

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 6:08 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, Jennifer Stephens, 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 August 2022.

Employee of the Month		
Montavious Ray	Parks and Recreation Department	
Service Awards		
Jason Goodwin	Police	5 years
Chris Hall	Inspection Services	5 years
Laquetta Ware	Community Services	5 years
Nick Clark	Public Works	10 years
Gregory D. Miller	Police	10 years
Amy Saylor	Finance Department	25 years
Retiree		
D’Arcy Wernette	Human Resources	29 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 July 19 Committee of the Whole meeting and were presented with the Murals and Community Art Study recommendations.

- 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 Witten wished her husband a happy anniversary.

Councilperson Parsons extended thanks to Auburn Fire Department for sending aid to the structure fire that occurred in downtown Opelika.

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.**

None.

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

a. Board announcements.

- (1) Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors. One (1) vacancy. Term begins October 1, 2022 and ends September 30, 2026.
- (2) Indian Pines Recreation Authority. One (1) vacancy. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends June 20, 2023.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors and the Indian Pines Recreation Authority.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Dawson asked to remove item 8d.

Councilperson Taylor asked to remove item 8f.

Councilperson Witten asked to remove items 8g(4) and 8g(5).

Councilperson Witten 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. July 19, 2022 **APPROVED**
- b. 2022 Regular Municipal Election. Elect candidate without opposition and presentation of Certificate of Election. Ward 4 (District 2, Post 2). Tyler Adams. **Resolution No. 22-165**
- c. Concurrences.
 - (1) Industrial Development Board of the City of Auburn. 2175 Pumphrey Avenue. Auburn Industrial Park. **Resolution No. 22-166**
 - (2) Straehle+Hess USA, Inc. 284 Enterprise Drive. Auburn Technology Park South. **Resolution No. 22-167**
- d. Approve one-time payment of retiree cost-of-living-adjustment through the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA).

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- e. Name athletic field. Duck Samford Park. Field 9 for Jon Oleinick. **Resolution No. 22-169**
- f. North Housing Development Corporation- Tucker Heights Lot Transfer. **Resolution No. 22-170**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

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

g. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) CSX Transportation, Inc. Preliminary Engineering Agreement. Webster Road Railroad Crossing. \$33,000 **Resolution No. 22-171**
- (2) JLD Enterprises, LLC. Contract. East Glenn Avenue Repair. Contractor Insurance Repair. \$31,407.50. **Resolution No. 22-172**
- (3) Machen McChesney. Independent Audit. \$96,000. **Resolution No. 22-173**
- (4) The Robins & Morton Group. Temporary Shoring and Anchoring Right-of-Way Use Agreement. The Graduate Hotel. **Resolution No. 22-174**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (5) The Robins & Morton Group. Tower Crane Use Agreement. The Graduate Hotel. **Resolution No. 22-175**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

h. Easements and rights-of-way.

- (1) AuburnBank. Accept rights-of-way. Property located at 100 North Gay Street. **Resolution No. 22-176**
- (2) Dilworth Development, Inc. Accept right-of-way and various drainage, utility, and sanitary sewer easements. Property located near the southern intersection of Yarbrough Farms Boulevard and Titleist Way. Spyglass, Phase 1. **Resolution No. 22-177**

i. 2022 Municipal Election. Appointment of election officials. **Resolution No. 22-178**

- d. Approve one-time payment of retiree cost-of-living-adjustment through the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA).

City Manager Crouch said this item approves a one-time payment of retiree cost-of-living adjustments.

Councilperson Dawson said he pulled the item from the consent agenda so he could abstain from the vote.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Dawson.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-168

f. North Housing Development Corporation- Tucker Heights Lot Transfer.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution transfers lots to the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation.

Councilperson Taylor asked for an explanation for the audience.

Community Services Director Al Davis explained that the lots must be transferred to the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation to begin construction on new homes in Tucker Heights Subdivision.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (cont).

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. 22-170

Mayor Anders left the meeting at 6:28 p.m. He explained that he was leaving to abstain from any discussions/votes related to The Graduate Hotel as it will be constructed on property formerly owned by his family. He said Councilperson Witten would take over the meeting until his return.

- (4) The Robins & Morton Group. Temporary Shoring and Anchoring Right-of-Way Use Agreement. The Graduate Hotel.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a temporary shoring and anchoring right-of-way use agreement with The Robins & Morton Group.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Hovey seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-174

- (5) The Robins & Morton Group. Tower Crane Use Agreement. The Graduate Hotel. **Resolution No. 22-175**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a tower crane use agreement with The Robins & Morton Group.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Hovey seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-175

Mayor Anders returned to the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor Anders congratulated Tyler Adams for being elected as the Ward 4 Councilperson.

9. ORDINANCES.

- a. Amend City Code. Section 3-70. Business license ordinance. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Section 3-70 of the City Code.

Councilperson Hovey introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Hovey 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.

Councilperson Hovey asked about the proposed change to the business license ordinance and City Manager Crouch answered the question.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3394

- b. General Obligation Warrants. Authorize the issuance of the City's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2022 (\$62,180,000), to finance various capital improvements and to refund certain outstanding warrants. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the issuance of the City's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2022. She added that the Council must have a roll call vote for unanimous consent and voting on the item.

Councilperson Witten moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.

Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted to approve unanimous consent: Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

Councilperson Witten moved that the ordinance be adopted.

Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 3395

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

None.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

The following individuals spoke about short-term rentals:

- Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive)
- Julia Pearson (1125 Eagle Circle)
- Tracy Streetman (605 S. Gay Street)
- Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive)
- Ken Pearson (1125 Eagle Circle)
- Josh Poole (334 Hickory Woods Drive)

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) spoke about the National Night Out and community violence.

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) spoke about Felton Little Park.

Doug Cooper (1451 Ping Court) spoke about his satisfaction with Auburn's city government.

Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Drive, Apt. 5) spoke about fireworks.

12. **CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM (cont).**

Amanda Poole (334 Hickorywoods Drive) spoke about the Planning Commission and short-term rentals.

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 7:08 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager