

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 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. 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.

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.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) asked the Council to postpone item number 10b2.

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

- a. Board vacancy announcements. Appointments September 16, 2025.

1. Industrial Development Board. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin October 10, 2025, and end October 9, 2031.
2. Lee County Youth Development Center. One (1) vacancy. Term begins October 1, 2025, and ends September 30, 2029.
3. West Pace Village Improvement District. Two (2) vacancies. One (1) term begins upon appointment and ends September 15, 2030. One (1) term begins September 16, 2025, and ends September 15, 2031.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Industrial Development Board, Lee County Youth Development Center, and West Pace Village Improvement District.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilmember Coblentz removed item 8c1 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Griswold removed item 8c2 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Moreman removed items 8c3 and 8c4 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Dawson 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. August 5, 2025. **Approved**
- b. Alcohol beverage licenses.
 - 1. Ithaka Hospitality Partners Auburn Beverage, LLC d/b/a The Hotel at Auburn University. 140 – Special Events Retail. 620 South Donahue Drive. **Approved**
 - 2. Ithaka Hospitality Partners Auburn Beverage, LLC d/b/a The Hotel at Auburn University. 140 – Special Events Retail. 901 South College Street. **Approved**
 - 3. Langston Family, LLC d/b/a The Tiny Bar. 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 – Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises). 550 Main Street. **Approved**
 - 4. RAM Auburn Hospitality Four, LLC d/b/a AC Hotel by Marriott Auburn. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 146 North Gay Street. **Approved**
- c. Contracts and agreements.
 - 1. Auburn City Board of Education. School Resource and Canine Officer Agreement. August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2028.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 2. The Mark at Auburn, LLC. Landmark Properties, Inc. Infrastructure Development Agreement. The Mark at Auburn.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 3. LCD Aquisitions, LLC. Authorize deposit agreement for third-party plan review for The Mark at Auburn.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 4. HR Green, Inc. - Task Order IS 02 for building plan reviews for The Mark at Auburn.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

d. Easements.

1. Dilworth Development, Inc. Accept various public rights-of-way and public easements. Yarbrough Farms, Oakmont Phase II. Terminus of Oakmont Drive. **Resolution No. 25-167**
2. Lot Revival, LLC. Accept various public drainage and utility easements. Sugar Creek Estates. 900 Annabrook Drive. **Resolution No. 25-168**

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. Auburn City Board of Education. School Resource and Canine Officer Agreement. August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2028.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute an agreement with Auburn City Board of Education.

Councilmember Coblentz said he removed this item from the consent agenda to highlight the positive impact the officers are having in schools.

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. 25-163

2. The Mark at Auburn, LLC. Landmark Properties, Inc. Infrastructure Development Agreement. The Mark at Auburn.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute an infrastructure development agreement with The Mark at Auburn, LLC.

Councilmember Griswold and the Council asked questions about the development agreement.

City Manager Crouch and Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings answered the questions.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 25-164

3. LCD Aquisitions, LLC. Authorize deposit agreement for third-party plan review for The Mark at Auburn.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a deposit agreement with LCD Acquisitions, LLC.

Councilmember Moreman said this item pertains to the same project involved in items 8c2, 8c3, and 8c4 and asked questions about the agreement.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.
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. 25-165

4. HR Green, Inc. - Task Order IS 02 for building plan reviews for The Mark at Auburn.

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

Councilmember Moreman asked for an overview of the item.

City Manager Crouch provided an overview.

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. 25-166

9. ORDINANCES.

- a. Annexations. Unanimous consent necessary. Planning Commission recommendations.

1. Barrons Mobile Home Park Annexation. Approximately 22 acres. Property located on the south side of Wire Road near its intersection with Cox Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance was removed from the agenda.

2. Sandhill Acres Redivision Lot 1 Annexation. Approximately 14.7 acres. Property located south of 4474 Sand Hill Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution annexes approximately 14.7 acres.

Councilmember Coblenz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Coblenz moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember Witten 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: None. Voting no: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblenz, and Mayor Anders.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance failed.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

1. ArchCo North Dean Road. Extension of conditional use approval for a performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 1397 North Dean Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution was removed from the agenda by the applicant.

2. Cafe Racer. Extension of conditional use approval for a road service use (fast food w/ drive thru). Property located at 220 Opelika Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution extends a conditional use approval for a road service use (fast food w/drive thru). 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 Coblenz moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 25-169

3. The Corner Market Plus. Commercial and entertainment use (package store). Property located at 844 Martin Luther King Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial and entertainment use (package store). She added that a public hearing was required and the Planning Commission recommended denial of the request.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Auburn AME Zion Church Pastor Stephen Faulk (576 Martin Luther King Drive) spoke in opposition to a package store locating near the church.

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 the following member voted aye: Coblenz.

Voting no: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution failed.

4. Grand Junction Event Space. Commercial and entertainment use (event space as a component of a mixed-use development). Property located at 1027 East Glenn Avenue. Postponed from July 22, 2025.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial and entertainment use (event space as a component of a mixed-use development). She added that a public hearing was required, and a motion was made for consideration at the July 22 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Adams provided background on the item and asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch, Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton, and Developer Bryan Stone answered the questions.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) said spoke in opposition of the development.

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

Councilmember Adams moved to amend the condition to reflect the conditional use approval that is in the packet that states, “the applicant must establish and maintain a shared parking agreement to accommodate any max capacity events that exceed onsite parking.” Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the resolution amended.

Upon the vote for the amended resolution, all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 25-170

b. Contracts and agreements.

1. Kadre Engineering, LLC. North Donahue Drive Widening Project (Souhatchee Creek to Farmville Road). \$762,640.

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

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. 25-171

2. Machen McChesney. Independent Audit for Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026. \$300,000.

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

Councilmember Adams spoke about the auditing process.

City Manager Crouch and Accounting and Financial Reporting Manager Heidi Lowery spoke about the auditing process and answered questions from the Council.

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. 25-172

3. Whatley Construction, LLC. Lake Wilmore Park - Pool Dehumidifying System Installation. \$970,900.

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

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

RESOLUTION No. 25-173

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Alcohol Beverage License. Friendship Foods, Inc. d/b/a Country’s Barbecue. 150– Special Retail-30 Days or less. 350 Duncan Drive Green Space.

City Manager Crouch said Friendship Foods, Inc. d/b/a Country’s Barbecue is seeking a 150 – Special Retail – 30 Days or less alcohol beverage license.

Councilmember Witten moved that the request be granted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the motion carried.

12. CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the Auburn City Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager