

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:19 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 Coblentz, 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. Employee of the Month and Service Awards.
Video presentation.

A video was shown to recognize the employee service awards for May 2024.

Employee of the Month

Candice Jackson Judicial

Service Awards

David Tuten Fire 15 years

Ben McGhee Economic Development 20 years

Matt Dunn Water Resource Management 20 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 April 16 Committee of the Whole meeting and were presented with information on potential sidewalks on East University Drive from Old Mill Road to McKinley Avenue.

- 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 Adams congratulated Public Safety Executive Director Will Mathews and the Police Department for making a cold case arrest last week.

Councilperson Coblentz thanked citizens for their patience and ALDOT for their work on the Wrights Mill Road bridge repair and reported that the bridge would likely open sometime over the next couple of days.

Councilperson Witten said the Auburn High School FFA Seed Library is open at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilperson Taylor announced that Juneteenth festivities will begin with a parade on Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. and continue at Kiesel Park on Saturday, June 15.

Councilperson Parsons said he participated in the Bo Bikes Bama event and thanked Public Safety for working the event and all other events that took place day.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Co-Director of City Relations Evelyn Cherry updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

None.

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

City Manager Crouch said there was a correction to the Agenda Item Summary and report in item 8c(2) and one item of Other Business to be considered.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Dawson removed items 8d(1) and 8d(2) from the consent agenda.

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

- a. Minutes. April 16, 2024. **APPROVED**
- b. Alcohol beverage licenses.
 - (1) Donahue Coffee, LLC d/b/a Well Red. 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 – Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises). Property located at 1150 North Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**
 - (2) Third Charm, LLC d/b/a Melt Auburn. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 1800 Samford Trace Court, Suite 240. **APPROVED**
- c. 2023 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report. Authorize submittal to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.
 - (1) 2023 H.C. Morgan Water Pollution Control Facility. **Resolution No. 24-084**
 - (2) 2023 Northside Water Pollution Control Facility. **Resolution No. 24-085**
- d. Concurrences.
 - (1) ILJIN American Corporation. Concurrence for the sale of the industrial facility located at 979 W. Veterans Boulevard.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (2) Industrial Development Board. Concurrence for the sale of the industrial facility located at 1117 W. Veterans Boulevard.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- e. Contracts and agreements.
 - (1) Auma Actuators, Inc. H.C. Morgan WPCF Clarifier No. 3 valve actuator replacement. \$30,272. **Resolution No. 24-088**

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

- (2) Ryan Public Safety Solutions. Purchase of support and maintenance services for technical assistance, 24/7 remote equipment diagnostics and software/firmware support for the 911 Call Handling System. \$39,690.
Resolution No. 24-089

d. Concurrences.

- (1) ILJIN American Corporation. Concurrence for the sale of the industrial facility located at 979 W. Veterans Boulevard.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution concurs with the Industrial Development Board for the sale of an industrial facility.

Councilperson Dawson said he removed the item to thank Economic Development Director Phillip Dunlap and staff for all their hard work.

Councilperson Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 24-086

- (2) Industrial Development Board. Concurrence for the sale of the industrial facility located at 1117 W. Veterans Boulevard.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution concurs with the Industrial Development Board for the sale of an industrial facility.

Councilperson Dawson said he removed the item to again recognize the excellent work of the Economic Development Department.

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. 24-087

9. **ORDINANCES.**

None.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Tax abatement. ILJIN America Corporation. 979 W. Veterans Boulevard. Auburn Technology Park North.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves tax abatements for ILJIN America Corporation.

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. 24-090

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Contract. D & J Enterprises, Inc. FY 24 Streets Resurfacing Project. \$3,327,500.

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. 24-091

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Weatherford Drive) thanked the Council and city staff for serving the citizens of Auburn.

Jacob Kachelhofer (4999 N. Broad Street) called on the Council to support higher wages for Auburn University workers.

Martha Shamp (307 Camelia Drive) spoke about the library's collection.

Gabriel Dunham (210 E. Thach Avenue) spoke about the library's collection.

Carrie Hill (1199 Northstar Court) spoke regarding the tone of another speaker regarding the library discussion.

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) thanked the Council for allowing the library board to address issues as it sees fit, spoke about the Toomer's Sit-in group, and thanked Mr. Cosgrove for sharing the information on Felton Little Park.

Councilperson Parsons congratulated Dr. Denmark for being a presenting author at the library, told Ms. Shamp she is addressing her concerns to the wrong body, and said he has confidence in the library staff.

Councilperson Witten said there are currently no plans to make changes to Felton Little Park.

City Manager Crouch said there were changes mentioned in the Parks and Recreation Cultural Master Plan, but there are currently no plans to carry out those changes at this time.

Councilperson Coblenz thanked the staff for working on the Wrights Mill Road Bridge.

Councilperson Moreman congratulated Dr. Denmark for publishing his books and thanked him for the calm approach to discussing the First Amendment.

Mayor Anders spoke about recent ribbon cuttings and all the great things and people that make Auburn a great place to live.

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