

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 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: Tyler Adams, Max Coblenz, Tommy Dawson, Kelley Griswold, Sonny Moreman, Bob Parsons, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders. 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 2023.

Employee of the Month			
Norman Pitts	Environmental Services		
Service Awards			
Austin Clanton	Fire		5 years
Aeriole Woody	Public Works		5 years
Wesley Nance	Water Resource Management		15 years
Retiree			
John Scott Kendall, Jr.	Police		18 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 January 17 Committee of the Whole meeting.

- 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 invited all to attend the Mardi Gras Parade on February 18.

Councilperson Griswold said there will be a Council work session to discuss possible changes to the Boards and Commissions appointment process on February 16.

Councilperson Taylor invited all to attend the Senior Citizens Valentine’s Ball on February 18.

- 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.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about item 8d(1).

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

- a. Board announcement. Commercial Development Authority. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin March 16, 2023, and end March 15, 2027. Appointments March 7, 2023.

City Manager Crouch announced three vacancies on the Commercial Development Authority. She said the appointments would be made at the March 14 City Council meeting.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Adams asked to remove item 8d(1) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Moreman asked to remove items 8b, 8d(2), and 8d(3) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Coblenz 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 17, 2023. **APPROVED**
- b. Alcohol beverage license. Proof of the Pudding by MGR, Inc. d/b/a Proof of the Pudding Football Performance Center at Auburn University. 160 - Special Retail - More Than 30 Days. 702 Biggio Drive.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- c. Change City Council Meeting Dates. March 7 to March 14, 2023, and July 4 to July 11, 2023. **RESOLUTION No. 23-018**
- d. Contracts and agreements.
 - (1) Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP. State governmental affairs representation services. \$7,500 per month.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (2) Carmichael Engineering, LLC. Professional Services Agreement. Lake Wilmore Park Community Center Project. \$46,425.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (3) Spectrum Enterprise. Execute a three (3) year contract to upgrade the City's existing Spectrum Enterprise fiber internet service from 500Mbps to 1Gbps. \$1,749 per month.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (4) TRP Parts of Auburn, LLC. Purchase an engine replacement for #1305, 2014 Kenworth T370 Chassis Ramer 3500. \$21,764.13. **RESOLUTION No. 23-022**

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

- e. Easements. Edgar Hughston Builder, Inc. Accept public rights-of-way, sanitary sewer, and various drainage and utility easements. Property located west of Lee-Scott Academy, at the current terminus of Academy Drive. Landing at Academy Drive, Phase 1. **RESOLUTION No. 23-023**
- b. Alcohol beverage license. Proof of the Pudding by MGR, Inc. d/b/a Proof of the Pudding Football Performance Center at Auburn University. 160 - Special Retail - More Than 30 Days. 702 Biggio Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this item approves an alcohol beverage license for Proof of the Pudding by MGR, Inc.

Councilperson Moreman asked for details on the operation of the business.

City Manager Crouch spoke about the business operations.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the request be granted.

Councilperson Witten seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the motion carried.

- d. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP. State governmental affairs representation services. \$7,500 per month.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP.

Councilperson Adams asked questions about the need for state governmental affairs representation services.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

The Council further discussed the item and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

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. 23-019

- (2) Carmichael Engineering, LLC. Professional Services Agreement. Lake Wilmore Park Community Center Project. \$46,425.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Carmichael Engineering, LLC.

Councilperson Moreman asked if the construction agreement for this project had been awarded.

City Manager Crouch said the contract was awarded to Bailey Harris Construction.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 23-020

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

- (3) Spectrum Enterprise. Execute a three (3) year contract to upgrade the City's existing Spectrum Enterprise fiber internet service from 500Mbps to 1Gbps. \$1,749 per month.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Spectrum Enterprise.

Councilperson Moreman asked if the amount listed is the total cost per month.

City Manager Crouch said the amount is the monthly cost.

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. 23-021

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Execute a quit claim deed. Jose Goes Vasconcelos and Denise Perigolo Vasconcelos. Property located at 407 Phillips Avenue. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the city manager to execute a quit claim deed for property located at 407 Phillips Avenue.

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 Parsons 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 Griswold asked questions related to the history of the property.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3416

- b. Amend City Code. Chapters 1, 12, 13, 22. Regulation of police jurisdictions. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Chapters 1, 12, 13, 22 of the City Code.

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 Coblenz seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders asked if there was an objection to the ordinance being considered on its first reading.

9. ORDINANCES (cont).

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

Councilperson Dawson asked City Manager to Crouch to explain the item.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance cleans up the city code to reflect recent changes in the state code.

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

Ordinance No. 3417

10. RESOLUTIONS.

a. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) Department of Housing and Urban Development. FY2022 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement for \$3 million awarded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act. Auburn Center for Developing Industries (ACDI) expansion.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor Anders asked City Manager Crouch to explain how the funding is received.

City Manager Crouch explained the process.

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. 23-024

- (2) Floyd Service Company, Inc. Contract. Traffic Signal Installations (AL Highway 14 at Webster Road/ AL Highway 14 at Will Buechner Parkway) Project. \$599,900.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with the Floyd Service Company, Inc.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 23-025

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) thanked the City Manager and Council for the information presented on item 8d(1) tonight and thanked them for amending the business license ordinance at the last Council meeting.

Stan Reeves (2137 Conservation Drive) expressed concerns about the way property managers handle lease agreements with students.

12. CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM (cont).

Veselin Ruychev (662 Anders Court) spoke about Camp Kaleidoscope and the need for more spots in the camp.

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) commended animal control for its prompt response to a recent incident and asked if the Public Safety and Citizens academies will present sessions for citizens to learn how to respond to incidents in the community.

Laticia Smith (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane) said she is the new president of the local NAACP branch and hopes to collaborate with the city.

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

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) expressed his appreciation for the city’s government.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager