

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 6:00 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, Beth Witten, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Connie Taylor. 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 November 2024.

**Employee of the Month**

Sharon Bradley	Auburn Public Library
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**Service Awards**

Beau Mayton	Inspection Services	5 years
Ivan Garcia	Police	5 years
Darrell Aldridge	Environmental Services	20 years
Kelvin Staples	Environmental Services	20 years

- b.       Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Anders provided a summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held.

- 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. He also recognized Economic Development Director Phillip Dunlap for his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment with the city.

Councilmember Witten thanked all the poll workers and volunteers that worked the polls.

Councilmember Moreman agreed. He said he had a positive experience at the polls and congratulated Judge Bill English for finishing up his 40-year career.

Councilmember Dawson said he also had a positive experience voting in Ward 8.

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.**

AU Dean of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment Dr. Janaki R.R. Alavalapati (address not given) and Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Manager Michael Buckman (2156 Turnbury Lane) thanked the Council in advance for supporting the funding resolution for the Environmental Education Building at the Kreher Preserve & Nature Center.

Jan Dempsey (370 Chewacla Drive) spoke in support of the funding resolution for the Food Bank of East Alabama Community Market.

Dr. Dale Crosby (1070 Lee Road 56) spoke in support of the funding resolution for Mercy Medical Ministry.

EAMC Executive Vice President Greg Nichols (22136 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lafayette, AL) spoke in support of the funding resolution for East Alabama Health – Center for Mental Health.

C-Spire representative Jake Cohen (29582 Sunshine Road, Andalusia, AL) spoke about the C-Spire franchise and plans for the project.

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

- a. Board announcement. Public Park and Recreation Board. One (1) vacancy. Term begins December 19, 2024, and ends December 18, 2030. Appointment December 3, 2024.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Public Park and Recreation Board.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilmember Griswold removed item 8c11 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted.

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

- a. Minutes. October 15, 2024. **APPROVED**
- b. Waive residential trash collection fees. Designate Trash Amnesty 2025. March 10, 2025 – April 4, 2025. **Resolution No. 24-219**
- c. Contracts and agreements.
  1. Bobcat of Dothan. Purchase one (1) T86 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader along with requisite attachments. Public Works Department. \$131,934.43. **Resolution No. 24-220**
  2. CARE Humane Society. Animal sheltering services agreement amendment. **Resolution No. 24-221**
  3. SunSouth, LLC. Purchase one (1) John Deere 4066M Compact Utility Tractor. Public Works Department. \$41,068.45. **Resolution No. 24-222**
  4. SunSouth, LLC. Purchase one (1) John Deere 5075M Utility Tractor. Public Works Department. \$68,969.50. **Resolution No. 24-223**
  5. Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. Purchase seven (7) new Scott self-contained breathing apparatus masks and ten (10) air bottles. Fire Department. \$65,085. **Resolution No. 24-224**

6. Hyland Software, Inc. OnBase record management software upgrade. \$42,420. **Resolution No. 24-225**
7. Hyland Software, Inc. OnBase license renewal. \$99,409.69. **Resolution No. 24-226**
8. JLD, Enterprises, LLC. Emergency culvert repair on Heard Avenue. \$153,522. **Resolution No. 24-227**
9. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Explorer. Information Technology Department. \$39,548. **Resolution No. 24-228**
10. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) Ford F-150s. Public Works Department. \$102,286. **Resolution No. 24-229**
11. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) Ford F-250s. Public Works Department. \$121,378.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

12. UKG Kronos Systems LLC. Migration of Kronos time-keeping software to UKG Kronos Systems, LLC platform. **Resolution No. 24-231**
13. Van Horn Miller Ent., Inc. DBA Deep South Apparel. 2024-2025 Recreation sports league apparel. **Resolution No. 24-232**

d. Easements.

1. Clayton Properties Group, Inc. Accept various public drainage easements. Woodward Oaks, Phase 5 (FP-2024-018), located southwest of the Farmville Road and Miracle Road/Lee Road 83 intersection, in the Woodward Oaks Planned Development District. **Resolution No. 24-233**
2. Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-Central, LLC. Accept a public greenway easement. Revision of Lot 2 Parkerson Mill Subdivision, Phase 2, Redivision of Lot 2. 419 West Veterans Boulevard. **Resolution No. 24-234**
3. Jones Properties Auburn II, LLC. Accept a public utility easement as shown on the plat: Easement Plat for Chick-Fil-A. Property located at the intersection of East University Drive and Mall Parkway. **Resolution No. 24-235**
4. Samford Group Development, LLC. Accept various easements. Donahue Park - Administrative Plat. Property located at the intersection of Pride Ave & North Donahue Drive. **Resolution No. 24-236**
5. Tiger Crossing, General Partnership. Accept various public easements. Longleaf Crossing Phase 5C Redivision of Lots 123, 124, & 125. Property located on Downs Way at Logan Court. **Resolution No. 24-237**
6. Larry D. Wilson. Accept public drainage and utility easement. Revision of Lot 30-A-1, First Addition to Lot 30-A, Redivision of Lots 30, 21 and a Portion of Lots 28 and 29, Jones Subdivision Administrative Plat. Property located at 1021 Opelika Road. **Resolution No. 24-238**

- e. Board appointments. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin December 1, 2024, and end November 30, 2028. **Resolution No. 24-239 (Lori Marine and Brian O'Neil)**

f. Alcohol beverage licenses.

1. Aramark Educational Services, LLC d/b/a Plainsman Park. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC Licenses. 351 South Donahue Drive Parking Lot.

**APPROVED**

2. Quintessential Cigar Lounge, LLC d/b/a Quintessential Cigar Lounge, LLC. 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I. 1673 Shug Jordan Parkway, Unit E.

**APPROVED**

c. Contracts and agreements.

11. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) Ford F-250s. Public Works Department. \$121,378.

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

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Councilmember Griswold moved to divide the question to consider the replacement vehicle separately from the expansion vehicle.

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

Mayor Anders declared the motion failed.

Upon the vote to adopt the resolution, all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-230**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. 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. Second reading.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 3.79 acres. She added that this was the second reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Witten moved to adopt the ordinance.

Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.

Councilmember Witten thanked the Foresite Group and developers for meeting with her to answer questions about the project.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3517**

- b. Zoning. Planning Commission recommendations. Second reading. 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. She added that this was the second reading of the ordinance, and a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Witten moved to adopt the ordinance.  
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.

Councilmember Witten said she thinks pieces of Farmville Road should remain rural but finds the location of this property acceptable for the rezoning.

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

**Ordinance No. 3518**

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. She added that this was the second reading of the ordinance, and a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Witten moved to adopt the ordinance.  
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion.

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

**Ordinance No. 3519**

- c. Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Exempt specified items from City Sales Tax. Friday, February 21, 2025, through Sunday, February 23, 2025. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.

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 Griswold 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, Parsons, Witten, Adams, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.  
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3520**

- d. Franchise agreement. Troy Cablevision, Inc. and its Affiliates dba C Spire. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes a franchise agreement with Troy Cablevision, Inc. and its Affiliates dba C Spire. She added that a public hearing was recommended.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

C-Spire representative Jake Cohen (29582 Sunshine Road, Andalusia, AL) spoke again about the franchise and plans for the project.

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

Councilmember Coblentz introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Coblentz 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, Parsons, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

**Ordinance No. 3521**

**10. RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Conditional use approval. Farmville Mixed-Use. Various nonresidential uses. Property located at the northwest corner of East Farmville Road and US Highway 280. Public hearing required. Postponed from October 15, 2024.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for various nonresidential uses. She added that the item was postponed on October 15 and a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

There being no further 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. 24-240**

- b. Financial contributions.

1. East Alabama Health - Center for Mental Health.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a financial contribution to East Alabama Health – Center for Mental Health.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-241**

2. Environmental Education Building at Kreher Preserve & Nature Center.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a financial contribution to the Environmental Education Building at Kreher Preserve & Nature Center.

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. 24-242**

3. Food Bank of East Alabama Community Market.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a financial contribution to the Food Bank of East Alabama Community Market.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-243**

4. Mercy Medical Ministry.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a financial contribution to Mercy Medical Ministry.

Councilmember Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-244**

c. Contract. Stivers Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram. Purchase sixteen (16) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit SUVs. Police Department. \$730,767.84.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Stivers Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-245**

d. Tax abatements.

1. Arkal Automotive USA, Inc. Auburn Technology Park West. Tax abatement.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a tax abatement for Arkal Automotive USA, Inc.

Councilmember Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-246**

2. CSP Technologies, Inc. Auburn Technology Park North. Tax abatement extension.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution extends a tax abatement for CSP Technologies, Inc.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.  
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 24-247**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

**12. CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM.**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager