

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2025, at 6:15 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.

A video was shown to recognize the employee service awards for February 2025.

Employee of the Month		
Andrea Mitchell	Economic Development	
Service Awards		
Robbie Ellis	Engineering Services	5 years
Francesca Pearson	Environmental Services	5 years
Stephanie Thompson	Information Technology	5 years
Dustin Rogers	Water Resource Management	5 years
Grant Robinson	Fire Department	10 years
Moses Webb, Jr.	Fire Department	10 years
Benjamin Key	Water Resource Management	10 years
Neil Godfrey	Water Resource Management	25 years
Retiree		
Alison Frazier	Engineering Services	28 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 and offered condolences to the family of former Councilmember Arthur L. Dowdell, Sr.

Councilmember Taylor also offered condolences to the family of former Councilmember Arthur L. Dowdell, Sr.

Councilmember Witten said she judged the Lee County Spelling Bee earlier in the day and announced a Ward 3 meeting at 6 p.m. on February 11 in the Buston Education & Meeting Center.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Director of Civic Engagement Jack McMurray 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 vacancy announcements. Commercial Development Authority. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin March 16, 2025, and end March 15, 2029. Appointments March 4, 2025.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Commercial Development Authority for terms that begin on March 16, 2025, and end March 15, 2029. She said the appointments will be made on March 4, 2025.

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 8c1

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

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

Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda approved.

- a. Minutes. January 23, 2025. **APPROVED**
- b. Alcohol beverage licenses.
 1. B and B AU Advancement Event at AU Nursing. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 710 South Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**
 2. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill. 040 - Retail Beer (On or Off Premises). 1700 Opelika Road. **APPROVED**
 3. KS Investments, LLC d/b/a BBQ Chicken Auburn North. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 1212 Gatewood Drive, Unit B4. **APPROVED**
- c. Contracts and agreements.
 1. Life Storage, LP. Billboard agreement. Property located at 2020 South College Street.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

2. SHI International Corp. Rubrik Backup and Recovery Services Renewal. \$148,207.61. **Resolution No. 25-020**

3. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2025 Ford F-250 pickup truck. Fire Department. \$52,397. **Resolution No. 25-021**
- d. Easements. Orange – Auburn III, LLC. Accept public easements at the Heart of Auburn Subdivision. Property located at 345 South College Street.
Resolution No. 25-022
- e. Board appointment. Industrial Development Board. One (1) position. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends October 9, 2028.
Resolution No. 25-023
- c. Contracts and agreements.
 1. Life Storage, LP. Billboard agreement. Property located at 2020 South College Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a billboard agreement with Life Storage, LP.

Councilmember Griswold said this agreement is a mechanism to eventually remove the billboard.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 25-019

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Extra Space Management Annexation. 4.4 acres. Property located at 2020 South College Street.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 4.4 acres.

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 Dawson 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 discussed the annexation and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch and Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton answered the questions.

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

Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3528

10. RESOLUTIONS.

- a. Vacation. The Industrial Development Board of the City of Auburn. Property located at 1500 Pumphrey Avenue. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution assents to the vacation of a drainage and utility easement located at 1500 Pumphrey Avenue. 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. 25-024

- b. 2025 Improvements Reimbursements. Reimbursement of certain expenditures prior to tax-exempt financing for school projects.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes reimbursement of certain expenditures prior to tax-exempt financing for school projects.

The Council asked questions about the reimbursement.

City Manager Crouch and Finance Director Allison Edge answered the questions.

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. 25-025

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

None.

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 6:39 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager