

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 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: Steven Dixon, Kelley Griswold, Jay Hovey, Bob Parsons, Brett Smith, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders, Jr. Absent: Tommy Dawson. 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 January 2022.

| Employee of the Month | | |
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| Allison Blankenship | Office of the City Manager | |
| Service Awards | | |
| Christian Colmenares | Parks and Recreation | 5 years |
| Brandon Dillard | Police | 5 years |
| Damion Barry | Police | 5 years |
| Reggie Dunn | Parks and Recreation | 10 years |
| Eddie James | Water Resource Management | 10 years |
| Sara Hand Custer | Parks and Recreation | 15 years |
| Wiley Mauldin | Police | 15 years |
| Josh Holley | Fire | 15 years |
| David Dorton | Office of the City Manager | 20 years |
| David Dean | Engineering Services | 20 years |
| Alison Frazier | Engineering Services | 25 years |
| Scott Webster | Police | 25 years |
| Gina McCrickard | Engineering Services | 30 years |
| Cedric Anderson | Police | 30 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 December 21 Committee of the Whole meeting and nominated individuals to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

- c. Announcements.

Mayor Anders invited all to attend the Polar Plunge on January 29, announced that former AHS football player DeMarcus Ware has been nominated to the NFL Hall of Fame, welcomed the

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

current class of Leadership Lee County to the meeting and announced that Auburn 2040 will be postponed until after the municipal election in August.

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.**

The following individuals spoke about redistricting:

- Warren Tidwell (1654 Piedmont Drive)
- Carolyn Carr (342 Payne Street)
- Bill Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)

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

- a. Rebuild Alabama Act. Report on expenditures.

City Manager Crouch reported on expenditures as required by the Rebuild Alabama Act (a copy is attached to the minutes).

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 item 8c from the consent agenda.

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. December 21, 2021. **APPROVED**
- b. Commendation. Auburn High School Girls Cross Country Team. 2021 State Championship. **Resolution No. 22-001**
- c. Change City Council meeting time. February 1, 2022, 5 p.m.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- d. Alcohol beverage license. 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 license. Property located at 166 North Gay Street, Suite 1. **APPROVED**
- e. Authorize grant submittal. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program. **Resolution No. 22-003**
- f. Contracts and agreements.
- (1) GameTime. Purchase playground equipment for Dinius Park. \$59,720.74. **Resolution No. 22-004**
- (2) Southern Software, Inc. Renewal of customer support fee (Alabama version) for the Case Management, Computer Automated Dispatch Systems, Narcotics Management System, and Mapping Display System. Police Department. \$18,949. **Resolution No. 22-005**

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

- g. Board appointment. Board of Zoning Adjustment. Two (2) vacancies, one to fill the supernumerary position. Terms begin January 21, 2022 and end January 20, 2025.
Resolution No. 22-006 (Marty Heffren and Mary Boyd (supernumerary))

- c. Change City Council meeting time. February 1, 2022, 5 p.m.

City Manager Crouch said this item changes the start time of the February 1 City Council meeting to 5 p.m.

Councilperson Taylor asked for an explanation for the time change for the public's information.

Mrs. Crouch explained that councilmembers had interest in changing the start time of the February 1 meeting to allow more time for an anticipated lengthy meeting.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-002

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Amend commercial development agreement. Little Acre Properties, LLC.
Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends a commercial development agreement with Little Acre Properties, LLC. She added that a public hearing was required.

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 opened the public hearing.

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

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 and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3354

- b. 2021 Redistricting Plan. Federal decennial census. Reapportion Council districts.
Public hearing required. Postponed from December 21, 2021.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance approves the 2021 Redistricting Plan. She added that the item was postponed at the December 21 City Council meeting and a public hearing was required.

The Council asked questions about the proposed plan.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Councilperson Witten motioned to postpone the item and public hearing until the January 18 City Council meeting.

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the item postponed until the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

None.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

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

The following individuals spoke about redistricting:

- Elizabeth Hill (274 Bragg Avenue)
- Kathy Molnar (280 Estate Drive)
- Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111)
- Bill Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)
- Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Street)
- Linda Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)

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 8:07 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager