

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 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. Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Anders stated that at the Committee of the Whole previously held the Council approved the minutes from the November 7 Committee of the Whole meeting.

b. 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 Dawson said he was thankful for City Manager Crouch and city employees and for his health.

Councilperson Taylor invited all to attend a Thanksgiving Dinner she is hosting at Boykin Community Center on November 22 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for all seniors, homeless and disabled residents.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

None.

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

None.

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 Moreman removed items 8c(2) and 8c(5) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted. Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.

- a. Minutes. November 7, 2023 Special Called Meeting. **APPROVED**  
November 7, 2023. **APPROVED**

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

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

- (1) Circle K Stores, Inc. d/b/a Circle K Store 2709304. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC Licenses. 2385 Moores Mill Road. **APPROVED**
- (2) Circle K Stores, Inc. d/b/a Circle K Store 2709308. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC Licenses. 2393 East University Drive. **APPROVED**
- (3) Do Do, LLC d/b/a Sushiya. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 2319 Bent Creek Road, Suite 300. **APPROVED**
- (4) Hector’s Cantina and Grill, LLC d/b/a Hector’s Cantina. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 1936 South College Street. **APPROVED**

c. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) CSL Services, Inc. 2023 Southside Temporary Sewer Flow Study. \$94,300. **RESOLUTION No. 23-243**
- (2) Long Lewis Ford of the Shoals. Purchase one (1) 2024 Ford Edge. Police Department. \$38,368.50.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (3) Price Small Engines. Purchase one (1) Toro 7500-G Series Mower. Public Works Landscape & Sustainability Division. \$33,253.00. **RESOLUTION No. 23-245**
- (4) Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern Linc. Radio shelter lease and amendment. **RESOLUTION No. 23-246**
- (5) Southland Transportation Group. Purchase one (1) 2025 International HV607 Dump Truck. Public Works Construction Division. \$132,572.41.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (6) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2023 Ford F-150 Supercrew Cab 4x4 pickup truck. Parks and Recreation Parks Division. \$45,437. **RESOLUTION No. 23-248**
- (7) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2024 Ford F-350 Crew Cab 4x4 pickup truck. Parks and Recreation Cemetery Division. \$60,306.70. **RESOLUTION No. 23-249**
- (8) Thompson CAT. Purchase one (1) 2024 Caterpillar 420 Backhoe. Parks and Recreation Cemetery Division. \$149,659.91. **RESOLUTION No. 23-250**
- (9) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase (1) 2023 Ford F750 Dump Truck. Public Works Landscape & Sustainability Division. \$101,282. **RESOLUTION No. 23-251**

d. Easements.

- (1) Bobby and Kelli Ardd. 233 Marion Circle Sanitary Sewer Easement. **RESOLUTION No. 23-252**

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

- (2) Conner Brothers Development Co., Inc. Accept a temporary construction easement. North Dean Road and East University Drive Intersection Improvements Project. **RESOLUTION No. 23-253**
- (3) McDonald's Real Estate Company. Accept a drainage and utility easement located at 224 W. Magnolia Avenue. **RESOLUTION No. 23-254**
- (4) Rausch & Pausch, L.P. and Innovative Tech, Inc. Accept a public sanitary sewer easement. Property located at 2450 Paul Parks Lane and 2458 West Tech Lane. **RESOLUTION No. 23-255**

c. Contracts and agreements.

- (2) Long Lewis Ford of the Shoals. Purchase one (1) 2024 Ford Edge. Police Department. \$38,368.50.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a contract with Long Lewis Ford of the Shoals.

Councilperson Moreman said he knows this purchase will be made with drug seizure money and asked how often the city receives drug seizure money and in what amounts.

Public Safety Executive Director Will Mathews said drug seizure money does not come often or regularly so the funding amounts are unpredictable, and he added that the funds are shared between agencies involved in the cases.

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. 23-244**

- (5) Southland Transportation Group. Purchase one (1) 2025 International HV607 Dump Truck. Public Works Construction Division. \$132,572.41.  
**RESOLUTION No. 23-247**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a contract with Southland Transportation Group.

Councilperson Moreman asked if there will be any delay in receiving the 2025 model.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard said he does not anticipate any delay in receiving the truck.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-247**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Annexation. Walter Lee Barden, Jr. Annexation of approximately 2.16 acres. Property located at 47 Lee Road 0716 (Lightfoot Court). Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 2.16 acres.

Councilperson Coblenz introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

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

Councilperson Dawson 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: Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3460**

- b. Madison Park PDD Amendment. Amendment to the Planned Development District (PDD) to add approximately 0.83 acres. Property located at Wire Road and Haley Lane. Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the Madison Park Planned Development District. She added that the Planning Commission failed to pass the request by a vote of 4-4 and a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Dawson introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

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

Councilperson Witten 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.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Michael Musselwhite (address inaudible) said this project is only 15 two-story houses that they intend to rent and sell. He added that there is a need for rentals in town.

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

Councilperson Moreman asked about the plan for the eastern portion of the PDD and mentioned offering a compromise.

City Manager Crouch said open space is planned for the eastern portion.

Councilperson Dawson said he supports the amendment.

Councilperson Parsons asked about access on Haley Lane.

City Manager Crouch said it will be accessed on Haley Lane.

Councilperson Griswold asked how the homes will be configured.

Commercial Development Director Kevin Howard said the city has not seen floorplans.

Mr. Musselwhite said the homes will have five-bedrooms and five-bathrooms.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold, Moreman and Parsons.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3461**

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

- c. Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Exempt specified items from City Sales Tax. Friday, February 23, 2024, through Sunday, February 25, 2024. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the 2024 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.

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.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3462**

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Conditional use approvals. Planning Commission recommendations. Public hearings required.

- (1) ACC Academy. Institutional use (private school). Property located at 2200 Hamilton Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for Auburn Community Church (ACC) Academy. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Brett Basquin (authorized representative) said he was available to answer questions for the Council.

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

Councilperson Coblenz noted that the maximum enrollment allowed under this conditional use request will be 100 students at this location.

Councilperson Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-256**

- (2) Sonic Tools Conditional Use. Commercial support use (warehouse distribution). Property located at 177 Technology Parkway.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for Sonic Tools. 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.

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. 23-257**

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

- (3) The Vintage Expansion. Mixed-use (road service use (bank with drive-thru) and performance residential development (multiple-unit development)). Property located at 2240 East University Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for The Vintage Expansion. 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.

Councilperson Witten asked if part of this expansion will give access from a private drive.

City Manager Crouch said it will and eventually there will be a traffic light at Stoker Street.

Councilperson Moreman asked if there are plans to make an outlet to the east in front of Bruster's Ice Cream.

Engineering Manager Bryan Wood said that the city has not seen plans on the parcel west of Bruster's but explained there is supposed to be a doctor's office going there.

City Manager Crouch said the city requires cross-access between developments, but sometimes that is hard to achieve due to site elevation or other site related factors.

Bryan Wood said there is large wetland that could make cross-access difficult in this case.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-258**

- b. Tax abatements.

- (1) GE Aerospace - Auburn. Auburn Technology Park West.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes tax abatements for GE Aerospace – Auburn.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-259**

- (2) I-PEX USA Manufacturing Inc. Auburn Technology Park South.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes tax abatements for I-PEX USA Manufacturing Inc.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-260**

- c. Concurrence. ACDI Business Center. 1470 Pumphrey Ave. Auburn Industrial Park.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a concurrence for the ACDI Business Center.

Councilperson Moreman asked if this project totals \$5 million.

City Manager Crouch said it does and there will be regional use of the facility.

**10. RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

Councilperson Coblentz moved that the resolution be adopted.  
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-261**

- d. Contract. TYMCO, Inc. (1) Tymco Model 600 Street Sweeper. Public Works Landscape & Sustainability Division. \$311,335.

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

Councilperson Moreman asked how many street sweepers the city owns.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard said the city currently owns three street sweepers.

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. 23-262**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

**12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) asked the Council to help local resident, Corine Woodson stay in her home on Hamilton Road.

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) thanked the Council for offering citizens the opportunity to participate in the City's branding survey.

Martha Shamp (307 Camelia Drive) spoke about libraries across the state.

Mayor Anders asked City Manager Crouch if the city has seen any development applications for the Woodson property on Hamilton Road.

City Manager Crouch said the city has not received any development applications and explained when development applications are submitted ownership must be divulged and meet all required criteria.

Councilperson Taylor asked how long the branding survey will be available.

Director of Public Affairs David Dorton said it will be open through the end of the calendar year.

City Manager Crouch noted the branding survey is different from Auburn 2040, which is a community visioning initiative.

13.     **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilperson Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager