

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:04 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 June 2024.

Employee of the Month		
Chris Hall	Inspection Services	
Service Awards		
Rick Willmon	Public Works	15 years
Norman Pitts	Environmental Services	30 years
Phyllis Reese	Police	50 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 May 21 Committee of the Whole meeting and held further discussion on potential sidewalks on East University Drive from Old Mill Road to McKinley Avenue deciding to request more information from the city manager.

- 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 Witten said FFA students are in town for competitions, and she spent time with constituent Liz Hatfield.

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 Moreman recognized June 6 as the anniversary of D-Day and recognized late Auburn Police Chief Hammick for being there that day. He also encouraged all to attend the Marathon Mountain Bike National Championship at Chewacla State Park on June 15.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Assistant Vice President of External Affairs Abbie Hathcock updated the Council about events at Auburn university.

6. CITIZENS’ COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Pastor Steven Faulk (576 Martin Luther King Dr) of Auburn AME Zion Church spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about the proposed liquor store.

Dr. Reddy Munagala (1683 Fairview Lane) spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store.

Doris Hutchinson (606 Spencer Avenue) spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store.

H V Still (1309 Aubie Drive) spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store.

Janice Frazier (516 Byrd Street) spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store.

Steve Slaughter (2492 Buckhead Road) spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store.

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 Griswold removed items 8d(1), 8d(2), and 8d(4) from the consent agenda.

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

- a. Minutes. May 21, 2024. **APPROVED**
- b. Alcohol beverage license. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. Auburn Tacos, LLC d/b/a Fuzzy’s Taco Shop. 1678 South College Street. **APPROVED**
- c. Commendation. Auburn High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team. 2024 Class 7A State Champions. **Resolution No. 24-103**
- d. Contracts and agreements.
  - (1) Auburn Game Day Law Enforcement Corporation and area public safety agencies. Supplemental law enforcement services. Auburn University sporting events. August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (2) Auburn University. Supplemental law enforcement services. Auburn University sporting events. August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- (3) Azteca Systems, Inc. Cityworks Software Enterprise License Agreement Renewal. \$134,492.80. **Resolution No. 24-106**
- (4) Stryker Medical. Purchase one (1) Life Pak 15 heart monitor. \$51,612.68.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

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

- (5) Ann Pearson Park ground lease agreement. **Resolution No. 24-108**

e. Easements.

- (1) JL Ventures LLC. Accept public drainage and utility easement and relocation of existing sanitary sewer easement. Redivision of Lot 1, Parkerson Mill Subdivision Phase 2. Property located at the 600 block of W Veterans Parkway. **Resolution No. 24-109**
- (2) JMJ Development LLC. Accept sanitary sewer easement for Redivision of Auburn Industrial No. 2, Lot 1. Property located on Webster Road at McMillan Street. **Resolution No. 24-110**

d. Contracts and agreements.

- (1) Auburn Game Day Law Enforcement Corporation and area public safety agencies. Supplemental law enforcement services. Auburn University sporting events. August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with the Auburn Game Day Law Enforcement Corporation.

Councilperson Griswold said he wanted the public to know that Auburn University reimburses the city for these expenses.

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. 24-104**

- (2) Auburn University. Supplemental law enforcement services. Auburn University sporting events. August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with the Auburn Game Day Law Enforcement Corporation.

Councilperson Griswold said he had no additional comments on this item.

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. 24-105**

- (4) Stryker Medical. Purchase one (1) Life Pak 15 heart monitor. \$51,612.68.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the purchase of one (1) Life Pak 15 heart monitor in the amount of \$51,612.68.

Councilperson Griswold asked if the price includes training on the device.

Public Safety Executive Director Will Mathews said the department already has some of these devices and the staff is already trained.

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. 24-107**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. "Back to School" sales tax holiday. Exempt certain items from city sales taxes. Friday, July 19 through Sunday, July 21, 2024. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the 2024 "Back to School" 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 Adams 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.

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. 3486**

- b. Traffic Control Signs and Devices. Establish one (1) stop sign, one (1) 25 MPH sign, four (4) one-way signs, four (4) regulatory roundabout yield/circulation signs and four (4) roundabout circulation signs. Northgate Subdivision, Phase 1. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes various traffic signs in Northgate Subdivision, Phase 1.

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 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.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3487**

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Conditional use approval. University Wine and Spirits. Commercial and entertainment use (package store). Property located at 316 North Donahue Drive. Planning Commission recommendation. Postponed from May 21, 2024, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval of a commercial and entertainment use. She added that the item was postponed at the May 21 meeting, a motion was on the floor from that meeting, and a public hearing was held.

**10. RESOLUTIONS (CONT).**

Upon the vote, the following councilmembers voted aye: Adams, Coblenz, and Witten. Voting no: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, and Anders.  
Mayor Anders declared the resolution failed.

- b. Section 108 Loan. Friendship Foods, Inc. d/b/a Country's Barbecue.  
**Resolution No. 24-111**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a Section 108 Loan to Friendship Foods, Inc. d/b/a Country's Barbecue.

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. 24-111**

- c. Financial contribution. Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre & Amphitheatre Build-Out.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city to make a financial contribution of \$5 million to the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out Project.

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. 24-113**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

**12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

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

Krishna Sanghani (228 Rosalie Ct) spoke regarding the failed conditional use vote and about his vision for the proposed University Wine & Spirits store.

Steve Slaughter (2492 Buckhead Rd) asked how to clarify with the City that his rental property is not being used as a short-term rental.

Mary Moore (425 Webster Road) said the Family Dollar building on North Donahue should be used for a store, but not a liquor store.

Alpesh Patel (1492 Turn Lake Drive) said Family Dollar and Dollar General declined their offer to locate in the building.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the City Council.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about short-term rentals.

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

Gabriel Dunham (210 E. Thach Avenue) spoke about the Pride on the Plains festival.

Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Street, Apt. 5) spoke about Pride month.

13.     **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Parsons moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager