The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 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 September 5 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 Griswold read this statement for the record:

> An online article posted by the O-A News on September 8, 2023, titled, "Developer One Step Closer to Building 12-House Property in Auburn" had an egregious error.
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> The article incorrectly reported that, other than one abstention, ". . . the remainder of the Auburn City Council voted in favor of the agreement." In fact, there were three votes cast in opposition to the 10-year, no interest, unsecured loan to an affluent neighborhood and for contribution of taxpayer funds towards a developer's improvements to a private road. The O-A News subsequently corrected their error but I don't want there to be any doubt about my vote on these agreements.

Councilperson Taylor said the Tucker Heights subdivision has elevated the community, thanked all staff involved and said she hopes there will be more homes one day. She also said she, Mayor Anders and City Manager Crouch met with the owner of Websters Crossing Mobile Home Park to address resident concerns.

Councilperson Moreman said Tiger on the Green is opening soon and he is excited about it.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

Auburn University 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.

a. Board vacancy announcements. Appointments October 17, 2023.

(1) Building Board of Adjustments. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin November 3, 2023, and end November 2, 2027.

(2) Educational Building Authority. One (1) vacancy. Term begins November 14, 2023, and ends November 13, 2029.

(3) Tree Commission. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin November 8, 2023, and end November 7, 2026.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Building Board of Adjustments, Educational Building Authority and Tree Commission.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilperson Moreman removed items 8c(3).

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

a. Minutes. September 5, 2023. **Approved**

b. Business license penalty waiver request. Therapy South - Auburn, LLC. **Approved**

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Alabama Power Company. Radio tower lease. $21,600 annually. **Resolution No. 23-189**

(2) Barge Design Solutions. Execute Task Order 38: Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Willow Creek and AU Basins. $123,644. **Resolution No. 23-190**

(3) Imperial Dade. Purchase of cleaning equipment for new Environmental Services Department and Public Works Department facilities. $88,458.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(4) JACOBS. Modification No. 1 to the Standard Master Service Agreement for Professional Services. **Resolution No. 23-192**

(5) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2023 Ford F150 4WD Super Crew pickup truck. Water Resource Management Department. $54,804. **Resolution No. 23-193**

(6) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2024 Ford F250 4WD Super Crew pickup truck. Water Resource Management Department. $60,604. **Resolution No. 23-194**

d. Easements. Shelley Properties, LLC. Accept various public easements. Property located at 1850 East Glenn Avenue. **Resolution No. 23-195**

(3) Imperial Dade. Purchase of cleaning equipment for new Environmental Services Department and Public Works Department facilities. $88,458.

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

City Manger Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Imperial Dade.

Councilperson Moreman asked for an explanation of OMNIA Partners.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard explained that they are a purchasing cooperative.

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. 23-191

9. **ORDINANCES.**

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

(1) Jacob Thomas. Approximately 1.03 acres. Property located at 5945 Lee Road 137 (Wire Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 1.03 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 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 clarified his understanding of unanimous consent.

Councilperson Griswold asked what guideline was not met for the annexation request.

Interim Planning Director Kevin Howard said the portion of land being considered for annexation is smaller than the three-acre limit set in the Annexation Policy.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3451

(2) Derek May. Approximately 3.0 acres. Property located at 5967 Lee Road 137 (Wire Road).

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 Witten 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.

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. 3452

b. Zoning. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearings required.

(1) Reeves Property Rezoning. Rezoning of approximately 11.20 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 11.20 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.

Councilperson Coblentz motioned to postpone the ordinance until October 17, 2023.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion.

Councilperson Coblentz said the traffic study is not finished and the public hearing will be held on October 17 if the item is postponed.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted in favor of postponement: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 17, 2023.

(2) Moores Mill PDD Amendment. Amendment to the Planned Development District (PDD) on 348 acres zoned Development District Housing (DDH) and Limited Development District (LDD). Subject property located south of Moores Mill Road and west of Ogletree Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the Moores Mill PDD.

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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Councilperson Coblentz motioned to postpone the ordinance until October 17, 2023.
Councilperson Dawson seconded the motion.

Councilperson Coblentz said the item is related to the previous item.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted in favor of postponement: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 17, 2023.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. Conditional use approvals. Planning Commission recommendations.

(1) Alexander Scott Homes Office. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 326 North College Street. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a performance residential development (multiple-unit development). 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 Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-196

(2) ArchCo North Dean. Six-month extension of the conditional use approval for a performance residential use (multi-unit development). Property located at 1397 North Dean Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a conditional use extension for a performance residential use (multi-unit development).

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-197

(3) Auburn Distribution Facility. Six-month extension of the conditional use approval for a commercial support use (distribution facility). Property located at 511 West Veterans Boulevard.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a conditional use extension for a commercial support use (distribution facility).

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. 23-198

(4) Auburn Hotel. Six-month extension of the conditional use approval for a commercial and entertainment use (hotel). Property located at 100 North Gay Street.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a conditional use extension for a commercial and entertainment use (hotel).

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-199

(5) Bent Creek Office. Commercial and entertainment use (restaurant), office use, commercial support use (warehouse and contractor storage yard). Property located at 2272 Bent Creek Road. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial and entertainment use (restaurant), office use and commercial support use (warehouse and contractor storage yard). 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 Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-200

(6) Store Ease. Commercial support use (climate-controlled storage). Property located at 2811 East University Drive. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support use (climate-controlled 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 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. 23-201

b. Contract. East Alabama Healthcare Authority. FY2024 Emergency Response, Rescue and Ambulance Service Agreement. $410,523.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with East Alabama Healthcare Authority.

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. 23-202

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

William Fowler (1425 Cloverbrook Circle) spoke about pedestrian safety concerns.

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Dawson moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager