

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:16 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 Councilmembers 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.       Employee of the Month and Service Awards.  
Video presentation.

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

<b>Employee of the Month</b>		
Brandt Prince	Public Works	
<b>Service Awards</b>		
Raven McFarlin	Public Safety	5 years
Alvena Williams	Engineering Services	5 years
Johnderick Zellers	Environmental Services	20 years
Allison Edge	Finance	25 years
John Lankford	Fire	30 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 20 Committee of the Whole meeting and discussed recent state legislation.

- 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.

Councilmember Griswold said he recently met with the Auburn Student Veterans Association as they are planning their annual Operation Iron Ruck to bring awareness to veteran suicide. He encouraged everyone to look out for those struggling and noted that resources are available to help.

Councilmember Moreman said he is pleased with the streets resurfacing efforts around town.

Councilmember Taylor thanked the staff at the Boys and Girls Club for what they do, noted that they have newly renovated facilities and are an asset to the community.

5.       **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

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

None.

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

- a.       Board announcement. West Pace Village Improvement District. One (1) vacancy. Term begins immediately and ends September 15, 2030. Appointment October 1, 2024.

City Manager Crouch announced a vacancy on the West Pace Village Improvement District.

8.       **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Mayor Anders removed item 8d from the Consent Agenda.

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

- a.       Minutes. August 20, 2024. **APPROVED**
- b.       Alcohol beverage licenses.
  - (1)      Ithaka Hospitality Partners Auburn Beverage, LLC d/b/a The Hotel at Auburn University. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 620 South Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**
  - (2)      Ithaka Hospitality Partners Auburn Beverage, LLC d/b/a The Hotel at Auburn University. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 901 South College Street. **APPROVED**
  - (3)      MMM24, LLC d/b/a Ponko Chicken Auburn. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 2111 South College Street, Suite C. **APPROVED**
  - (4)      Proof of the Pudding by Mgr, LLC d/b/a Proof of the Pudding at Neville Arena. 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days ABC License. 250 Beard Eaves Court. **APPROVED**
  - (5)      Proof of the Pudding by Mgr, LLC d/b/a Proof of the Pudding at Plainsman Park. 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days ABC License. 349 South Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**
  - (6)      Tacorita, LLC d/b/a Tacorita. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 155 North College Street. **APPROVED**
- c.       Contracts and agreements.
  - (1)      C Spire Business. VMWare license renewal for eight (8) Dell VXRail E560F nodes. \$66,905.60. **Resolution No. 24-163**
  - (2)      JACOBS. Master Standard Agreement for professional engineering and related services. **Resolution No. 24-164**

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

- d. Easements. GAAL Owner, LLC (Graduate Hotel). Accept public sanitary sewer and sidewalk easements. Anders Bookstore Subdivision, First Addition and Revision of Lot 1. Property located at 212 West Magnolia Avenue.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Anders said he removed the item to abstain from the vote.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblenz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, and Witten. Voting no: None.

Abstaining: Anders.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-165**

**9. ORDINANCES.**

- a. Amend mid-biennial budget. Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the mid-biennial budget.

Councilmember Witten introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Witten moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.

Councilmember 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.

Councilmember Moreman asked City Manager Crouch to explain this item.

City Manager Crouch explained the council must vote to amend the current budget to reflect current year revenue and expenditure adjustments.

Upon roll call vote, 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. 3502**

- b. FY2025 Budget. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance adopts the FY2025 budget.

Councilmember Parsons introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Parsons moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.

Councilmember 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).**

Mayor Anders motioned to amend the ordinance on page 2, number 3(a), Outside Agencies to be \$2,224,790 from \$2,130,493 for a difference of \$181,947.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance amended.

Councilmember Griswold said he will be abstaining from the vote because he would like to see more detail in the budget.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted as amended.

**Ordinance No. 3503**

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Development agreement. CoBek Development LLC. The Vintage Expansion.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a development agreement with CoBek Development, LLC.

Councilmember Moreman asked how the Vintage is expanding.

City Manager Crouch explained the expansion.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-166**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Mayor Anders shared a prepared statement.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about Pharmacy Benefit Managers.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about Pharmacy Benefit Managers.

Martha Shamp (307 Camelia Drive) spoke about government.

Win Timberlake (213 Lee Drive) spoke about a former teacher at Drake Middle School.

Harriette Huggins (631 S. Dean Road) said it is Library Month and thanked the library for its collection and value of programs.

Debra Beale (802 Tullahoma Drive) thanked Councilmember Griswold for mentioning the Ruck March and said she is excited about the soon-to-be-built pickleball courts.

13.     **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager