

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:03 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: Bob Parsons. 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 October 1 Committee of the Whole meeting, made nominations to the Tree Commission and had discussion from Councilmember Griswold about the city's branding efforts.

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.

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.**

Brett Basquin said he represented the applicants in item 9a1 and was available to answer any questions about the item.

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.

Councilmember Taylor removed item 8d from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Griswold removed items 8e2, 8e5, and 8e7 from the consent agenda.

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

a. Minutes. October 1, 2024. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage license. Pasta Manana, LLC d/b/a Café de Fleur. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 2272 Moores Mill Road, Suite 208. **APPROVED**

c. Authorize temporary street closure. Downtown Auburn Holiday Fair. December 1, 2024. **Resolution No. 24-192**

- d. Street renaming. Rename a portion of Lee Road 677 within the Auburn city limits to Woodward Oaks Trail. **Resolution No. 24-193**
- e. Contracts and agreements.
  - 1. Alabama Power. Lighting services agreement. Lake Wilmore Park Community Center Phase 2 Project (Lake Wilmore Multi-Purpose Fields). \$89,541.26. **Resolution No. 24-194**
  - 2. Bobcat of Dothan. Purchase one (1) 2024 Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader. Parks and Recreation Department. \$44,794.45.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 3. Bucher Municipal North America Inc. Purchase one (1) Bucher Remote Reel (sewer easement machine). \$39,200. **Resolution No. 24-196**
- 4. Dyna-Lift, Inc. Purchase one (1) 2024 UniCarriers Forklift. Water Resource Management Department. \$32,727. **Resolution No. 24-197**
- 5. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2025 Ford F150 pick-up truck. Fire Department. \$47,798.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 6. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) Ford Transit 150 Cargo Vans. Parks and Recreation Department. \$89,038. **Resolution No. 24-199**
- 7. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase four (4) 2024 Ford F150 Pickup Trucks. Parks and Recreation Department. \$165,348.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 8. Sunbelt Fire, Inc. Purchase fifteen (15) sets of Globe Apparel turnout gear. \$51,225. **Resolution No. 24-202**
- 9. Toter, LLC. Purchase 624 garbage carts \$35,452. **Resolution No. 24-203**
- 10. Toter, LLC. Purchase 624 recycling carts. \$40,880.80. **Resolution No. 24-204**
- 11. University Ace Hardware. Purchase of eight (8) Exmark Mowers and one (1) Billy Goat Ride On Blower. Parks and Recreation Department. \$133,187. **Resolution No. 24-205**
- 12. Veolia North America. Lease Agreement. 2008 Ford F550 Regular Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck. Water Resource Management Department. **Resolution No. 24-206**
- 13. Veolia North America. Lease Agreement. 2016 Ford F250 Supercab 4x4 pickup truck. Water Resource Management Department. **Resolution No. 24-207**
- 14. Veolia North America. Lease Agreement. 2019 Ford F250 Supercab 4x4 pickup truck. Water Resource Management Department. **Resolution No. 24-208**
- 15. Veolia North America. Lease Agreement. 2024 Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4x4 truck. Water Resource Management Department. **Resolution No. 24-209**

16. Voyles Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Birmingham. Purchase one (1) Dodge Ram 3500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4. Parks and Recreation Department. \$84,170.50. **Resolution No. 24-210**
- f. Easements.
  1. East Mag Investments, LLC. Accept a revised (expanded) public sanitary sewer easement. Property located at 801 Ogletree Road. **Resolution No. 24-211**
  2. Hamilton Office Park, LLC. Accept various public easements as shown on the plat: Revision of Lot B2A of a Resubdivision of Parcel-B2 of a Resubdivision of Parcel-B of Fred P. Moore Subdivision. 2449 Moores Mill Road. **Resolution No. 24-212**
  3. S&P Housing Group, LLC. Accept a public utility easement. "F&W Holdings, LLC, Redivision of Lot 2." Property located at 762 North Donahue Drive. **Resolution No. 24-213**
- g. Tree Commission. Three (3) positions. Terms begin November 8, 2024, and end November 7, 2027. **Resolution No. 24-214 (Shelley Aistrup, Michael Brunson, Helena Starnes)**
- d. Street renaming. Rename a portion of Lee Road 677 within the Auburn city limits to Woodward Oaks Trail.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution renames a portion of Lee Road 677 to Woodward Oaks Trail.

Councilmember Taylor asked about the renaming process and the reasoning behind renaming this street.

City Manager Crouch and Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton explained.

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. 24-193**

- e. Contracts and agreements.
  2. Bobcat of Dothan. Purchase one (1) 2024 Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader. Parks and Recreation Department. \$44,794.45.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Bobcat of Dothan.

Councilmember Griswold asked how often the city must rent this equipment.

Parks and Recreation Director Alison Hall answered.

Councilmember Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-195**

5. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2025 Ford F150 pick-up truck. Fire Department. \$47,798.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Stivers Ford Lincoln.

Councilmember Griswold said he did not support expanding the city's fleet of vehicles.

City Manager Crouch explained how the vehicle will be utilized.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-198**

7. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase four (4) 2024 Ford F150 Pickup Trucks. Parks and Recreation Department. \$165,348.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Stivers Ford Lincoln.

Councilmember Griswold moved to divide the question to consider the vehicles used for the cemetery crews separately from the others.

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

Councilmember Coblenz moved that the resolution for cemetery vehicles be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-200**

Councilmember Coblenz moved that the resolution for the other two vehicles be adopted.

Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams,

Coblenz, Dawson, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-201**

**9. ORDINANCES.**

- a. Traffic control signs and devices. Establish a "No Parking" zone along the north and east sides of Warrior Court. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes a "No Parking" zone along the north and east sides of Warrior Court.

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.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3513**

- b. Annexations. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary.

1. Hanson annexation. 3 acres. Property located at the 2600 Block of Lee Road 56 (Wimberly Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 3 acres.

Councilmember Dawson introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

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

Councilmember 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: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblenz, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3514**

2. H&G Annexation. Approximately 108 acres. Property located at 943 Lee Road 57 (Willis Turk Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 108 acres.

Councilmember Dawson introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

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

Councilmember 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: Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblenz, Dawson, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3515**

3. Farmville Mixed Use Annexation. Approximately 3.79 acres. Property located at the southeast corner of East Farmville Road (Lee Road 72) and US Highway 280.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 3.79 acres.

Councilmember Witten denied unanimous consent.

Mayor Anders said the item would return on the November 5, 2024, Council meeting.

- c. Zoning. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearings required.

1. Farmville Mixed Use Rezoning. Rezoning of approximately 3.79 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 3.79 acres.

Councilmember Witten denied unanimous consent.

Mayor Anders said the item would return on the November 5, 2024, Council meeting.

2. Farmville Mixed-Use PDD Rezoning. Rezoning to apply the Planned Development District (PDD) designation to approximately 14.17 acres in the Development District Housing (DDH) zoning district.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance applies the Planned Development District (PDD) designation to approximately 14.17 acres.

Councilmember Witten denied unanimous consent.

Mayor Anders said the item would return on the November 5, 2024, Council meeting.

- d. General Obligation Warrants. Authorize the issuance of the City's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2024 (\$40,590,000) for various public capital improvements.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the issuance of the City's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2024.

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

Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

Councilmember Witten moved that the ordinance be adopted.

Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3516**

**10. RESOLUTIONS.**

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

1. Farmville Mixed-Use. Various nonresidential uses. Property located at the northwest corner of East Farmville Road and US Highway 280.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for various nonresidential uses.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone the item to November 5, 2024.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution postponed to November 5, 2024.

2. Judd Avenue Mixed-Use. Performance residential development (cottage housing development) and commercial and entertainment uses. Property located at the intersection of Judd Avenue and Richland Road.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Ernest Griggs, Pastor of Church of God by Faith, spoke in favor of the project.

Developer Andrew Parmer said he was there to answer any questions about the project.

The Council asked questions about the project.

Engineering Services Director Alison Frazier and Mr. Parmer answered the questions.

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

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. 24-215**

- b. Tax abatement extension. I-PEX USA Manufacturing, Inc. Auburn Technology Park South.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution extends a tax abatement for I-PEX USA Manufacturing, Inc.

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. 24-216**

- c. Contracts and agreements.

1. East Alabama Healthcare Authority d/b/a East Alabama EMS, LLC. FY2025 Emergency Response, Rescue and Ambulance Service Agreement. \$447,781.97.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a contract with East Alabama EMS, LLC.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-217**

2. Sain Associates, Inc. Design services. Outer Loop Project from Richland Road to Mrs. James Road. \$1,510,200.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a contract with Sain Associates, Inc.

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. 24-218**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

**12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Reginald Perry (1518 VFW Road) spoke about concerns regarding construction in the neighborhood

Daniel Carlson (1902 Yarbrough Farms Boulevard) spoke in opposition to a planned sidewalk widening in his neighborhood.

Ronnie Jackson (1515 VFW Road) said speed bumps are needed in his neighborhood.

Martha Shamp (307 Camelia Drive) spoke about the Auburn Public Library.

Harriet Huggins (631 S. Dean Road) spoke about the Auburn Public Library.

Sarah King-Collins (875 Cahaba Drive) spoke about the Auburn Public Library.

13.     **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilmember Coblenz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager