The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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 December 5 Committee of the Whole and said the Council was emailed revised agendas and items 8c(2) and 10a(2).

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 Dawson wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and encouraged everyone to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

None.

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

None.

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

a. Board vacancy announcement. Cemetery Advisory Board. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin February 5, 2024, and end February 4, 2028. Appointments January 16, 2024.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on Cemetery Advisory Board.

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 8b(1) and 8b(7) from the consent agenda.

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

a. Minutes. December 5, 2023. **APPROVED**

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

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Ashberry Landfill, LLC. Auburn Police Department Firing Range Improvements – Tire Removal and Disposal. $40,000.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) City of Opelika and 2H Properties, LLC. Shelton Village sewer service agreement 2023. **Resolution No. 23-270**

(3) Davis Architects, Inc. Professional Services Agreement. Amendment #4. Lake Wilmore Park Community Center Project. $66,250.
Resolution No. 23-271

(4) Four Star Freightliner. Purchase engine replacement for 1350, 2019 Peterbilt 520 with McNeilus 28-yard side loader. $42,461.
Resolution No. 23-272

(5) Life Fitness. Purchase various pieces of exercise equipment. Lake Wilmore Community Center. $144,746.72. **Resolution No. 23-273**

(6) Long-Lewis Ford of the Shoals. Purchase one (1) 2024 Ford Edge. Public Safety Administration. $39,593.50. **Resolution No. 23-274**

(7) Noble Supply & Logistics. Purchase twenty-five (25) Pitagone F-18 Mobile HVM Barriers (portable modular traffic barriers). $58,256.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(8) SHI International. Purchase various Juniper Networks equipment. $52,808.39. **Resolution No. 23-276**

(9) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2023 Ford F-350 Regular Cab 4x4 pickup truck. Parks & Recreation Department. $60,934.
Resolution No. 23-277

(10) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase five (5) 2023 Ford F-150 Supercab 4x4 pickup trucks. Parks and Recreation Department. $183,885.
Resolution No. 23-278

(11) Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 4WD Super Cab pickup trucks. Water Resource Management Department. $73,804.
Resolution No. 23-279

(12) Toter, LLC Purchase 1,248 ninety-six gallon roll out carts for garbage collection. $69,655. **Resolution No. 23-280**

c. Easements and rights-of-way.

(1) Northgate Development LLC. Accept various easements and rights-of-way. Northgate Subdivision Phase One - Final Plat. **Resolution No. 23-281**

(2) Clayton Properties Group, Inc. Accept public right-of-way and drainage and utility easements. Mimm's Trail Subdivision, 12th Addition – Final Plat.
Resolution No. 23-282

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Ashberry Landfill, LLC. Auburn Police Department Firing Range Improvements – Tire Removal and Disposal. $40,000.

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

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Ashberry Landfill, LLC.

Councilperson Moreman spoke about the local rate for tire removal and said he thinks this is a good price for the service.

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. 23-269

(7) Noble Supply & Logistics. Purchase twenty-five (25) Pitagone F-18 Mobile HVM Barriers (portable modular traffic barriers). $58,256.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Noble Supply & Logistics for twenty-five (25) Pitagone F-18 Mobile HVM Barriers.

Councilperson Moreman said he was proud to support this purchase as these barriers are deployed during street closures for downtown events as a protective measure.

The Council asked questions about the purchase.

City Manager Crouch and Public Safety Services Executive Director Will Mathews answered the questions.

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. 23-275

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Franchise agreement renewal. Alabama Power Company. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance renews a franchise agreement with Alabama Power Company.

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.

Councilperson Moreman summarized what he thought was included in the franchise agreement.

City manager Crouch clarified that there are three power suppliers in the city; Alabama Power, Dixie Electric and Tallapoosa River Electric She added that the franchise fees are regulated by state law and are paid in through business licenses..

Councilperson Dawson said he appreciates Alabama Power.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

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. 3464

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

(1) Initial Outfitters Rezoning. Approximately 6.1 acres from Industrial (I) to Comprehensive Development District (CDD). Property located at 3325 Skyway Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 6.1 acres. 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.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Authorized representative Brett Basquin spoke about the rezoning.

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

The Council asked questions about the current permitted uses and those that would be permitted upon rezoning.

City Manager Crouch and Brett Basquin answered the questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Parsons.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3465

(2) Reese Property Rezoning. Approximately 2.8 acres from Rural (R) to Limited Development District (LDD). Property located at 1729 Old Wrights Mill Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 2.8 acres. 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 comments from the audience, Mayor Anders closed the public hearing.

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. 3466

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

(1) 539 Airport Road Warehouse. Commercial support use (warehouse). Property located at 539 Airport Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support use. 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 Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-283

(2) Beehive Park Lots 6 & 7 Conditional use. Commercial support use (warehouse distribution facility). Property located at 3151 & 3201 Hive Commerce Parkway.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support use. 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, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 23-284

b. Contract. Floyd Service Company, Inc. Installation of Musco Sports Lighting System at various Parks and Recreation facilities. $834,700. **Resolution No. 23-285**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Floyd Service Company, Inc.

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. 23-285

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) thanked Council members for various things.

Johnnie Dowdell (1216 Combs Avenue) expressed concerns over the construction on Martin Luther King Drive.

Martha Shamp (307 Camellia Drive) spoke about the Auburn Public Library's 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 6:51 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager