

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 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, Tommy Dawson, Kelley Griswold, Sonny Moreman, Bob Parsons, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Max Coblentz. 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 March 2023.

Employee of the Month		
Amy Whitman	Finance	
Service Awards		
Brigitta Longino	Inspection Services	5 years
Haley Lott	Finance	5 years
Jessica Powers	Information Technology	5 years
Rob Rich	Police	10 years
Cody Carlson	Fire	15 years
James Pescia	Police	15 years
TJ White	Police	15 years
Retiree		
Lon Harris	Public Works	21 years
Paul Register	Public Safety	35 years
Brock Young	Police	25 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 February 21, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, nominated individuals to serve on the Commercial Development Authority, discussed adding a public hearing to item 10a, and agreed to consider the Mayor’s request to discuss his role as a voting board member at the upcoming Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention.

- 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.

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.**

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

a. Board announcements. Appointments April 4, 2023.

(1) Library Board. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin April 15, 2023, and end April 14, 2027.

(2) Historic Preservation Commission. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin April 21, 2023, and end April 20, 2026.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Library Board and Historic Preservation Commission. She said the appointments would be made at the April 4 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 from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Moreman asked to remove items 8e(4) and 8e(5) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Witten moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda items adopted.

a. Minutes. February 21, 2023. **APPROVED**

b. Alcoholic beverage license.

(1) Ithaka Hospitality Partners Auburn Beverage, LLC d/b/a The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 650 Biggio Drive. **APPROVED**

(2) Staks Auburn, LLC d/b/a Staks Pancake Kitchen. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 145 East Magnolia Avenue, Suite 100. **APPROVED**

c. Commendation. Auburn University SGA Director of City Relations Olivia Sutherland. **APPROVED**

d. Authorize traffic calming devices. Fairway Drive.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

e. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Alabama Department of Transportation. Preliminary engineering and construction agreement. Project No. STPSU-I085(377) for the installation of two (2) dynamic message signs along I-85 in Lee County at MP 49.0 (northbound and southbound). **RESOLUTION No. 23-031**

(2) Alabama Power Company. Upgrade the lights in the parking lot at the Auburn Softball Complex. \$16,847.52. **RESOLUTION No. 23-032**

(3) Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook. Two (2) year contract renewal for debt management and lease accounting software. \$38,928.
RESOLUTION No. 23-033

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

- (4) Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Authorize Professional Services Agreement to create Planned Unit Development (PUD) regulations. \$99,860.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (5) MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Collection and disposal of household hazardous waste during Household Hazardous Waste events. \$30,000 per event.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (6) ProLogic ITS, LLC. Purchase of Police Vehicle Equipment and Installation for twelve (12) vehicles. Police Department. \$129,102.95.

RESOLUTION No. 23-036

- (7) Ryan Public Safety Solutions. FY23 support and maintenance services. \$35,870. **RESOLUTION No. 23-037**

- f. Easements. JTF Properties, Inc. Accept a public utility easement and a public utility, sidewalk, and lighting easement. Property located at 603 Harper Avenue. Summer Hill Twinhomes, A Redivision of Lots 14 & 15 James and Ware Subdivision. **RESOLUTION No. 23-038**

- g. Board appointments. Commercial Development Authority. Three (3) positions. Terms begin March 16, 2023, and end March 15, 2027. **RESOLUTION No. 23-039 (Lee Alice Johnson, Paul Willis, Craig Melton)**

- d. Authorize traffic calming devices. Fairway Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes traffic calming devices on Fairway Drive.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Councilperson Adams said Councilperson Coblentz has been working with residents on this item and moved to postpone it until March 21 when Councilperson Coblentz is in attendance.
Councilperson Moreman seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to the March 21 City Council meeting.

- e. Contracts and agreements.

- (4) Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Authorize Professional Services Agreement to create Planned Unit Development (PUD) regulations. \$99,860.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.

Councilperson Moreman said he supports the item and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

The Council discussed the item and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch, Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings and Principal Planner Logan Kipp answered the questions.

Councilperson Griswold entered the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (cont).

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 23-034

- (5) MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Collection and disposal of household hazardous waste during Household Hazardous Waste events. \$30,000 per event.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with MXI Environmental Services, LLC.

Councilperson Moreman asked if the fees change based on the participation and if the event is popular with the community.

Environmental Services Director Catrina Cook said the event is popular, keeps the community safe and the fees do change with participation.

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. 23-035

9. ORDINANCES.

None.

10. RESOLUTIONS.

- a. Amended conditional use approval. John Ronney Watson. Commercial recreational uses (pickleball courts and miniature golf course). Property located at 2601 East University Drive. Postponed from the February 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes amended conditional use approval for LawnGolf USA. She added that this item was postponed at the February 21 meeting.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

The Council resumed discussion on the motion to approve the amended conditional use made at the February 21 City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch, Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings, Principal Planner Logan Kipp and Engineering Services Director Alison Frazier answered the questions.

The Council asked the applicant questions.

The applicant answered the questions.

Councilperson Griswold requested a roll call vote on the item and the Council agreed.

Upon the vote the following members voted aye: Adams, Witten and Mayor Anders.

Voting no: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons and Taylor.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution failed.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM.**

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

The following individuals spoke in support of the library:

- Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Street, Apt. 5)
- Heather Mann (575 Shelton Mill Road)
- Susan Youngblood (729 N. Cary Drive)
- Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111)

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager