

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 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, 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 December 2024.

Employee of the Month

Corey Walp	Water Resource Management
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Service Awards

Joseph Ellison	Police	5 years
Chris Welch	Parks and Recreation	10 years
Jacques Crawford	Public Works	20 years
William Schallock, Jr.	Police	25 years
Phillip Dunlap	Economic Development	40 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.

Councilmember Taylor thanked Community Services Al Davis and staff for their work to make the Thanksgiving dinner at the Boykin Community Center a success.

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. Board of Zoning Adjustment. Two (2) vacancies, one to fill the supernumerary position. Terms begin January 21, 2025, and end January 20, 2028.

City Manager Crouch announced two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

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 8b4 and Councilmember Moreman removed item 8b2.

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

- a. Minutes. November 19, 2024. **APPROVED**
- b. Contracts and agreements.
 1. Bodine's Landscape Services, Inc. Landscape Maintenance for Islands and Medians. Public Works Department. \$74,480. **Resolution No. 24-262**
 2. CuraLinc, LLC. Employee Assistance Program. \$47,952.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

3. Hacker Properties, LLC. Lease Agreement. Property located at 160 North College Street. **Resolution No. 24-264**
4. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) 2025 Ford F-150 Supercrew Pickup Trucks. Environmental Services Department. \$95,586.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

5. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) 2025 Ford F-150 pickup trucks. Police Department. \$85,554. **Resolution No. 24-266**
6. UKG Kronos Systems, LLC. Three-year contract for Time and Attendance Software. \$169,992. **Resolution No. 24-267**
7. Wastequip. Purchase 40 eight-cubic-yard front load containers. Environmental Services. \$48,449. **Resolution No. 24-268**
- c. Board appointment. Public Park and Recreation Board. One (1) vacancy. Term begins December 19, 2024, and ends December 18, 2030. **Resolution No. 24-269 (Elliott MacIsaac)**

b. Contracts and agreements.

2. CuraLinc, LLC. Employee Assistance Program. \$47,952.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with CuraLinc, LLC.

Councilmember Moreman asked for information on the employee assistance program.

Human Resources Director Elinda Dannar explained the program.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-263

4. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) 2025 Ford F-150 Supercrew Pickup Trucks. Environmental Services Department. \$95,586.

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

Councilmember Griswold said these are expansion vehicles and he is against expanding the City's fleet.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-265

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. City Code Amendment. Article II (Flood Damage Prevention), Chapter 7. Second reading.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Article II (Flood Damage Prevention), Chapter 7 of the City Code. She added that this was the second reading of the ordinance.

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

Councilmember Coblenz provided a summary and background information on the ordinance. He added that its adoption is required by FEMA for the City's eligibility in the flood insurance program.

City Manager Crouch and Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings provided additional information on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance No. 3523

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Conditional use approval. Cherokee Road MUD Townhomes. 8-unit multi-family (townhomes) development. Property located at the terminus of Cherokee Road. Postponed at the November 19, 2024, council meeting. Planning Commission Recommendation. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a multi-family development. She added that the item was postponed at the November 19 meeting and said a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders asked the authorized representative, Blake Rice, to speak about the project.

Mr. Rice provided information on the project and answered the Council's questions.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed townhomes:

- Brad Prater (314 Tullahoma Drive)
- John Cochran (878 Cherokee Road)
- Anthony Moss (866 Cahaba Drive)
- Stephen Smith (804 Cahaba Drive)
- Anne Moss (866 Cahaba Drive)

Sarah Collins (875 Cahaba Drive) spoke in favor of the proposed townhomes.

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

The Council asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Griswold seconded the motion, and all members voted no.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution failed.

- b. Vacation. Cleveland Brothers, Inc. Reeves Townhomes Easement. Property located at 1287 Ogletree Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution assents to the vacation of a lighting and utility panel easement located at 369 South College Street. She added that 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 that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 24-270

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Contract. Alabama Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc. Dean Road Recreation Center Roof Replacement and HVAC Project. \$570,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Alabama Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., 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. 24-271

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Jason Haney (134 Grazia Way) spoke about updating the business license ordinance.

Reginald Perry (1518 VFW Road) spoke about the flood plain ordinance and development along VFW Road.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the flood plain ordinance and development in Auburn.

Susan Pernido (171 Siena Place) spoke about the eagles’ nest.

Emily Cherry (1306 Glenn Circle, Opelika, AL) spoke about the eagles’ nest.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager