The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2025, 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 Councilmembers were present: Tyler Adams, Max Coblentz, Tommy Dawson, Kelley Griswold, Sonny Moreman, Bob Parsons, Beth Witten, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Connie Taylor. 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 provided a summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held.

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. He thanked the City employees that worked during the winter weather that affected the area during the week. He also offered condolences to the families of Francis Sanda and John Wild.

Councilmember Moreman thanked City Manager Crouch for having the city prepared for the winter weather and thanked all employees for their work during the storm. He also congratulated Councilmember Parsons for participating in the Polar Plunge.

Councilmember Parsons spoke about his participation in the Polar Plunge.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Assistant Director of City Relations Evelyn Cherry 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. Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee. Five (5) vacancies. Terms begin March 9, 2025, and end March 8, 2029. Appointments February 18, 2025.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee for terms that begin on March 9, 2025, and end March 8, 2029. She said the appointments will be made on February 18, 2025.

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.

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

a. Minutes. January 7, 2025. **APPROVED**

b. Contracts and agreements.

1. Ace Tree Service. December 2024 Tree Removal and Pruning Project. Public Works. $30,050. **Resolution No. 25-008**

2. Alabama Power Company. Removal of poles and installation of underground power. Toomer Street Streetscape. $77,718.12. **Resolution No. 25-009**

3. Barge Design Solutions. Execute Task Order SWR 02-2025: FY25 Stormwater Condition Assessment. $114,600. **Resolution No. 25-010**

4. Inline Electric Supply Inc. Purchase four (4) traffic signal poles and mast arms. North College Street and Drake Avenue Intersection Improvements Project. $105,467. **Resolution No. 25-011**

5. ProLogic ITS, LLC. Purchase patrol vehicle upfit equipment and installation for twelve (12) vehicles. $179,229.82. **Resolution No. 25-012**

6. Williams Blackstock Architects. Design fee for City Hall Modifications. $50,000. **Resolution No. 25-013**

c. Easements and Rights-of-way.

1. Clayton Properties Group, Inc. Accept right-of-way, public drainage and utility easements, and a public sewer easement. Mimm's Trail Subdivision, 13th Addition. Property located within The Summit PDD, at the current terminus of Mimm's Trail. **Resolution No. 25-014**

2. Samford Development Group, LLC. Accept public easements. Asbury Hills Subdivision. Property located along Shelton Mill Road. **Resolution No. 25-015**

3. Tiger Creek Development, Inc. Accept right-of-way and public easements as shown on the plat: Walker Carlton Subdivision, Redivision of Lot 6A and dedication of Sarah Lane. Property located on Sarah Lane, east of Miracle Road and north of North Donahue Drive. **Resolution No. 25-016**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Annexation. Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary. Samples Property Annexation. Approximately 53.5 acres. Property located on the north side of West Farmville Road between Pepperwood Trail (Lee Road 91) and Auburn Lakes Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 53.5 acres.

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 Adams seconded the motion.

The Council asked questions about the annexation.

Authorized representative Lee Tharp answered the Council's questions.

After discussion and asking questions about the applicant's options, Mr. Tharp requested to withdraw this annexation request and corresponding items 9b1 and 9b2.

After the applicant's request to withdraw the items, Councilmember Witten withdrew the motion introducing the ordinance and asking for unanimous consent. Councilmembers consented to the withdrawal of the motion.

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

1. Greenwood Village. Rezone approximately 53.5 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH). Property located on the north side of West Farmville Road between Pepperwood Trail (Lee Road 91) and Auburn Lakes Road.

This item was withdrawn by the applicant.

2. Greenwood Village PDD Rezoning. Rezone to apply the Planned Development District (PDD) designation to approximately 53.5 acres in the Development District Housing (DDH) zoning district.

This item was withdrawn by the applicant.

c. Zoning Ordinance text amendment. Amend Article III, Section 304 Planned Unit Development & Article V, Section 504 Planned Unit Developments. Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required. **Postponed to March 18, 2025**

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance makes Zoning Ordinance text amendments to include the addition of Planned Unit Developments.

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 moved to postpone the item until March 18, 2025.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to March 18, 2025.

Councilmember Parsons thanked Mayor Anders for requesting to postpone the item and asked if there will be a work session to provide more information to the Council.

City Manager Crouch said there will be a work session scheduled.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. CompPlan 2030 5 year Update. Text changes for every chapter. Future Land Use Plan Amendments. Public hearing required. Postponed from December 17, 2024. **Postponed to April 15, 2025**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution adopts the CompPlan 2030 5-year update. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion.

Councilmember Parsons moved to amend the item to remove Growth Changes #5 and #6.
Councilperson Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye to amend the resolution.

Councilmember Dawson moved that the resolution be postponed to April 15, 2025, to include a public hearing.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution postponed to April 15, 2025.

Councilperson Griswold said he will present additional amendments when the Council considers the item on April 15, 2025.

b. Conditional use approval. Planning Commission recommendation. Christian Brothers Automotive. Road service use (automotive repair facility). Property located at 2860 East University Drive. Public hearing required. **Postponed to February 18, 2025**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional approval for a road service use (automotive repair facility). She added that a public hearing was required and noted that the applicant requested to postpone the item to the February 18, 2025, Council meeting.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be postponed to February 18, 2025.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution postponed to February 18, 2025.

c. Tax abatement. Seohan Auto USA Corporation. Auburn Industrial Park and Auburn Technology Park West.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a tax abatement for Seohan Auto USA Corporation.

Councilmember Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-017

d. Contract. Veit National Corporation. Mall and Tacoma Basins Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. $864,020.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Veit National Corporation.

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. 25-018

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) thanked the Council for all they do for the city and said he created a Facebook page for the community to tell the story of Felton Little Park.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Witten 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