The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 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 Councilpersons were present: Tommy Dawson, Bob Parsons, Jennifer Stephens, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders, Jr. Absent: Steven Dixon, Kelley Griswold and Jay Hovey. 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 previously held the Council approved the minutes from the October 4 Committee of the Whole meeting and discussed billboards on North Donahue Drive.

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.

Councilperson Taylor commended the opening of the Auburn University Health Care and Education Clinic at Boykin Community Center and thanked previous councilmembers for making it happen.

Councilperson Witten announced a Ward 3 meeting will be held on November 7 at 5:30pm with guest speaker Auburn City Schools Superintendent Dr. Cristen Herring.

Councilperson Dawson urged everyone to look at the City's social media pages for tips on Halloween safety.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Director of City Relations Olivia Sutherland updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) expressed concerns with item 9a.

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

a. Board announcement. Board of Education. One (1) vacancy. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends May 31, 2026.

City Manager Crouch announced one vacancy on the Board of Education.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

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

Councilperson Dawson asked to remove items 8d(1), 8d(2), 8d(4), 8d(7) and 8d(8) from the consent agenda.

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

Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda items adopted.

a. Minutes. October 4, 2022. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

(1) Country Kwik, Inc. d/b/a Country Kwik Food Mart. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC Licenses. 4015 South College Street. **APPROVED**

(2) Country Kwik, Inc. d/b/a Country Kwik Package Store. 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) ABC License. 4015 South College Street, Suite A. **APPROVED**

c. Tax Abatement. Korea Fuel Tech America, Inc. 272 Technology Parkway. Auburn Technology Park South. **Resolution No. 22-247**

d. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Alabama Power Company. Removal of above-ground utilities and installation of underground utilities in Downtown Auburn. $146,119.37.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) Communications International, Inc. Purchase P-25 simulcast radio tower equipment. $728,485.08.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(3) Cook's Pest Control, Inc. Pest control services for city facilities. $20,550. **Resolution No. 22-250**

(4) Cutting Edge Lawn Service, LLC. Landscape maintenance on I-85 Interchange Exit 50 (Cox Road). $93,860.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(5) Dell EMC Corporation. Purchase four (4) Dell EMC Isilon A200 archive nodes and related software with three years of support and maintenance. $112,852.19. **Resolution No. 22-252**

(6) Dell EMC Corporation. Purchase four (4) Dell EMC Isilon H400 nodes and related software with three years of support and maintenance. $212,381.01. **Resolution No. 22-253**

(7) East Alabama Healthcare Authority d/b/a East Alabama EMS, LLC. Emergency response, rescue and ambulance services annual contract. $376,518.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

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

(8) Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. Purchase one (1) Pierce Tiller Truck. Fire Department. $1,596,052.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(9) National Auto Fleet. Purchase two (2) F-150 pickup trucks. Parks and Recreation Department. $83,905.20. **Resolution No. 22-256**

(10) Pate Landscape Company. Emergency repair to the greenspace on N. College Street in front of the Wright Street Parking Deck. $45,000. **Resolution No. 22-257**

(11) Signature Tennis Courts, Inc. Resurfacing of the clay courts at Yarbrough Tennis Center. $86,000. **Resolution No. 22-258**

(12) Sunsouth, LLC. Purchase one (1) John Deere Tractor with box blade and front-end loader. Parks and Recreation Department. $55,717.50. **Resolution No. 22-259**

e. Easements and warranty deeds.

(1) Alabama Power Company. Grant an underground utility easement in Downtown Auburn. Property located behind 124 Tichenor Avenue. **Resolution No. 22-260**

(2) Bison Trust. Accept rights-of-way, sanitary sewer, drainage, and utility easements. Property located at the terminus of Solamere Court. Haven at Plainsman Lake. **Resolution No. 22-261**

(3) Tally Holdings, LLC. Accept various drainage and utility easements and sanitary sewer easements. Property located on Bryant Circle. Harper Avenue III - Consolidation Plat. **Resolution No. 22-262**

d. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Alabama Power Company. Removal of above-ground utilities and installation of underground utilities in Downtown Auburn. $146,119.37.

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

Councilperson Dawson asked questions about the contract.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
**RESOLUTION No. 22-248**

(2) Communications International, Inc. Purchase P-25 simulcast radio tower equipment. $728,485.08.

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

Councilperson Dawson asked questions about the purchase.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

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

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
**RESOLUTION No. 22-249**

(4) Cutting Edge Lawn Service, LLC. Landscape maintenance on I-85 Interchange Exit 50 (Cox Road). $93,860.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Cutting Edge Lawn Service, LLC.

Councilperson Dawson asked questions about the contract.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
**RESOLUTION No. 22-251**

(7) East Alabama Healthcare Authority d/b/a East Alabama EMS, LLC. Emergency response, rescue and ambulance services annual contract. $376,518.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with East Alabama EMS, LLC.

Councilperson Dawson asked questions about the contract.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
**RESOLUTION No. 22-254**

(8) Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. Purchase one (1) Pierce Tiller Truck. Fire Department. $1,596,052.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc.

Councilperson Dawson asked questions about the contract.

City Manager Crouch and Fire Chief John Lankford answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
**RESOLUTION No. 22-255**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Amend City Code. Chapter 12. Procedure for revocation of business license. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Chapter 12 of the City Code.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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

Mayor Anders asked if there was an objection to the ordinance being considered on its first reading.

Councilperson Witten objected to considering the ordinance on its first reading.

Mayor Anders said the ordinance would be considered at the November 1 City Council meeting.

b. Traffic control signs and devices. Establish a "No Parking" zone at 118 South Gay Street. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes a “No Parking” zone at 118 South Gay Street.

Councilperson Witten introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Witten moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilperson 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: Dawson, Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
**Ordinance No. 3400**

c. Annexations. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary.

(1) Greinke Annexation. Approximately 21.94 acres. Property located at 484 Lee Road 25 (Hillandale Drive). Applicants: Luke J. Greinke & Teresa G. Greinke.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 21.94 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 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: Dawson. Voting no: Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance failed.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

(2) Buc-ee's Detention Pond Annexation. Approximately 4.33 acres. Property located along Lee Road 12 (Cox Road). Applicant: Gonzales-Strength & Associates, Inc.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 4.33 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 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: Parsons, Stephens, Taylor, Witten, Dawson, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
**Ordinance No. 3401**

d. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments. Article II, Definitions (Section 203) and Article VI, Signs (Section 602 - Definitions and 604 - Prohibited Signs). Murals. Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Article II, Definitions (Section 203) and Article VI, Signs (Section 602 - Definitions and 604 - Prohibited Signs) of the Zoning Ordinance.

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

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: Stephens, Taylor, Witten, Dawson, Parsons and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
**Ordinance No. 3402**

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

(1) North College Church. Institutional use (church). Property located in the 1200 block of N. College Street. Applicant: Brett Basquin, Foresite Group LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for North College Church. 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 Stephens seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
**RESOLUTION No. 22-263**

(2) Lake Wilmore Community Center. Public service use (community recreation center, covered swimming pool, athletic fields, and public park). Property located north of 737 Ogletree Road. Applicant: City of Auburn.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for Lake Wilmore Community Center. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders asked City Manager Crouch to share images and provide an explanation of the project.

City Manager Crouch spoke about the project and provided images of it.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the project:

- Brian O'Neal (1509 Dartmouth Drive)
- Chad Key (1006 Serenity Circle)
- Stacy Sharp Giles (1770 Field Stone Lane)
- AJ Harris (4156 Mara Vista Drive)
- Andrew McCay (2520 Tetbury Court)
- William Elston (1588 Jemison Place)
- Gabe Gross (1733 Glendale Circle)
- Eric McDade (2163 Ashley Court)
- Pam Haney (906 Bibb Avenue)
- Trisha Campbell (308 Kimberly Drive)
- Danny Aubin (425 Stanfield Drive)
- Lisa Ciampi Sampson (984 Fairview Drive)

The following individuals spoke about concerns over the project:

- John Guest (731 Oak Knoll Circle)
- Robert Kribel (674 Ogletree Road)
- Sherry Chappell (701 Oak Knoll Circle)
- Robert McKay (740 Kenwood Drive)

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

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

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. 22-264**

(3) Shinhwa. Industrial use (manufacturing facility). Property located at 2530 West Technology Lane. Applicant: David Slocum, Pinnacle Design Group, Inc.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for Shinhwa. 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 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. 22-265**

(4) U-Haul Moving and Storage. Commercial support use (climate-controlled self-storage) and a road service use (truck and trailer sharing). Property located at 136 West Creek Parkway. Applicant: Douglas Weston and Lora Lakov.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for U-Haul Moving and Storage. 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 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. 22-266**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) thanked the city for recognizing Felton Little Park and gave each councilmember a copy of the newspaper that recently featured the ceremony at Felton Little Park.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) said he is glad the Lake Wilmore conditional use approval passed and spoke about short term rentals.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager