The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 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.

Mayor Anders presented Alabama Teacher of the Year Kim Johnson with a resolution, bouquet of flowers and key to the city to honor her achievement.

a. Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Anders stated that at the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held the Council approved the minutes from the August 3 Committee of the Whole meeting.

b. Announcements.

Mayor Anders stated the following:

- GE Aviation recently produced its 100,000th fuel nozzle.
- Auburn Beautification Council celebrated its 50th year in the community.
- Alabama League of Municipalities hosted a luncheon with Congressman Mike Rogers.
- The Auburn Honors College welcomed new members and he was able to speak to the group.
- Auburn 2040 has been paused due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.

Mayor Anders asked City Manager Crouch to discuss the traffic concerns on Richland Road.

City Manager Crouch spoke about the traffic congestion and asked Police Chief Cedric Anderson to provide an update to the Council.

Chief Anderson provided an update on the traffic congestion and provided information on how the police division plans to manage it.

Councilperson Taylor said the traffic light on Drake Avenue at North College Street is only timed to allow a few cars to cross the intersection at a time.

City Manager Crouch said the city engineer will look into the timing of the light.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Assistant Vice President of External Affairs 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.

City Manager Crouch reminded the Council that minor revisions were made to the minutes and Item 9a.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Taylor asked to remove items 8d and 8e(1).

Councilperson Hovey asked to remove item 8b.

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

a. Minutes. August 3, 2021. **APPROVED**

b. Commendation. 2021 – 2022 Alabama Teacher of the Year. Kimberly Christian Johnson.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

c. Tax abatements. AUBix, LLC. 1571 West Samford Avenue. Auburn Industrial Park. **Resolution No. 21-162**

d. Declare city holiday. Juneteenth.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

e. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Foresite Group, LLC. Add Service No. 1 for additional services. Martin Luther King Drive Streetscape Project. $37,700.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) Otto Environmental Systems (AZ), LLC. Purchase 560 ninety-five gallon roll-out carts. $35,894.60. **Resolution No. 21-165**

f. Easements and rights-of-way.

(1) Dilworth Development. Accept various easements and rights-of-way. Yarbrough Farms, Oakmont, Phase 1. Property located at the eastern terminus of Andrews Avenue. **Resolution No. 21-166**

(2) Brett Basquin on behalf of Clayton Properties Group, Inc. and Deborah and John Mitchell. Accept right-of-way. Mitchell/Clayton Lands. Property located at the eastern terminus of Mimms Trail. **Resolution No. 21-167**

b. Commendation. 2021 – 2022 Alabama Teacher of the Year. Kimberly Christian Johnson.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution commends Mrs. Kimberly Johnson for being awarded the Alabama Teacher of the Year designation.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

Councilperson Hovey said he wanted to celebrate Mrs. Johnson's achievement and the school system's excellent service to the citizens of Auburn.

Councilperson Witten said she is proud that Mrs. Johnson works at the school her children attend.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 21-161

d. Declare city holiday. Juneteenth.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution declares June 19 a city holiday to commemorate Juneteenth.

Councilperson Taylor asked if this was for city employees.

City Manager Crouch said it applies to city employees and city facilities except for essential personnel that will work on the holiday. She added that those employees will earn holiday pay for working that day.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 21-163

e. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Foresite Group, LLC. Add Service No. 1 for additional services. Martin Luther King Drive Streetscape Project. $37,700.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute Add Service No. 1 for additional services for the Martin Luther King Drive Streetscape Project.

Councilperson Taylor asked what additional services are needed.

City Manager Crouch said these are infrastructure items that were not part of the original contract.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Smith seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 21-164

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Amend City Code. Adopt 2021 Editions of International Building Code and International Fire Code. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance adopts the 2021 Editions of the International Building Code and International Fire Code. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Dixon introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Dixon moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders denied unanimous consent.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

City Manager Crouch noted that this ordinance has now had its first reading and the public hearing will be held at the next City Council meeting.

b. Traffic control signs and devices. Establish one (1) stop sign in Bridle Creek Estates. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes one stop sign in Bridle Creek Estates.

Councilperson Parsons introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Parsons moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilperson Dixon 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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3322

c. Zoning. Brett Basquin on behalf of David Speake. Rezone approximately 3.56 acres from Neighborhood Conservation (NC-12) to Corridor Redevelopment District – East (CRD-E). Property located at 1027 East Glenn Avenue. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 3.56 acres located at 1027 East Glenn Avenue. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Smith introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Smith moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilperson Witten 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.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten, Dawson, Dixon and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3323

d. Amend budget ordinance. Mid-biennium budget.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the mid-biennium budget.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Councilperson Witten introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Witten 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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten, Dawson, Dixon, Griswold and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3324

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. Adopt the U.S Highway 280 Focus Area Study (Plan), including plan text amendments and Future Land Use Plan map amendments. Planning Commission recommendation. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution adopts the US Highway 280 Focus Area Study. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Smith moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be postponed to September 7, 2021.
Councilperson Griswold seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the item postponed.

b. Conditional use approvals. Planning Commission recommendations. Public hearings required.

(1) Jerome Anderson. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 403 Opelika Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a performance residential development. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Anders thanked Mr. Anderson for how he has used and improved this property.

City Manager Crouch said the city is appreciative of the project from a redevelopment perspective.

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
Resolution No. 21-168

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

(2) GB License, LLC. Commercial support use (warehouse). Property located at 2230 Pumphrey Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support use. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Smith moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
Resolution No. 21-169

(3) Parker Lewis on behalf of Etherial Jackson. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 814 North College Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a performance residential development. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
Resolution No. 21-170

(4) Brett Basquin on behalf of RPM Land Development, LLC. Extend conditional use approval for a performance residential development (multiple family development). Property located at 1397 North Dean Road. ArchCo North Dean Road – Extension of conditional use approval.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes an extension to a conditional use approval for a performance residential development. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
Resolution No. 21-171

(5) Brett Basquin on behalf of David Speake. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 1027 East Glenn Avenue.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a performance residential development. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilperson Hovey said he is excited about the project and asked about the setback.

Principal Planner Katie Robison said the setbacks meet the criteria.

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
Resolution No. 21-172

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12**.** **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

The following individuals spoke in favor of the Auburn City School Board's mask mandate:

- Warren Tidwell (1654 Piedmont Drive)
- Kate Finkel (1229 Hickory Lane)
- Susan Youngblood (729 N. Cary Drive)
- Michael Halperin (913 Seay Circle)
- Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111)
- Anton Disclafani (724 Pear Tree Road)
- Sarah Wolak (2527 Middlebrook Lane)
- Haruka Wada (1986 Sequoia Drive)
- Leah Billye Welburn (112 N Debardeleben St, Apt. 5)

Russell Goldfinger (524 N. Ross Street) invited the public to attend the Worship on the Lawn event on August 28 at 6:30 PM.

Eva Hardnett (859 Zellars Court) spoke about a property dispute with a neighbor.

Community Services Director Al Davis said the city is working with Ms. Hardnett and the neighbor to try to resolve the issue.

Arthur L. Dowdell, Sr. (618 Howard Street) spoke on Ms. Hardnett's behalf and asked for the city's help in resolving the dispute.

Mayor Anders provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged everyone to help slow the spread of the virus.

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.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager