The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 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: Tyler Adams, Max Coblentz, Tommy Dawson, Kelley Griswold, Sonny Moreman, Bob Parsons, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders. 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 previously held the Council approved the minutes from the February 7 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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 Witten said the Mardi Gras parade was a success and said the Council had a work session on the Boards and Commissions application process on February 16.

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.**

None.

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

a. Board announcements.

(1) East Alabama Mental Health Board. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin April 1, 2023 and end March 31, 2029. Appointments March 21, 2023.

(2) Board of Education. One (1) vacancy. Term begins June 1, 2023 and ends May 31, 2028. Appointment April 18, 2023.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the East Alabama Mental Health Board and Board of Education.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

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

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

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

Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda items adopted.

a. Minutes. February 7, 2023. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

(1) Auburn Calzones, LLC d/b/a Eddie's Calzones. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. 130 North College Street. **APPROVED**

(2) Buc-ee's Auburn, LLC d/b/a Buc-ee's. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC Licenses. 2500 Bucees Boulevard. **APPROVED**

c. Authorize temporary street closings and invocation of Entertainment District. Auburn University, Auburn University SGA, Auburn City Schools, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association, Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau and Auburn Arts Association. 2023 community events.
RESOLUTION No. 23-026

d. Contracts and agreements.

(1) GT Distributors, Inc. Purchase 80 Protech Plate Harnesses and 160 Protech Rifle Plates. $37,618. **RESOLUTION No. 23-027**

(2) Noble. Purchase twenty-five (25) Pitagone F-18- Mobile HVM Barriers. $58,056.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

e. Michael & Paula Arasin. Accept public right-of-way, and drainage and utility easement. Property located at 2032 Bonny Glen Road.
RESOLUTION No. 23-029

d. Contracts and agreements.

(2) Noble. Purchase twenty-five (25) Pitagone F-18- Mobile HVM Barriers. $58,056.

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

Councilperson Moreman commented on the barriers and said he supported the purchase.

Councilperson Griswold said the barriers are impressive and said they can be viewed on YouTube.

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. 23-028

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Traffic control signs and devices. Unanimous consent necessary.

(1) Establish two (2) stop signs in Farmville Lakes Subdivision, Phase 7.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes two stop signs in Farmville Lakes Subdivision, Phase 7.

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 Coblentz 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: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3418

(2) Establish two (2) stop signs in Glenwood Farms Subdivision, Phase 1.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes two stop signs in Glenwood Farms Subdivision, Phase 1.

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, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3419

b. Zoning. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearings required.

(1) Kent Property LDD. Rezoning of approximately 34.7 acres from Rural (R) to Limited Development District (LDD). Property located at 801 Ogletree Road. Applicant: East Mag. Investments, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 34.7 acres from Rural to Limited Development District. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Coblentz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilperson Coblentz 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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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 further comments from the audience, Mayor Anders closed the public hearing.

The Council asked questions about the property.

City Manager Crouch and city staff answered the questions.

Authorized representative, Brett Basquin, also answered some of the Council's questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3420

(2) Kent Property PDD. Rezoning of approximately 34.7 acres to apply the Planned Development District (PDD) to property located at 801 Ogletree Road. Applicant: East Mag. Investments, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 34.7 acres to apply the Planned Development District. She added that a public hearing was required.

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 Coblentz 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 further comments from the audience, Mayor Anders closed the public hearing.

Councilperson Moreman asked for an explanation of what the vote is approving.

City Manager Crouch provided an explanation.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3421

(3) Woodward Oaks PDD Amendment. Amendment to the Planned Development District (PDD) on 236.54 acres zoned Development District Housing (DDH) of approximately 4.19 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH). Property located on Miracle Road/Lee Road 83 between West Farmville Road and North Donahue Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the Planned Development District in Woodward Oaks. She added that a public hearing was required.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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 Adams 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.

Bob Hodgdon (806 Clear Springs Drive) spoke about safety concerns and asked the city to deny the request to amend the PDD due to the developer's unfulfilled obligations to homeowners.

Andrew Peacock (1621 James Burt Parkway) expressed concerns for amending the PDD due to the developer not honoring what was in the original PDD.

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

Brett Basquin spoke about the amendment and answered questions from the Council.

City Manager Crouch and city staff also answered the Council's questions.

Councilperson Moreman moved to postpone the ordinance until March 14.
Councilperson Griswold seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Moreman.
Voting no: Adams, Cobentz, Dawson, Griswold, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders.
Mayor Anders declared the motion failed.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3422

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. Conditional use approval. Planning Commission recommendation. Public hearing required. LawnGolf USA. Commercial recreational use (pickleball courts and miniature golf course). Property located at 2601 East University Drive. Applicant: John Ronney Watson.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for LawnGolf USA. 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 Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

The Council asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Griswold moved to postpone the item until March 14.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to the March 14 City Council meeting.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

b. Interlocal agreement. Lee County Commission. Amendment of existing interlocal agreement for subdivision review and approval process in the City of Auburn's planning jurisdiction.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Lee County Commission.

The Council asked questions about planning jurisdiction and the agreement.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting nay: Griswold.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-030

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) spoke about the commemorative plaque placed at Felton Little Park.

Martha Shamp (307 Camelia Drive) asked for the names and contact information of the Auburn Public Library Board members and the management of the library.

Debra Beil (802 Tullahoma Drive) said she is the secretary of Auburn PFLAG, read a letter from PFLAG and offered support for the library.

The following individuals spoke in support of the library:

- Sheila Squillacote (1216 Norman Road)
- Ed Youngblood (729 N. Cary Drive)
- Jeff Walker (2078 Autumn Ridge Drive)
- Wendy Troop-Gordon (1961 Preserve Drive)

Marcia Boosinger (254 Hedgerow Circle) said she is the Chair of the Auburn Public Library Board, said constituents are in support of the library's collection and read messages of support for the library.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager