The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:17 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 Councilpersons were present: Tommy Dawson, Steven Dixon, Kelley Griswold, Jay Hovey, Bob Parsons, Brett Smith, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders, Jr. Absent: None. Also present was City Manager 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 stated that at the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held the Council approved the minutes from the February 1 Committee of the Whole meeting, discussed community art, noise mitigation efforts in the city and agreed to suspend the rules to shorten the length of time between a Planning Commission resignation and new member appointment.

b. Announcements.

Mayor Anders stated:
The War Eagle Run will be held on Sunday.
Arbor Day is February 26.
Citizens Academy applications are available now.
He attended the Darden Gala.
School Resource Officers Day was today.
He thanked Alabama Power for its grant to the IDB.

Councilperson Griswold said that as of January 31, 2022 Councilperson Dixon's lawsuit has cost the City $68,136.

Councilperson Taylor thanked Al Davis and staff for allowing her to host the Senior Citizens Valentine's Ball at Boykin Community Center.

Councilperson Witten said last Sunday the AHS ACE club had a presentation and said the Mardis Gras parade is scheduled for Saturday, February 26 at 3 p.m.

Councilperson Dawson said he was pleased with how Public Safety handled the accident on the interstate yesterday.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Director of City Relations Anna Coker 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 announcements.

(1) Auburn Public Library Board. Term begins April 15, 2022 and ends April 14, 2026. One (1) vacancy. Appointment March 15, 2022.

(2) Board of Education. Term begins June 1, 2022 and ends May 31, 2027. Appointment April 19, 2022.

(3) Planning Commission. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends July 31, 2023. Appointment April 5, 2022.

City Manager Crouch announced board vacancies on the Auburn Public Library Board, Board of Education and Planning Commission.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Griswold asked to remove item 8b from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Taylor asked to remove item 8d(2) from the consent agenda.

Councilperson Smith moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda items adopted.

a. Minutes. January 25, 2022. Special Called Meeting. **APPROVED**
February 1, 2022. **APPROVED**

b. Concurrence. Industrial Development Board. Support a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with the establishment of an Auburn loan fund.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Eye Partners, P.C. Execute a sublease for the relocation of CityCare. $50,599.92. **Resolution No. 22-031**

(2) Gulf Coast Truck and Equipment Company Incorporated. Purchase one (1) 2023 Mack LR64 2849 Autoreach 28-yard Automated Side Loading Refuse Collection Body. $309,888. Environmental Services Department – Solid Waste Division. **Resolution No. 22-032**

(3) South Dade Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Inc. dba SDAC. Project TAPAA-TA17(923) Multi-Use Path Along Martin Luther King Drive/SR-14. $766,267.95. **Resolution No. 22-033**

(4) Spire Alabama, Inc. Extend natural gas services to the Auburn Soccer Complex. $19,081. **Resolution No. 22-034**

d. Easements and warranty deed.

(1) Chapel Heights, LLC. Accept rights-of-way, and various drainage and utility easements. Property located southwest of the Pierce Chapel Road and Lee Road 027 intersection. Chapel Heights Subdivision, And Redivision of Lot 2-A, 3-A, and 4, Fernwood. **Resolution No. 22-035**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (cont).**

(2) North Auburn Housing Development Corporation. Execute a statutory warranty deed to convey lots 6 and 7 of Tucker Heights Subdivision.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

b. Concurrence. Industrial Development Board. Support a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with the establishment of an Auburn loan fund.

City Manager Crouch said this item is a concurrence with the Industrial Development Board to support a Community Development Financial Institution.

Councilperson Griswold asked for an explanation for the public.

City Manager Crouch and Economic Development Financial Manager Leslie Chambers explained the item.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Smith seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 22-030

d. Easements and warranty deed.

(2) North Auburn Housing Development Corporation. Execute a statutory warranty deed to convey lots 6 and 7 of Tucker Heights Subdivision.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution conveys lots 6 and 7 of Tucker Heights Subdivision.

Councilperson Taylor asked about the process for transferring lots.

Community Services Director Al Davis explained the process.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 22-036

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Annexation. Everett and Mary Ann Williamson. Approximately 3.0 acres. Property located on the east side of Society Hill Road, approximately 0.2 miles north of Pierce Chapel Road. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 3.0 acres.

Councilperson Dawson introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Dawson moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilperson Dixon 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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3364

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. Fixing of costs. Weed abatements. Public hearings required.

(1) 937 Alan Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the fixing of costs for 937 Alan 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.

Councilperson Smith moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 22-037

(2) 515 Byrd Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the fixing of costs for 515 Byrd 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.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Smith seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 22-038

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12**.** **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Arthur L. Dowdell, Sr. (618 Howard Street) spoke about his concerns for Northwest Auburn.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Dixon moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager