian Mitchell (1130 Fieldcrest Lane)
- Stephanie Felintin (935 Falconer Drive)
- Jonathan Parish (102 Carolina Court)
- Angela Perry (1060 Northpointe Circle)
- Misty Rains (1431 Mosswood Place)
- Steffani Bryant (1703 Post Oak Court)
- Joel Bryant (1065 Annalue Drive)
- Melisa Montgomery (633 West Lane)
- Ann Spencer (918 Falconer Drive)
- Brenden Bryant (1703 Post Oak Court)
- Andrea Tobin (1123 Northwood Drive)
- Jorge Ponce (1645 Crescent Boulevard)
- Rebecca Walker Jones (Opelika, AL - address not given)
- Leann Pinkard (6685 County Road 53, Notasulga, AL)
- Emily Elliott (1473 Annalue Drive)
- Tracy Richard (1690 Covington Ridge)
- Ana Muldoon (2042 Mohican Drive)
- Samuel Stockman (1308 Hampton Drive)
- Stephen Smith (807 Socopatoy Court)

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) spoke about communications from his Auburn 2040 committee assignment.

Michael Halperin (913 Seay Circle) spoke in favor of vaccines.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Dixon moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager