The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 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 October 3 Committee of the Whole meeting and nominated individuals to serve on the Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

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.**

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 November 7, 2023.

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

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

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the 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.

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

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

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

a. Minutes. October 3, 2023. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol Beverage Licenses.

(1) Café Devall, LLC d/b/a Corner Office. 40 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 320 West Samford Avenue. **APPROVED**

(2) LawnGolf USA, LLC d/b/a Tiger on the Green. 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 – Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) ABC Licenses. 2601 East University Drive. **APPROVED**

(3) Tiger's Den Auburn, LLC d/b/a Tigers Den. 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC Licenses. 1791 Shug Jordan Parkway. **APPROVED**

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Deere & Company. Purchase one (1) 2023 John Deere 5075E Cab Utility Tractor with Rotary Cutter. Water Resource Management Department. $55,988.94. **Resolution No. 23-211**

(2) JACOBS. Task Order 01-2024: Professional Engineering Services for the City of Auburn Northside Pump Station and Flow Equalization Project – Phase I. $114,700. **Resolution No. 23-212**

(3) JACOBS. Task Order 02-2024: Professional Engineering Services for the City of Auburn Miscellaneous Pump Station Improvements Project. $175,000. **Resolution No. 23-213**

(4) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) 2024 Ford F-550 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Trucks. Public Works. $179,704. **Resolution No. 23-214**

(5) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 4WD Super Crew pickup trucks. Water Resource Management Department. $90,944. **Resolution No. 23-215**

(6) Thompson Tractor Company DBA Thompson Lift Truck Company. Purchase One (1) Hyundai 25L-9A Forklift. Public Works. $36,072.92. **Resolution No. 23-216**

d. Easements. Wire & Cox Development, LLC. Accept various easements and right-of-way. Swann Subdivision Phase 1-A - Final Plat. **Resolution No. 23-217**

e. Board appointments. Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Three (3) positions. Four-year terms begin November 3, 2023, and end November 2, 2027. **Resolution No. 23-218 (Stacy Norman, Wes Thrash, Nicholas Vansyoc)**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Small cell franchise agreement. Crown Castle Fiber, LLC. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance authorizes a small cell franchise agreement with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC. 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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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.

Councilperson Moreman asked questions about the franchise agreement.

City Manager Crouch and Crown Castle Representative Darrell Forrester answered the 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. 3453

b. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment. Article II, Section 203 (Definitions) and Article V, Section 511 (Accessory Uses). Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance adopts text amendments to Article II, Section 203 and Article V, Section 511 of the zoning ordinance. She added that a public hearing was required.

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.

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

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. 3454

c. Amend City Code. Chapter 17. Article III. House Numbering and Street Names. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Chapter 17, Article III of the city code. She added that a public hearing was not required but was advertised.

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.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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: Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3455

d. Zoning. Public hearings required.

(1) Miracle Road / Sarah Lane Rezoning. Rezoning of approximately 1.0 acre from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH). Property located at 1758 Miracle Road. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 1.0 acre located at 1758 Miracle Road. She added that a public hearing was required.

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.

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

Councilperson Griswold asked questions about the water system expansion in the area.

City Manager Crouch and Water Resource Management Director Eric Carson answered the questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Coblentz.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3456

(2) Reeves Property Rezoning. Rezoning of approximately 11.20 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH). Postponed from September 19, 2023, City Council Meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 11.20 acres located at 1287 Ogletree Road. She added that this item was postponed at the September 19 meeting, a public hearing was required and that a motion for approval was already on the table.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Councilperson Coblentz asked for city staff to provide details on this rezoning and asked questions about it.

Interim Planning Director Kevin Howard provided information on the rezoning and answered the questions.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilperson Coblentz asked the Council to consider the PDD amendment that follows this item when voting on this rezoning.

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. 3457

(3) 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. Postponed from September 19, 2023, City Council Meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the Moores Mill PDD. She added that this item was postponed at the September 19 meeting, a public hearing was required and that a motion for approval was already on the table.

Councilperson Coblentz said this item was postponed because the traffic study was incomplete and asked for information from the study.

Engineering Services Director Alison Frazier provided an overview of the traffic study.

Councilperson Coblentz asked additional questions about the development.

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

City Manager Crouch suggested making a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the developer's offer for different setbacks and buffering.

Mr. Howard explained what the developer offered in the letter.

Councilperson Coblentz asked if there are limits to development in the area due to infrastructure limitations.

Mr. Howard said there is some limitation on Ogletree Road due to the Lake Ogletree watershed.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Christopher Jones (1810 Staples Court) said he appreciates the developer's concessions and asked about the stub out and what kind of buffer will be on the northwestern corner of the development.

Cynthia Woodson (1055 Stinson Ct) spoke in opposition to the development.

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

Engineering Services Director Frazier spoke about the stub out explaining that the city is in favor of connectivity to alleviate traffic concerns.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Interim Planning Director Howard said the northwest corner buffer yard is required.

The Council asked additional questions about the development.

City Manager Crouch, Interim Planning Director Howard and the applicant's representative Brett Basquin answered the questions.

Councilperson Coblentz said he would like the stub out to the north eliminated as the developer stated in the letter.

Councilperson Coblentz motioned to amend the ordinance to include the conditions presented by the developer in the letter (letter attached to original minutes), including setback on the west property line, the buffering on the adjoining property and the elimination of the stub out to the north.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion.

Upon the vote to adopt the amendment, the following council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the amendment adopted.

Upon roll call vote to adopt the amended ordinance, 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. 3458

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

(1) 1027 East Glenn Mixed-Use. Commercial and entertainment use (brewery and event space). Property located at 1027 East Glenn Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial and entertainment use (brewery and event space). 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 Adams asked the developer to answer questions about the project.

Developer Brian Stone (687 N. Dean Road) answered the questions.

The Council discussed the project and asked questions about it.

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

Councilperson Adams motioned to amend the resolution to include the conditions offered by the applicant's letter.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Councilperson Witten moved that the amended resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-219

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

(2) Sarah Lane / Miracle Road Townhomes MUD. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 1758 Miracle Road and 1764 Miracle Road.

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 Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and 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. 23-220

(3) Webster Road Warehouse. Commercial support use (warehouse distribution facility). Property located at 300 Webster Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support use (warehouse distribution facility). 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. 23-221

b. Contracts.

(1) Coblentz Equipment and Parts Co., Inc. Purchase one (1) Mower Max Boom Mower with 30-Foot Boom and 60-Inch Rotary Deck. Public Works. $295,961.43.

Councilperson Coblentz left the meeting at 7:42 p.m. to recuse himself from the vote.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Coblentz Equipment and Parts Co.

Councilperson Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Recusing: Coblentz.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-222

Councilperson Coblentz returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

(2) Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. LED Light Fixture Upgrade Project for various Parks and Recreation facilities. $2,938,250.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

Councilperson Griswold asked which facilities are included in the project.

City Manager Crouch named the facilities.

Councilperson Coblentz moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-223

(3) WHP Trainingtowers. Multi-story burn building at the Public Safety Training Center. $512,342.25.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with WHP Trainingtowers.

Councilperson Moreman asked when the building will be constructed.

Public Safety Services Executive Director Will Mathews said the building should be finished in September 2024.

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. 23-224

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Bryan Newell (4104 Melanie Drive, Moody, AL) said he is running for the seat in Alabama's 3rd Congressional District.

Jason Sager (215 Cary Drive) thanked the Council for how it handled his complaint about a profane sign at a residence during the weekend of the Georgia game.

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 7:59 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager