The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:01 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 April 4 Committee of the Whole meeting and nominated individuals to serve on the East Alabama Mental Health Board and Board of Education.

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 Co-Director of City Relations Jack Steudle updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

None.

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

None.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

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

a. Minutes. April 4, 2023. **APPROVED**

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) National Auto Fleet Group. Purchase one (1) 2023 Ford Transit Cargo Van. Auburn Public Library. $54,009.86. **Resolution No. 23-052**

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

(2) National Auto Fleet Group. Purchase one (1) 2023 Ford F-150 XL 2WD Super Cab pick-up truck. Inspection Services Department. $40,605.
Resolution No. 23-053

(3) National Auto Fleet Group. Purchase two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 Pickup Truck. Public Works Department. $98.788.58.
Resolution No. 23-054

(4) Temple, Inc. Purchase two (2) Fire Station Warning Signs and two (2) Vehicle Traffic Preemption devices for Fire Station 6. $30,146.
Resolution No. 23-055

c. Easements. McWhorter Properties-Society Hill Estates, LLC. Accept public right-of-way and draining and utility easements. Property located at Society Hill Road (Lee Road 54), south of Moores Mill Road. Glenwood Farm Phase 2.
Resolution No. 23-056

d. Board appointment. Board of Education. One (1) position. Term begins June 1, 2023, and ends May 31, 2028. **Resolution No. 23-057 (David Warren)**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Ad valorem property taxes. Authorization for Lee County Revenue Commissioner to collect. Unanimous consent necessary.

(1) City taxes - 5 mills for general purposes (General Fund). City taxes - 5 mills for capital projects debt repayment (Special Five Mill Tax).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance is for the annual renewal of the 5 mills ad valorem property tax for the City of Auburn and emphasized that these are not new taxes but simply renewals of current taxes.

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.

Councilperson Moreman shared information about property taxes in Auburn.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3423

(2) School taxes - 11 mills for educational purposes (Special School Tax Fund).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance is for the annual renewal of the 11 mills ad valorem special school property tax.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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 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: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3424

(3) School taxes - 5 mills for educational purposes (Special School Tax Fund).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance is for the annual renewal of the 5 mills ad valorem special school property tax.

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 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.

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. 3425

b. Annexation. Luke J. Greinke. Approximately 21.94 acres. Property located at 484 Lee Road 25 (Hillandale Drive). Applicant: Luke Greinke. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 21.94 acres.

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.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

The Council asked questions about the property.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

City Manager Crouch and applicant Luke Greinke answered the questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Moreman, Taylor, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold, Parsons and Witten.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3426

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

(1) Delta Development Group. Commercial and Entertainment uses (brewpub, hardware stores, hotel/motel/condotel, package store), Indoor Recreational use (indoor athletic facilities), and Road Service uses (ATMS, car wash/detailing shop, gasoline/service station). Property located at 2560 and 2600 East Glenn Avenue. Applicant: Delta Development Group, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for commercial and entertainment uses. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Delta Development Group representative Dale Spivey spoke about possible uses for the property.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke in opposition to the development and the proposed uses.

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

The Council asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch and Interim Planning Director Kevin Howard answered the questions.

Councilperson Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-058

(2) Mill Creek Data Center. Commercial support use (data center). Property located at 406 West Veterans Boulevard. Applicant: Lee Tharp, LBYD, Inc.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support use (data center). 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 Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-059

b. Outdoor Café Permit. Stak's Auburn, LLC. Property located at 145 East Magnolia Avenue. Public hearing required.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes an outdoor café permit for Stak's Auburn, LLC. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Brian Wirth (211 S. Gay Street) said they are excited to open soon and thanked City Manager Crouch and her team for helping them along the way.

There being no further 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 the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: none. Abstaining: Coblentz.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-060

c. Vacation. East Mag. Investments, LLC. Property located at 801 Ogletree Road. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution assents to the vacation of a drainage and utility easement located at 801 Ogletree Road. 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 Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-061

d. Board appointments. East Alabama Mental Health Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin immediately and end March 31, 2029. Postponed from March 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution appoints Susan Canaan and Cristen Herring to the East Alabama Mental Health Board.

The Council resumed discussion on the motion made at the April 4 City Council Meeting to appointment Susan Canaan and Cristen Herring to the East Alabama Mental Health Board.

Upon the vote, all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-062

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about the City Council orientation manual.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about short term rentals.

Elizabeth McCray (830 N. Donahue Drive) thanked the Council for the resolution of an issue last year and expressed concerns about an incident of theft in cemeteries.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM (cont).**

Marcia Boosinger (254 Hedgerow Circle) spoke about National Library Week.

Bonnie MacEwan (722 Queens Way) spoke in support of the library and the future Boykin branch of the library.

Marth Shamp (307 Camelia Drive) expressed concerns over the library's collection.

Jeff Walker (2078 Autumn Ridge Way) spoke in favor of the library's process for reviewing materials in its collection.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager