The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:26 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 Councilmembers were present: Tyler Adams, Max Coblentz, Tommy Dawson, Sonny Moreman, Bob Parsons, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Kelley Griswold. Also present was City Manager Megan McGowen 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 3 Committee of the Whole meeting, discussed a potential sidewalk on East University Drive, and appointed individuals to the Industrial Development Board and Lee County Youth Development Center.

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.

Councilmember Witten thanked the Auburn Chamber for hosting her at the Young Professionals luncheon and wished Councilmember Coblentz a happy birthday.

Councilmember Dawson said he shared a letter with the Council from a constituent who recently had a positive interaction with the police.

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.**

Chuck Hemard (315 Lee Rd 025) spoke about his annexation request.

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

a. Board announcement. Tree Commission. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin November 8, 2024, end November 7, 2027. Appointment October 15, 2024.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Tree Commission.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

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

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

a. Minutes. September 3, 2024. **APPROVED**

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) ADARE Development Group, LLC. Development Agreement. **Resolution No. 24-167**

(2) Cleaning Solutions, LLC. Janitorial services at eleven (11) city facilities. **Resolution No. 24-168**

(3) JLD Enterprises, LLC. Paving at the APD Firing Range. $36,781.85. **Resolution No. 24-169**

(4) Skipper Consulting, Inc. Execute Amendment No. 1. Renew Opelika Road - Phase 3 Access Management Study. $45,500. **Resolution No. 24-170**

c. Easements.

(1) Kelli D. Newman. Accept sanitary sewer easement. Mrs. Mary Jane Thorp Subdivision of Lot 7 - Administrative Subdivision (AS-2024-058). Property located at 1065 Annalue Drive. **Resolution No. 24-171**

(2) Wire & Cox Development, LLC. Accept public right-of-way and easements. Swann Bridge, Phase 1B. Property located at the intersection of Cox Road and Wire Road. **Resolution No. 24-172**

d. Boards appointments.

(1) Industrial Development Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin October 10, 2024, and end October 9, 2030. **Resolution No. 24-173 (Chris Roberts and Jay Gogue)**

(2) Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors. One (1) position. Term begins October 1, 2024, and ends September 30, 2028. **Resolution No. 24-174 (Jay Jones)**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

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

(1) Hemard Annexation. Approximately 4.45 acres. Property located at 315 Lee Road 025 (Hillandale Drive). Postponed at the July 16, 2024, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 4.45 acres.

Councilmember Coblentz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Coblentz moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember 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).**

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Taylor, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Moreman, Parsons, and Witten.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3504

(2) Jaramillo Annexation. Approximately 14.84 Acres. Property located at 660 Lee Rd 25(Hillandale Dr). Postponed at the August 20, 2024, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 14.84 acres.

Councilmember Coblentz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Coblentz moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember 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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Coblentz, Dawson, Taylor, Adams, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Moreman, Parsons, and Witten.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3505

(3) Simonton Annexation. Approximately 5.21 acres. Property located at 812 Lee Road 415 (Winterhawk Drive). Postponed at the August 20, 2024, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 5.21 acres.

Councilmember Parsons introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Parsons moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember 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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Taylor, Adams, Coblentz, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Moreman, Parsons, and Witten.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3506

(4) Sheppard Annexation. Approximately 3.7 acres. Property located at 261 Lee Road 415 (Winterhawk Drive). Postponed at the August 20, 2024, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 3.7 acres.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Councilmember Coblentz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Coblentz moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember 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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Taylor, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Moreman, Parsons, and Witten.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3507

(5) Kimball Annexation. Approximately 6.03 acres. Property located at 3743 Lee Road 146 (Moores Mill Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 6.03 acres.

Councilmember Coblentz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Coblentz moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember 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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3508

(6) Mitchell Farms Annexation. Approximately 127.32 acres. Property located at Lee Road 146 (Moores Mill Road), approximately 0.5 miles east of Society Hill Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance 127.32 acres.

Councilmember Parsons introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Parsons moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember Witten 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).**

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3509

b. Zoning ordinance. Table 5-3 Zoning Text Amendment. Amending section 507.02 of the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Urban Core District & Design Standards to expand ground floor commercial requirements for developments along South College Street and South Gay Street. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends section 507.02 of the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance.

Councilmember Witten introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Witten moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember 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.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Brian Wirth (211 S. Gay Street) said he is not in favor of the ordinance as it is and does not believe it protects his home.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Parsons, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Moreman.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3510

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

(1) Gamelink. Commercial support use (manufacturing). Property located at 2230 Pumphrey Ave, Unit E.

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.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 24-175

(2) KC Sol Tech. Industrial use (metal fabrication). Property located at 2117 McMillan Street.

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an industrial 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.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 24-176

(3) Ogletree Village Shopping Center. Community shopping center. Property located south of Moores Mill Road and west of Ogletree Road, within the Moores Mill PDD.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a community shopping 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.

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 24-177

(4) West Veterans Warehouse RV Storage. Commercial support use (warehouse RV storage). Property located at 419 West Veterans 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.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 24-178

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Hoar Program Management, LLC. Boykin-Donahue Campus Project. $836,689.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Hoar Program Management, LLC.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 24-179

10. **RESOLUTIONS (cont).**

(2) W.W. Compton Contractor LLC. Boykin-Donahue Campus Project. $17,104,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with W.W. Compton Contractor, LLC.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion.

Councilmember Taylor moved to postpone the item to October 1 to allow time for a work session to discuss the purpose of the cultural arts center and how it will be used.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to the October 1, 2024, City Council meeting.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

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

Susan Bolt (1188 E. University Drive) spoke about short term rentals.

Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Drive, Apt. 5) thanked the Council for city services and facilities.

Caesar Edwards (1560 VFW Road) expressed concerns about a rumored condo development near his home.

City Manager Crouch said a single-family home is being built there.

Ronnie Jackson (1515 VFW Road) expressed concerns about increased property taxes with the construction of larger homes in the area.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager