The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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 January 2 Committee of the Whole and nominated Wes Williams to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

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 wished Auburn High School's basketball team good luck against Opelika High School and wished Mayor Anders a Happy Birthday.

Councilperson Moreman said he is thrilled to see the construction of the Public Safety Training Center.

Councilperson Coblentz said he enjoyed the Open Line article about Animal Control.

Councilperson Taylor said a Ward 1 meeting will be held at the Boykin Community Center on Monday, January 29 at 6 p.m.

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 announcement. Cemetery Advisory Board. One (1) vacancy. Term begins immediately and ends February 4, 2028. Appointment February 20, 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.

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

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

a. Minutes. January 2, 2024. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage license. Agave Bar and Grill Restaurant Group Corp. d/b/a Agave Bar and Grill. 020 - Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC License. Property located at 201 West Glenn Avenue, Suite 100. **APPROVED**

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Alabama Office Supply, LLP, Purchase of Furniture for the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center $61,023.30. **Resolution No. 24-012**

(2) Ring's Forklift and Battery Co., Inc. Purchase one (1) new Hyundai Forklift. Public Works Department. $32,945. **Resolution No. 24-013**

(3) Southern Software, Inc. Annual renewal of customer support fee. Police and Fire Departments. $56,896. **Resolution No. 24-014**

d. Easements.

(1) Clayton Properties Group, Inc. Accept a public sanitary sewer easement. Woodward Oaks Subdivision Easement, Final Plat. Property located in the northwest vicinity of Woodward Oaks PDD, adjacent to Woodland Pines Elementary School. **Resolution No. 24-015**

(2) Links Crossing, LLC. Accept various easements and right-of-way. Links Crossing Subdivision Phase 4 - Final Plat. Property located off Mill Creek Road. **Resolution No. 24-016**

e. Board appointment. Cemetery Advisory Board. One (1) position. Term begins February 5, 2024, and ends February 4, 2028. **Resolution No. 24-017 (Wes Williams)**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Annexation. Chewacla Ridge. Approximately 142.57 acres. Property located South of Lee Road 010 (Sandhill Road) and west of Lee Road 023. Unanimous consent necessary. Planning Commission recommendation.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 142.57 acres.

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 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: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3467

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

(1) 1948 Mall Boulevard. Commercial support use (warehouse distribution facility). Property located at 1948 Mall Boulevard.

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 Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 24-018

(2) East Glenn Bank. Road service use (bank with drive-thru). Property located at 1901 East Glenn Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a road service 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. 24-019

b. Tax abatement. CNJ, Inc. 265 Teague Court. Auburn Industrial Park.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes tax abatements for CNJ, Inc.

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. 24-020

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

Mayor Anders welcomed a boy scout and invited him to share what badges is he earning.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about city government.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager