

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:01 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 September 2023.

Employee of the Month		
Jim Taylor	Inspection Services	
Service Awards		
Brandt Prince	Public Works	5 years
Audrea Carr	Engineering Services	15 years
Paul Kerger	Parks and Recreation	15 years
Stephanie Spraggins	Finance	15 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 August 15 Committee of the Whole meeting and nominated Tracy Roberts to serve on the Board of Directors of the Lee County Youth Development Center.

- 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.**

Auburn University SGA Co-Director of City Relations Jack Steudle updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

Mike Goodlett (1766 Creekwood Trail) spoke in favor of the proposed agreements to construct Bridlewood Drive.

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 Coblenz removed items 8e(7) and 8e(8).

Councilperson Griswold removed item 8e(3).

Councilperson Moreman removed item 8c.

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

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

- a. Minutes. August 15, 2023. **Approved**
- b. Alcohol beverage licenses.
  - (1) Café Devall, LLC d/b/a Corner Office. 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 – Retail Wine (On or Off Premises). 540 Devall Drive, Suite 103. **Approved**
  - (2) Conquistador Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Conquistador Restaurant. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 2514 South College Street. **Approved**
  - (3) Greenawalt Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Sigma Chi. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 737 West Magnolia Avenue. **Approved**
  - (4) Hanumant, LLC d/b/a Tiger Spirits and Tobacco 2. 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) ABC License. 1550 Opelika Road, Suite 23. **Approved**
  - (5) K Cupbop, LLC d/b/a/ Chi Mac. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 203 Opelika Road, Units B and C. **Approved**
- c. Concurrence with Industrial Development Board. AUBix LLC. 1571 West Samford Ave. Auburn Industrial Park.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- d. Easements and Rights-of-way
  - (1) Donahue Crossing, LLC. Accept public right-of-way. Property located at 1365 North Donahue Drive. **Resolution No. 23-176**
  - (2) Neoh Holdings, LLC. Acceptance of public water easement. Property located on the north side of Bryant Avenue (Boulevard, Phase 6). **Resolution No. 23-177**
  - (3) Neoh Holdings, LLC. Acceptance of public water easement. Property located on the south side of Bryant Circle (Boulevard, Phase 6). **Resolution No. 23-178**
- e. Contracts and Agreements
  - (1) Auburn University. GIS Fellowship renewal for the 2023-2024 academic year. \$20,000. **Resolution No. 23-179**

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

- (2) Cook's Pest Control, Inc. Change order to pest control services contract to include new Public Works and Environmental Services campus.

**Resolution No. 23-180**

- (3) Foresite Group, LLC. Professional Services Agreement. Pearson Park Project. \$218,200.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (4) JACOBS. Amendment 1 to Task Order 5: Engineering Consulting Services for the H.C. Morgan WPCF Clarifiers No. 1 and No. 2 Weirs and Baffles Replacement Project. **Resolution No. 23-182**

- (5) Southern Software, Inc. Annual renewal of customer support fee associated with the Mobile Data Information System (MDIS). Police and Fire Departments. \$20,231. **Resolution No. 23-183**

- (6) Timmons Group. Maintenance and support contract for the Permit Portal and Cityworks PLL. \$25,600. **Resolution No. 23-184**

- (7) Creekwood Development Homeowners Association. Payment to construct Bridlewood Drive.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (8) Herring Development, LLC. Infrastructure development agreement for Bridlewood Drive construction.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- f. Board appointment. Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors. One (1) position. Term begins October 1, 2023, and ends September 30, 2027.

**Resolution No. 23-187 (Tracy Roberts)**

- c. Concurrence with Industrial Development Board. AUBix LLC. 1571 West Samford Ave. Auburn Industrial Park.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution concurs with actions of the Industrial Development Board for AUBix, LLC.

Councilperson Moreman asked questions.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-175**

- e. Contracts and Agreements.

- (3) Foresite Group, LLC. Professional Services Agreement. Pearson Park Project. \$218,200.

City Manager Crouch said this item authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Foresite Group, LLC for the design of Ann Pearson Park.

Councilperson Griswold asked for a summary for the public.

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

City Manager Crouch provided information on the park.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-181**

- (7) Creekwood Development Homeowners Association. Payment to construct Bridlewood Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Creekwood Development Homeowners Association.

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

Councilperson Griswold stated that the City should not be involved since the road is private and the developer is required to improve it.

Councilperson Witten stated that the road would become public and that involvement by the City was warranted based upon the project's history and new development occurring.

The Council discussed the agreement and asked questions.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Adams seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Moreman, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold, Parsons and Taylor.

Abstaining: Coblenz.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-185**

- (8) Herring Development, LLC. Infrastructure development agreement for Bridlewood Drive construction.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a development agreement with Herring Development, LLC.

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

Councilperson Moreman asked how much the road will cost.

City Manager Crouch said the estimate for the portion of the road under consideration is \$132,000.

The Council discussed the agreement and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Adams seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Moreman, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold, Parsons and Taylor.

Abstaining: Coblenz.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-186**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Amend FY2023 and FY2024 Biennial Budget. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends 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 Coblenz 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 moved to amend the ordinance to remove paragraph 15 that reads, "That the spending authority of the City Manager shall be established to match that of the Competitive Bid Law threshold."

Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

The Council discussed the amendment.

Upon the vote for the amendment, the following councilmembers voted aye: Griswold and Moreman. Voting nay: Adams, Coblenz, Dawson, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Mayor Anders declared the motion failed.

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

**Ordinance No. 3450**

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Seay Seay & Litchfield Architects. Professional services agreement update. Auburn Public Safety Training Center – Phase II Proposal. \$61,314.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an updated professional services agreement with Seay Seay & Litchfield Architects.

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. 23-188**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12.     **CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM.**

The following individuals spoke about Webster’s Crossing Mobile Home Park:

- Laticia Smith (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane)
- Yolanda Rowell (425 Webster Road)
- Christine Berry (721 N. Gay Street)
- Mary Moore (425 Webster Road)
- Jennifer Thomas (425 Webster Road)
- Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive)

13.     **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager