

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:02 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, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Beth Witten. Also present was City Manager Megan McGowen Crouch.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

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 March 2025.

Employee of the Month		
Emily Pike	Human Resources	
Service Awards		
LeAnne Clements	Economic Development	10 years
Corey Walp	Water Resource Management	10 years
Chad Young	Water Resource Management	10 years
Jarrett Jones	Parks and Recreation	20 years
Retiree		
Patricia Liverance	Human Resources	5 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 announced a Ward 1 meeting at Boykin Community Center on Monday, March 24, at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Dawson asked all to remember Auburn University student Lauren Burke on the anniversary of her passing and added that his thoughts and prayers are with Lauren’s family and friends.

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.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the boards and commissions process.

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

- a. Board vacancy announcements. Appointments April 1, 2025.
 - 1. Library Board. One (1) vacancy. Term begins April 15, 2025, and ends April 14, 2029.
 - 2. Historic Preservation Commission. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin April 21, 2025, and end April 20, 2028.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Library Board and Historic Preservation Commission. She said the appointments will be made on April 1, 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 8d4.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted. Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda approved.

- a. Minutes. February 18, 2025. **APPROVED**
- b. Penalty waiver request. Baumhower's, Auburn. **APPROVED**
- c. Alcohol beverage license. Angus Steakhouse, LLC d/b/a Angus Steakhouse. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 1212 Gatewood Drive, Suites B1 and B2. **APPROVED**
- d. Contracts.
 - 1. DC Group, Inc. Replace uninterruptible power supply system batteries. Various city facilities. \$61,060.40. **Resolution No. 25-038**
 - 2. Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook. Three (3) year contract renewal for debt management and lease accounting software. \$81,000. **Resolution No. 25-039**
 - 3. Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Annual Renewal of Maintenance and Support for the Polaris Integrated Library System. Auburn Public Library. \$43,542.88. **Resolution No. 25-040**
 - 4. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) Ford F-550. Public Works Department. \$73,314.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- e. Easements. Industrial Development Board of the City of Auburn. Accept a public easement. Auburn Industrial Park, 2nd Revision. Property located at 1500 Pumphrey Avenue. **Resolution No. 25-042**
- f. Board appointments.
 - 1. Commercial Development Authority. Two (2) positions. Terms begin March 16, 2025, and end March 15, 2029. **Resolution No. 25-043**
 - 2. Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee. Five (5) positions. Terms begin March 9, 2025, and end March 8, 2029. **Resolution No. 25-044**
- d. Contracts.
 - 4. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) Ford F-550. Public Works Department. \$73,314.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the purchase of a Ford F-550 pickup truck.

Councilmember Griswold said he opposes the expansion of the city's fleet.

Councilmember Moreman asked how the vehicle will be utilized.

City Manager Crouch and Public Works Director Dan Ballard explained how the vehicle will be used.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 25-041

9. **ORDINANCES.**

None.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Contract. Gonzalez-Strength & Associates, Inc. Auburn Softball Complex & Wire Road Soccer Complex Artificial Turf Project. \$276,327.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Gonzalez-Strength & Associates, Inc. She added that this contract is for design services.

Councilmember Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 25-045

- b. Tax abatement amendment and joinder agreement. Core Scientific, Inc. with AUBix, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a tax abatement amendment and joinder agreement for Core Scientific, Inc.

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. 25-046

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Easements. Bradon & Lauryn Rogers and Sing Properties, LLC. Accept a public sanitary sewer easement. Nelocco Subdivision. 328 and 334 Nelocco Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution accepts a public sanitary sewer easement from Bradon & Lauryn Rogers and Sing Properties, LLC.

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. 25-047

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the short-term rental ordinance.

Elizabeth White (637 Forestdale Drive) spoke about the impact of potential federal budget cuts.

Antwameka Dowdell (618 Howard Street) asked the Council to consider naming a street after her late husband and former City Councilmember Arthur L. Dowdell, Sr.

Councilmember Taylor asked for information on naming streets.

City Manager Crouch spoke about the street naming process.

Councilmember Griswold spoke about the boards and commission process.

Councilmember Moreman asked about the Library Board vacancies.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions about the vacancies on the Library Board.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager