

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 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 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. Committee of the Whole.

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

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 and offered condolences to the family of Chette Williams.

Councilmember Moreman said progress is being made at the Boykin Donahue Campus.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Assistant Director of City Relations Evelyn Cherry updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the items related to Item 9a(1) the Jolly Property Annexation and 9b(1) the Jolly Property Rezoning:

- Melissa Wheelles (191 Great Ellis Lane)
- Tamara Kett (162 Great Ellis Lane)
- Keith Eubanks (162 Great Ellis Lane)
- Dave Patrick (7550 Stonewall Road, Opelika)

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

City Manager Crouch announced one vacancy on the Industrial Development Board for an unexpired term that begins upon appointment and ends October 9, 2028. She said the appointment will be made on February 4, 2025.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

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

- a. Minutes. December 3, 2024. **APPROVED**
- b. Contract. Stryker Medical. Purchase four (4) LUCAS 3 chest compression devices. Fire Department. \$80,468.60. **Resolution No. 24-272**
- c. Easements.
 - 1. 68V Preserve 2023, LLC. Accept right-of-way and various easements for The Preserve Phase 6A. Property located along West Farmville Road. **Resolution No. 24-273**
 - 2. Asheton Glenn, LLC. Accept public right-of-way and various easements for Asheton Glenn. Property located along Watercrest Drive. **Resolution No. 24-274**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Annexations. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary.
 - 1. Jolly Property. Approximately 178 acres. Property located north of Highway 280, east of Stonewall Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 178 acres.

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 Parsons 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.

The Council asked questions about the property and potential development there.

City Manager Crouch, Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton, and authorized representative Chris Franks answered the questions.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance failed.

- 2. Weeks Property. Approximately 43.8. Property located at 2303 Lee Road 10 (Beehive Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 43.8 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 Parsons 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: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblenz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3524

- b. Rezoning. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearings required.
 - 1. Jolly Property. Apply the Conservation Overlay District (COD) designation to approximately 178 acres in the Rural (R) zoning district. Property located north of Highway 280, east of Stonewall Road.

City Manager Crouch said this item would not be considered because it was contingent on the approval of item 9a1.

- 2. Weeks Property. Rezone approximately 43.8 acres from Rural (R) to Industrial (I). Property located at 2303 Lee Road 10 (Beehive Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 43.8 acres. She added that a public hearing was required.

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 Parsons 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.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

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. 3525

- c. Declare property surplus and authorize sale. Allen Investments, LLC. Property located at 1284 Mall Parkway. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance declares property located at 1284 as surplus and authorizes the sale of that property.

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 Parsons 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. 3526

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. CompPlan 2030 5 year Update. Text changes for every chapter. Future Land Use Plan Amendments. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves the CompPlan 2030 5-year update. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders moved to postpone the item until January 21, 2025.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders asked to postpone giving the City Council time to have a work session on the proposed CompPlan 2030 and future land-use plan changes.

Upon the vote to postpone, all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to January 21, 2025.

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

1. 708 Harper Avenue. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 708 Harper Avenue.

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.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-275

2. The Boulevard Phase 8. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at the terminus of Gidden Street.

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.

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

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. 24-276

3. Gamble Winter New Office. Commercial support uses (contractor storage yard, mini-warehouse, warehouse). Property located at 375 West Veterans Boulevard.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support uses. 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 Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 24-277

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. Headley Construction Corporation. Samford Avenue Tennis/Pickleball Court Renovation Project. \$305,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Headley Construction Corporation.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-278

2. JLD Enterprises, LLC. Gay Street Streetscape Project. \$726,477.52.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with JLD Enterprises, LLC.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-279

3. Samsara Inc. Fleet Management Software Renewal. Environmental Services Department. \$886,858.20.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Samsara Inc.

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

RESOLUTION No. 24-280

4. SHI International Corp. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal. \$366,584.78.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with SHI International Corp.

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. 24-281

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM.

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111) thanked the Council for allowing his participation in a 2040 Committee and for planning to host a work session on the CompPlan 2030 update.

Mayor Anders thanked City staff for their work, City Council members for their dedication to the City and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Dawson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 6:49 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager