

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:12 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 December 2021.

Employee of the Month		
Clarinda Jones	Human Resources	
Service Awards		
John Delaney	Inspection Services	5 years
Dwayne Guice	Public Safety – Police	5 years
Nikki Swinson	Public Safety – Police	5 years
Jeff Lee	Parks and Recreation	10 years
Shyrell Velez-White	Environmental Services	15 years
Tangee Floyd	Parks and Recreation	20 years
Tiffany Dawn Scott	Parks & Recreation	20 years
Retirees		
Linda J. Givens	Water Resource Management	
Michael Marshall	Public Works	

- 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 November 16 Committee of the Whole meeting, nominated individuals to the Cemetery Advisory Board and agreed to schedule a work session on December 16 regarding the proposed Old Samford Development and an airport runway expansion that will impact the Indian Pines Golf Course.

- c. Announcements.

Mayor Anders thanked various groups for hosting him over the last two weeks and provided a preview of the events he will attend in the coming days. He congratulated tech company, Tennibot, which has participated in the City’s incubator systems, on their recent receipt of investor funding and encouraged all to speak with their healthcare providers about the COVID-19 vaccines.

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

Councilperson Taylor thanked all the people who helped with the Thanksgiving meal at Boykin Community Center.

Councilperson Griswold said that as of October 31 Councilperson Dixon's lawsuit has cost the city \$37,065.31.

Councilperson Dixon responded to Mr. Griswold with a prepared statement.

Councilperson Dawson replied to Mr. Dixon's statement and thanked the City's staff for the hard work as another football season ends.

Councilperson Smith thanked the Gogue Center for hosting the community's production of the Nutcracker over the weekend.

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. Board of Zoning Adjustment. Two (2) vacancies. Terms being January 21, 2022 and ends January 20, 2025. Appointments January 4, 2022.

City Manager Crouch announced one vacancy on the Board of Zoning Adjustment. She added that the appointment will be made at the January 4, 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.

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

Councilperson Smith asked to remove items 8b.

Councilperson Parsons 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. November 16, 2021. APPROVED
- b. Waive residential trash collection fees. Designate Trash Amnesty 2022. March 14, 2022 – April 9, 2022.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- c. Tax abatements.
 - (1) GE Aviation. Tax abatement extension. 2400 Innovation Drive. Auburn Technology Park West. **RESOLUTION No. 21-263**
 - (2) WPM Holdings, LLC. Tax abatement extension. 979 West Veterans Boulevard. Auburn Technology Park North. **RESOLUTION No. 21-264**

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

d. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) Alabama Department of Transportation. Project No. STPOA-4116(250) Resurfacing, Widening, Traffic Signals, and Drainage Improvements on South College Street, Samford Avenue, Gay Street and Reese Avenue. Approve City match funding of \$3,009,413.22.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (2) Harris Security Systems, Inc. H.C. Morgan Water pollution Control Facility Security Camera Installation Project. \$34,847. **RESOLUTION No. 21-266**
- (3) Kronos Incorporated. Three-year contract renewal for time and attendance software. \$105,378.41. **RESOLUTION No. 21-267**
- (4) Southland Transportation Group. Purchase two (2) 2023 International HV607 SBA Cab and Chassis with Petersen Route Assist Loader and 26 cubic hardbox body. Environmental Services Department. \$421,725.08. **RESOLUTION No. 21-268**
- (5) Sutphen Corporation. Purchase one (1) Sutphen Heavy Duty Pumper Truck. \$538,175.80. **RESOLUTION No. 21-269**

- e. Easements. SMB Land, LLC. Accept drainage easement. Property located south of the Camden Ridge Subdivision, along the extension of Scarsboro Lane. **RESOLUTION No. 21-270**
- f. Board appointments. Cemetery Advisory Board. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2025. **RESOLUTION No. 21-271 (Gwen Reid and Shannon Walden)**
- b. Waive residential trash collection fees. Designate Trash Amnesty 2022. March 14, 2022 – April 9, 2022.

City Manager Crouch said this item waives residential trash collection fees from March 14 – April 9, 2022.

Councilperson Smith said he pulled this item from the consent agenda to emphasize that citizens should utilize the waiver of these fees.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Witten seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 21-262

d. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) Alabama Department of Transportation. Project No. STPOA-4116(250) Resurfacing, Widening, Traffic Signals, and Drainage Improvements on South College Street, Samford Avenue, Gay Street and Reese Avenue. Approve City match funding of \$3,009,413.22.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves City match funding for ALDOT Project No. STPOA-4116(250) Resurfacing, Widening, Traffic Signals, and Drainage Improvements on South College Street, Samford Avenue, Gay Street and Reese Avenue.

Councilperson Taylor said she pulled this item from the consent agenda to ask for an explanation for the public.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (cont).

City Manager Crouch and Engineering Services Director Frazier spoke about the project.

Councilperson Parsons said residents in the area have expressed concerns about existing drainage issues and the impact of the project on those issues.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Witten seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 21-265

9. ORDINANCES.

- a. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments. Miscellaneous clean-up. Planning Commission recommendations. Public hearing required. SECOND READING.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance makes miscellaneous text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Smith moved that the ordinance 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.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3347

- b. Franchise agreement renewal. Zayo Group, LLC. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance renews a franchise agreement with Zayo Group, LLC. She added that a public hearing was required.

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 Dawson 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: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3348

10. RESOLUTIONS.

None.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about short term rentals.

Mayor Anders and Councilperson Parsons responded to Mr. Wilkins.

The following individuals spoke about redistricting:

- Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111)
- Laticia Khalif (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane)
- Bill Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)
- Tabitha Isner (4349 White Acres Road, Montgomery, AL)
- Elizabeth Hill (274 Bragg Avenue)
- Joshua Lewis (1106 Stage Road)
- Warren Tidwell (1654 Piedmont Drive)
- Kim White (228 Conrey Drive)
- Dr. Joanna Abram (206 Timberdale Court)

Councilperson Taylor asked questions about redistricting.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager