

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:02 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 Megan McGowen 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 April 2 Committee of the Whole meeting, nominated Kathy Powell to serve on the Board of Education, agreed to a report on potential sidewalks on East University Drive, and discussed a traffic accident on Martin Luther King Drive.

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 Moreman said he is enjoying newly paved roads in town, encouraged attendance at the Tri-M Music Honor Society Performance on April 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library, and spoke about the enhanced 9-1-1 services in the city.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

Auburn University SGA Co-Director of City Relations Jack Steudle updated the Council about events at Auburn University and introduced the new Co-Director Evelyn Cherry.

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 item 8d(2) from the consent agenda.

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

a. Minutes. April 2, 2024. **APPROVED**

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

- b. Alcohol beverage license. Auburn Fare and Libations, LLC d/b/a Boulangerie French Bakery. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 138 North College Street. **APPROVED**
- c. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Purchase nine (9) additional new in-car camera systems and miscellaneous components to reutilize 11 used systems. Police Department. \$74,751.81. **Resolution No. 24-073**
- d. Easements and warranty deeds.
 - (1) The Bottle Land Investment LLC. Northgate Lift Station Warranty Deed. **Resolution No. 24-074**
 - (2) Gordon Butch Thompson & Robin Ashe Thompson. Accept public drainage and utility easement. Redivision of Lot 622, Grove Hill-Ridgeview Subdivision. Property located at 1415 Barkley Circle.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- e. Board appointment. Board of Education. One (1) position. Term begins June 1, 2024, and ends May 31, 2029. **Resolution No. 24-076 (Kathy Powell)**
- d. Easements and warranty deeds.
 - (2) Gordon Butch Thompson & Robin Ashe Thompson. Accept public drainage and utility easement. Redivision of Lot 622, Grove Hill-Ridgeview Subdivision. Property located at 1415 Barkley Circle.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution accepts a public drainage and utility easement from Gordon Butch and Robin Ashe Thompson.

Councilperson Moreman said he removed the item from the consent agenda to recuse himself from the vote.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Coblenz seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblenz, Dawson, Griswold, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Abstaining: Moreman
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 24-075

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Franchise agreement. Dixie Electric Cooperative. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the city manager to grant a franchise renewal to Dixie Electric Cooperative.

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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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. 3483

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

- (1) 814 North College Street. Performance Residential Use (multiple-unit development). Property located at 814 North College Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a performance residential use. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Lindburgh B. Jackson (814 N. College Street) said he is an heir of the property owner and asked the Council to consider postponing the vote on the item until certain legal proceedings have moved through the courts.

Brett Basquin (Foresite Group) said this property has already been litigated and his client has the deed to the property.

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

The Council discussed the item and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch said the item meets the legal standards to be placed on the agenda and that the council is only to consider the conditional use request before them.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-077

- (2) Averett. Industrial use (manufacturing facility). Property located at 380 Industry Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an industrial use. 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 moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-078

- (3) The Children's House. Institutional use (private school/daycare). Property located at 231 East Drake Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an institutional use. She added that a public hearing was required.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilperson Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 24-079

b. Contracts.

- (1) Beasley Construction Services, Inc. Lake Wilmore Park Athletic Fields Project. \$9,409,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Beasley Construction Services, Inc.

Councilperson Witten asked the city manager to say a little about the contractor.

City Manager Crouch said the company is qualified and from Notasulga.

Councilperson Coblenz asked for an overview of the project.

Parks and Recreation Director Alison Hall provided a description of the project.

Councilperson Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 24-080

- (2) Musco Sports Lighting, Inc. Purchase light fixtures for Lake Wilmore Park Athletic Fields Project. \$625,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Musco Sports Lighting, Inc. She added that the lights will be purchased from Musco Sports Lighting, Inc. and installed by Beasley Constructions Services, Inc.

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. 24-081

- (3) D & J Enterprises, Inc. Amendment. FY23 Streets Resurfacing Project. \$1,500,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with D & J Enterprises, Inc.

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. 24-082

- (4) Kadre Engineering, LLC. North Donahue Drive Widening Project. \$271,700.

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

Councilperson Witten asked for a timeline on the widening project.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

Engineering Services Director Alison Frazier said the city hopes to start by Fiscal Year 2026.

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. 24-083

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Doris Hutchinson (606 Spencer Avenue) thanked the Council for appointing her to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Gwendolyn Torbert (504 Byrd Street) asked the city to consider placing speed bumps on Byrd Street.

Engineering Services Director Alison Frazier said sidewalks are planned for Byrd Street.

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Weatherford Drive) thanked the Council and city staff for serving the citizens of Auburn and spoke about Mary Thorpe, a late Auburn resident he befriended many years ago.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Coblenz moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager