The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 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, Bob Parsons, Jennifer Stephens, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders, Jr. Absent: Jay Hovey. 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 July 2022.

Employee of the Month		
Kelvin Staples	Environmental Services	
Service Awards		
Danny Horne	Environmental Services	5 years
Cynthia Williford Bean	Office of the City Manager	5 years
Saira Todd	Police	5 years
Christopher Graff	Information Technology	15 years
Matthew Collins	Police	15 years
Robert D. Franklin, III	Police	15 years
Forranta Floyd	Water Resource Management	20 years
Kevin Callahan	Environmental Services	25 years
Clay Carson	Fire	25 years
Jonathan Ley	Police	25 years
Retiree		
Willie Sanford	Police	23 years

b. 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 Tracy Roberts to Board of Directors of the Lee County Youth Development Center Board.

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.

Councilperson Griswold said he spoke to a Scout from Troop 371 working on the Citizenship in the Community Badge. He answered the Scout's questions and encouraged him and all citizens to participate in one of the City's citizen academies.

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

Councilperson Parsons offered condolences to the family of Lee County Coroner Bill Harris and said he will be greatly missed by the community.

Councilperson Dawson offered condolences to the Chambers County Sheriff's Department and the family of Deputy J'Mar Abel who was killed in a line of duty car crash.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Director of City Relations Olivia Sutherland updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about item 8c regarding electing unopposed council members.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about item 8e(1) regarding federal governmental affairs representation.

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

None.

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 items 8c(1), 8c(2) and 8c(3).

Councilperson Griswold asked to remove item 8e(1).

Councilperson Dawson 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 21, 2022 **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

(1) Ithaka Hospitality Partners Auburn Beverage, LLC d/b/a The Hotel at Auburn University and The Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center. 300 – Hospitality Management Program ABC License. Multiple addresses. **APPROVED**

(2) Publix Alabama, LLC d/b/a Public Alabama, LLC 1822. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC Licenses. Property located at 138 South Gay Street. **APPROVED**

c. 2022 Regular Municipal Election. Electing candidates without opposition and presentation of Certificates of Election.

(1) Mayor. Ron Anders, Jr.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) Ward 3. Beth Witten.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

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

(3) Ward 8. Tommy Dawson.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

d. Tax Abatement. Sodecia Safety and Mobility Auburn, Inc. 2440 Innovation Drive. Auburn Technology Park West. **Resolution No. 22-144**

e. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP. Continuation of federal governmental affairs representation services.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) Ryan Public Safety Solutions. Purchase of call-taking equipment needed to complete the buildout of Emergency Communications Consoles. $18,649. **Resolution No. 22-146**

(3) Southeastern Scales, LLC. Purchase one (1) RJ-250 self-contained thirty-four yard compactor for recycling. Environmental Services Department. $39,767.55. **Resolution No. 22-147**

(4) Southeastern Scales, LLC. Purchase one (1) RJ-250 self-contained thirty-four yard compactor. Environmental Services Department. $52,685.69. **Resolution No. 22-148**

f. Board appointment. Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors. One (1) position. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends September 30, 2023. **Resolution No. 22-149 (Tracy Roberts)**

c. 2022 Regular Municipal Election. Electing candidates without opposition and presentation of Certificates of Election.

(1) Mayor. Ron Anders, Jr.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution elects Ron Anders, Jr., as Mayor.

Councilperson Witten said she removed items 8c(1), 8c(2) and 8c(3) to allow City Manager Crouch to explain why the appointments were being made at this time.

City Manager Crouch explained that state law requires that the Mayor and City Council members who are unopposed when City Council qualifying ends, be appointed by resolution.

Councilperson Parsons encouraged citizens to reach out to the Council if they have questions.

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. 22-141

(2) Ward 3. Beth Witten.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution elects Beth Witten as the Ward 3 City Councilmember.

Mayor Anders moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 22-142

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

(3) Ward 8. Tommy Dawson.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution elects Tommy Dawson as the Ward 8 City Councilmember.

Mayor Anders moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 22-143

e. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP. Continuation of federal governmental affairs representation services. **Resolution No. 22-145**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves the continuation of federal governmental affairs representation services from Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP.

Councilperson Griswold said he believes local elected officials have capable staff to work directly with the city instead of using the outside firm.

Councilperson Parsons and Councilperson Witten asked questions about the contract.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Dawson, Parsons, Stephens, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold and Taylor. Abstaining: Dixon.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 22-145

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. FY2023 and FY2024 Biennial Budget. Second reading.

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

Councilperson Parsons moved to adopt the ordinance.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders moved to amend the ordinance to provide additional funding to outside agencies
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the amendment approved and the ordinance ready to be voted upon.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Dixon, Griswold, Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3387

b. Traffic control signs and devices. Establish one (1) stop sign located in Piper Glenn, Phase 1. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes a stop sign in Piper Glenn, Phase 1.

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 Witten seconded the motion.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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, Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3388

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. John Cowden on behalf of WWS Properties, LLC. Road service use (gasoline service station). Property located at the southwest corner of Shelton Mill Road and US Highway 280. Circle K Conditional Use. Public hearing required. Postponed from June 21, 2022.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a gasoline service station. 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.

The Council asked questions about the project.

City Manger Crouch, City Engineer Alison Frazier and Planning Director Steve Foote answered the questions.

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. 22-150

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

a. Alcohol beverage license. J and A Barr, Inc. d/b/a El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor alcohol beverage license. Property located at 2487 East Glenn Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant is seeking approval for a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor alcohol beverage license.

Councilperson Witten moved that the request be granted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the motion carried.

12**. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) read quotes about liberty by historical figures.

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) congratulated Jay Hovey for winning the Republican nomination for state senate and congratulated Jennifer Stephens for her appointment to the City Council. He also encouraged other citizens to sign up for the Citizens Academy.

Lindburgh Jackson (address not given) spoke about the property located at 814 N. College Street.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM (cont).**

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

Councilperson Dawson encourage Ms. Bolt to contact the District Attorney's office if she thinks there is something that should be investigated.

City Manager Crouch spoke about short term rental enforcement.

City Attorney Rick Davidson spoke about enforcement of the short term rental ordinance.

Councilperson Parsons said he was proud of the ordinance and will continue to support it.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Griswold moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager