

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 5:12 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 February 2022.

Employee of the Month

Zach Smith Inspection Services

Service Awards

Ashley Simpson	Community Services	15 years
Bart Rumsey	Fire	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 January 18 Committee of the Whole and agreed to discuss community art and noise mitigation efforts at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

- c. Announcements.

Mayor Anders said the Polar Plunge was held on Saturday, January 29 and said the Citizens Survey will be coming out soon.

Councilperson Taylor said she is hosting a Seniors Valentines Ball on February 12 at Boykin Center from 4-7 p.m.

Councilperson Witten said February is the City Manager's 1-year anniversary in the role and thanked her for her hard work.

Councilperson Griswold announced that February is Black History Month and encouraged all to embrace and enjoy it.

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.

None.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

- a. Street naming. Will Buechner Parkway.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution names the new Richland connector Will Beuchner Parkway.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 22-015

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Witten asked to remove item 8c(1) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Taylor asked to remove item 8c(4) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Smith 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. January 25, 2022. Special Called Meeting. **APPROVED**
February 1, 2022 **APPROVED**
- b. Tax abatement. Innotive Tech, Inc. 2458 West Tech Lane. Auburn Technology Park West. **Resolution No. 22-016**
- c. Contracts and agreements.
- (1) AstroTurf Corporation. Purchase AstroTurf for the Auburn Soccer Complex Expansion. \$1,751,515.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (2) Dixie Electric Cooperative. Service agreements for the new Environmental Services and Public Works Facility. \$58,855.73. **Resolution No. 22-018**
- (3) Evergreen Solutions, LLC. Compensation and classification study. \$58,500. **Resolution No. 22-019**
- (4) FAB II, LLC and James Road, LLC. Development agreement. Old Samford.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (5) General Maintenance Contractors. FY 22 Fiber Expansion Project. \$218,977.30. **Resolution No. 22-021**
- (6) Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. Purchase light fixtures for the Auburn Soccer Field Expansion Project. \$402,600. **Resolution No. 22-022**
- (7) Spire Alabama, Inc. Service agreement for the new Environmental Services and Public Works Facility. \$28,399. **Resolution No. 22-023**

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

- (8) Stivers Ford. Purchase one (1) dump truck. \$50,420. Parks and Recreation Department. **Resolution No. 22-024**

- d. Easements.
 - (1) Auburn City Board of Education. Accept a warranty deed. Property located at Lot 2 of McLaughlin Subdivision. Webster Road Connector Project. **Resolution No. 22-025**

 - (2) Helen B. Carlisle. Accept rights-of-way and various drainage and utility easements. Property located at the southeast corner of the Moores Mill Road and Samford Avenue intersection. Godfrey Subdivision, A Redivision of Lot 1. **Resolution No. 22-026**

 - (3) William T. and Mary D. Collier. Accept a temporary construction easement. Property located at 3870 Lee Road 137. New Environmental Services and Public Works Relocation Project. **Resolution No. 22-027**

 - (4) SMB Land, LLC. Accept rights-of-way and various drainage, utility, sanitary sewer, sidewalk, and other public easements. Property located on the north side of Wire Road, between Cox Road and the Auburn Soccer Complex. The Silos at Conway. **Resolution No. 22-028**

- c. Contracts and agreements.
 - (1) AstroTurf Corporation. Purchase AstroTurf for the Auburn Soccer Complex Expansion. \$1,751,515.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with AstroTurf Corporation.

Councilperson Witten thanked the City for making this a priority as it should help with the shortage of soccer fields.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-017

- (4) FAB II, LLC and James Road, LLC. Development agreement. Old Samford.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a development agreement with FAB II, LLC and James Road, LLC.

Councilperson Griswold commended the staff for working with the developer to negotiate an agreement that benefits the city including offsite infrastructure improvements.

Councilperson Hovey agreed.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Smith seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-020

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Annexation. Blake Rice on behalf of John and Sheri Todd. Approximately 4.83 acres. Property located northeast of the City of Auburn Soccer Complex. The Silos at Conway Annexation. Unanimous consent necessary.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 4.83 acres.

Councilperson Dawson introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilperson Dawson 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: Dawson, Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3358

b. Zoning. Planning Commission recommendations. Public hearings required.

- (1) Blake Rice on behalf of James Road, LLC and FAB II, LLC. Rezone approximately 679.4 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH). Property located south of Mrs. James Road and west of the Camden West Subdivision. Old Samford Rezoning Rural to Development District Housing. POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 679.4 acres from Rural to Development District Housing. She added that the item was postponed from the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting and 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 Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Blake Rice (authorized representative) spoke about the project and thanked the city staff for all the work.

Larry Brown (1728 Yarbrough Farms Boulevard) spoke in opposition to the project citing concerns that traffic in the area would increase.

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

The Council asked questions about the development.

Planning Director Steve Foote and Blake Rice answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons said he would not vote for the item because he supports the city's guiding documents, city staff and the Planning Commission.

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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Smith, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Parsons and Taylor.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3359

- (2) Blake Rice on behalf of James Road, LLC and FAB II, LLC. Application of the Planned Development District (PDD) designation on approximately 885.05 acres zoned Development District Housing (DDH). Property located south of Mrs. James Road and west of the Camden West subdivision. Old Samford Planned Development District. POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance applies the Planned Development Designation to approximately 885.05 acres zoned Development District Housing. She added that the item was postponed from the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting and 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 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.

Planning Director Steve Foote provided revised conditions to the ordinance.

Councilperson Smith moved to amend the ordinance with the revised conditions.

Councilperson Witten seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Griswold, Hovey, Smith, Witten, Dawson, Dixon and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Parsons and Taylor.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3359

- (3) Brett Basquin on behalf of PSM Alabama Holdings, LLC and TD Development, Inc. Amendment to the Hamilton Place Planned Development District (PDD). Property located at the northeast corner of Moores Mill Road and Hamilton Road. Hamilton Place PDD Amendment. POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the Hamilton Place Planned Development District. She added that the item was postponed from the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting and 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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the PDD Amendment:

- Kevin Wells (1115 Blackman Circle)
- Ernie Merritt (2492 Glenn Brooke Drive)
- Greg Justice (2580 Glenn Brooke Drive)
- Bob Greenhaw (2486 Glenn Brooke Drive)
- Andrew Price (2575 Glenn Brooke Drive)
- Gregory Forthofer (2547 Glenn Brooke Drive)
- Julie Moncrief (1122 Blackman Circle)

The following individuals spoke in favor of the project and provided information on the project:

- Brett Basquin (Foresite Group)
- Jay Toland (2264 Pam Circle)
- Bob Dibenedetto (2667 Danbury Drive)
- John Ed Mathison (address not given)

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

The Council asked questions about the project.

Councilperson Dawson left the meeting at 7:18 PM and returned at 7:22 PM.

City Manager Crouch and City Engineer Alison Frazier answered the questions.

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, Smith, Witten, Dixon and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Parsons, Taylor, Dawson and Griswold
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3360

- (4) Blake Rice on behalf of John and Sheri Todd. Rezone approximately 4.83 acres from Rural (R) to Limited Development District (LDD). The Silos at Conway Rezoning – Rural to Limited Development District.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 4.83 acres from Rural to Limited Development District. 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 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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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

Ordinance No. 3361

- (5) Blake Rice on behalf of John and Sheri Todd. Amend Ordinance 3252 (The Silos at Conway PDD) to add 4.83 acres. Property located northeast of the City of Auburn Soccer Complex. The Silos at Conway PDD Amendment.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends The Silos at Conway Planned Development District. 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 Dawson 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: Smith, Taylor, Witten, Dawson, Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3362

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Conditional use approval. Planning Commission recommendation. Brett Basquin on behalf of PSM Alabama Holdings and TD Development, Inc. Office uses and reclassification of a neighborhood shopping center to a community shopping center. Property located at 2449 Moores Mill Road. Hamilton Place – Office. Public hearing required. POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 21, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for the Hamilton Place – Office. She added that this item was postponed from the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting and 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.

Gregory Forthofer (2547 Glenn Brooke Drive) offered proposed conditions for the Council's consideration.

Ernie Merritt (2492 Glenn Brooke Drive) asked the staff to come up with conditions to protect the neighborhood.

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

10. RESOLUTIONS (cont).

Mayor Anders called for a vote and all the following members voted aye: Dixon, Hovey, Smith, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Dawson, Griswold, Parsons and Taylor.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 22-029

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Street naming. Will Buechner Parkway.

This item was considered prior to the consent agenda.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

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

Billy Allen (address not given) spoke about redistricting.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilperson Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager