

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 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, 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. Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Anders stated that at the Committee of the Whole previously held the Council approved the minutes from the June 21 Committee of the Whole meeting and nominated Jennifer Stephens to fill the Ward 4 council seat vacated by Brett Smith.

b. 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.

Councilperson Taylor thanked everyone for attending the Juneteenth celebration and thanked all the people that helped prepare for the event.

Councilperson Witten said she will continue hosting Ward 3 meetings over the next few weeks.

Councilperson Parsons thanked Ms. Taylor for spearheading the Juneteenth celebration and congratulated the Toomer's Corner sit in group for celebrating the two-year anniversary of daily peaceful protesting.

Councilperson Dawson offered thoughts and prayers to the Chambers County Sheriff's Department as it has lost a deputy in the line of duty.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Assistant Director of City Relations Judson Lisenby updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

6. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben, Apt. 5) spoke about using COVID relief funds for the homeless population in Auburn.

Dr. Carole Zugazaga (651 Woody Drive) spoke about using COVID relief funds for the homeless population in Auburn.

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

a. Board announcement. Greenspace Advisory Board. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin August 8, 2022 and end August 7, 2026. Appointment July 19, 2022.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Dixon 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. June 7, 2022. **APPROVED**
- b. Alcohol beverage license, 020 - Restaurant Retail Liquor. Styron Holdings, LLC d/b/a Ponko Chicken. 2111 South College Street, Suite C. **APPROVED**
- c. Contracts and agreements.
 - (1) 2022 Roadway and Capital Improvements Reimbursement. Allows for reimbursement of certain expenditures prior to financing. **Resolution No. 22-129**
 - (2) Auburn Game Day Law Enforcement Corporation and area law enforcement agencies. Supplemental law enforcement services. Auburn University sporting events. August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023. **Resolution No. 22-130**
 - (3) Auburn University. Supplemental law enforcement services. Auburn University sporting events. August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023. **Resolution No. 22-131**
 - (4) Barge Design Solutions. Task Order 31. Professional Consulting Engineering Services. Auburn University Sewer Sub-Basin – FY22 SSES Project. \$120,200. **Resolution No. 22-132**
 - (5) Barge Design Solutions. Task Order 32. Professional Consulting Engineering Services. North Auburn Sewer System – FY22 SSES Project. \$195,670. **Resolution No. 22-133**
 - (6) Smiths Station Fire & Rescue Authority. Purchase one (1) Osage Super Warrior Rescue Truck. \$90,000. **Resolution No. 22-134**
 - (7) South Dade Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Inc. d/b/a SDAC. Richland Road Sidewalk Project. \$249,106.76. **Resolution No. 22-135**
- d. Drainage and Utility Easements.
 - (1) Brandon Bolt on behalf of Bison Trust. Accept right-of-way and various drainage and utility easements. Property located on the north side of Martin Luther King Drive, east of Webster Road. Plainsman Subdivision. Connector Road Dedication. **Resolution No. 22-136**
 - (2) East Lake Homeowners' Association. Accept drainage and utility easement. Approve compensation of \$2,982. **Resolution No. 22-137**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Annexations. Unanimous consent necessary.

- (1) Tommie Thaxton. 2682 Lee Road 47 (Pierce Chapel Road). Approximately .977 acres.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 0.977 acres.

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.

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.

Councilperson Griswold said the report states that the property is located outside of the city's optimal boundary and that city staff recommends denying the request.

City Manager Crouch said that is correct.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance failed due to the tie vote.

- (2) Wyndol Lamar Smith. 250 Lee Road 008 (Cotton Valley Lane). Approximately 4.0 acres.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 0.977 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 Dixon seconded.

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, Taylor, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3384

- b. Amend mid-biennial budget. Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the mid-biennial 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 Dixon seconded.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3385

- c. FY2023 and FY2024 Biennial Budget. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance adopts the FY2023 and FY2024 Biennial Budget.

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.

Mayor Anders said he denies unanimous consent to allow more time for the community to review the budget. He said the second reading would be at the July 5, 2022 City Council meeting.

- d. Traffic control signs and devices. Establish three (3) stop signs and one (1) 25 MPH sign. Chapel Heights Subdivision. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes stop signs and a speed limit sign in Chapel Heights Subdivision.

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 Dixon seconded.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3386

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. City Council member. Ward 4. Seat vacated by Brett Smith. Appointment. Postponed from June 7, 2022.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution appoints Jennifer Stephens to the Ward 4 City Council seat vacated by Brett Smith.

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. 22-138

- b. Conditional use approval. Planning Commission recommendations. Public hearings required.

- (1) Hydro Engineering Solutions on behalf of Greystone of Auburn, LLC. Road service use (bank with drive-thru). 1600 East Samford Avenue. Greystone Commercial Development.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a bank with drive-thru. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

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. 22-139

- (2) John Cowden on behalf of WWS Properties, LLC. Road service use (gasoline service station). Southwest corner of Shelton Mill Road and US Highway 280. Circle K.

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

Councilperson Witten moved to postpone the item until the July 5, 2022 City Council meeting.

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

Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to July 5, 2022.

- (3) Kaleigh Patel on behalf of Cox Properties-AL, LLC. Commercial and entertainment use (package store). Property located at 200 West Glenn Avenue, Suite 500. Rusty Barrel Package Store.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

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. 22-140

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM.**

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

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about short rental enforcement.

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 11) thanked Councilperson Taylor and all those involved with the Juneteenth celebration.

Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Drive, Apt. 5) thanked Dr. Zugazaga for commenting on funding to help the homeless in the area and shared comments from Pastor Joe Davis regarding funds for homelessness.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager