The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: None. 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.

Mayor Anders invited Auburn High FFA member Liza Agerton to speak about her organization.

Liza spoke about the FFA and the seed library at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilmember Moreman said the War Eagle Run will be held on Sunday, February 23.

Councilmember Taylor said she is hosting a Winter Masquerade Gala for seniors at Boykin Community Center on Saturday, February 22.

Councilmember Witten said the Krewe de Tigris Mardis Gras Parade will be held on Saturday, March 1.

Councilmember Dawson thanked City employees for working during the storms last week.

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.

1. Library Board. One (1) vacancy. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends April 14, 2026. Appointment March 18, 2025.

2. Board of Education. One (1) vacancy. Term begins June 1, 2025, and ends May 31, 2031. Appointment April 15, 2025.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Library Board and Board of Education.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

City Manager Crouch asked if any items should be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. She added that item 8f was removed from the consent agenda during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

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

a. Minutes.
February 4, 2025, Special Called Meeting. **APPROVED**
February 4, 2025. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

1. CK Mart 1498, LLC d/b/a Spirit Heaven. 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package). 2352 Bent Creek Road, Suite A. **APPROVED**

2. SCW Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Lost Pizza Co. 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor. 1940 East Samford Avenue, Suite 3. **APPROVED**

c. Authorize temporary street closings and invocation of Entertainment District. 2025 community events. **Resolution No. 25-026**

d. Contract. Stivers Ford Lincoln. Purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Transit Prisoner Transport Van (PTV). $74,969. **Resolution No. 25-027**

e. Easements.

1. Dilworth-Lowder Auburn, LLC. Accept various public easements and public right-of-way. High Grove. Property located on the north side of Shell Toomer Parkway, between Automotive Boulevard and Canary Drive. **Resolution No. 25-028**

2. Flipping Burgers Auburn, LLC. Accept a public drainage and utility easement. First Revision of Parcel 1, Starr & Eagle Subdivision. Property located at 1251 Opelika Road. **Resolution No. 25-029**

3. Elisie Vickerstaff Hutchinson and The Parmer Group, LLC. Accept public right-of-way. Vickerstaff and Allen Subdivision. Property located at 328 and 336 West Drake Avenue. **Resolution No. 25-030**

4. The Annex at Cary Creek, LLC. and Barclay-Auburn, LLC. Accept various easements. Pick Estates North Subdivision. Property located at 2860 East University Drive. **Resolution No. 25-031**

f. Board appointments. Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee. Five (5) positions. Terms begin March 9, 2025, and end March 8, 2029. **Removed**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

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

1. Donna Crossing Rezoning. Rezoning of approximately 13.74 acres from Rural (R) to Comprehensive Development District (CDD).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 13.74 acres from Rural to Comprehensive Development District. She added that a public hearing was required.

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.

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 asked for an overview of what the Council is considering with this ordinance.

Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton provided an overview of the item under consideration.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the rezoning:

- Jin Elkins (2095 Felicity Lane)
- Andy Wilson (2242 N. Donahue Drive)
- Jim Green (1680 N. Donahue Drive)
- Ken Arthur (1783 Keystone Drive)
- Bruce Prescott (1766 Keystone Drive)
- Noemi Oeding (2072 Mohican Drive)
- Nathan Nelson (1751 Overhill Circle)
- Seth Humphrey (1673 Stone Pointe Drive)
- Lee Ann Matsos (1668 N. Camden Court)
- Madeline Bingham (1751 Overhill Circle)

- LT Morris (1655 Poplar Ridge Drive)

Rob Renfroe (1335 Falls Crest Drive) said he is considering bringing Renfroe's Market to the development and plans to put something there that makes his family proud.

Developer Tom Hayley spoke about the project.

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

The council asked the applicant questions about the project.

Mr. Hayley answered the questions.

The Council asked City Staff additional questions.

City Manager Crouch, Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings and Interim Engineering Services Director Brandy Ezelle answered the questions.

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

2. Donna Crossing PDD Rezoning. Rezoning to apply the Planned Development District (PDD) designation to approximately 13.74 acres in the Comprehensive Development District (CDD) zoning district.

City Manager Crouch said this item was removed from the agenda because item 9a1 was not adopted.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

1. All Washed Up. Road service use - detailing shop. Property located at 1975 Mall Boulevard, Suite 205.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a road service use – detailing shop. 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. 25-032

2. Christian Brothers Automotive. Road service use (automotive repair facility). Property located at 2860 East University Drive. Public hearing required. Postponed at the January 23, 2025, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a road service use (automotive repair 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.

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. 25-033

3. Donna Crossing. Various nonresidential uses. Property located at the southeast corner of the North Donahue Drive and West Farmville Road intersection.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution was removed from the agenda because item 9a1 was not adopted.

4. Shinhwa Phase 6. Industrial use (manufacturing facility). Property located at 2555 West Tech Lane.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an Industrial use (manufacturing 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.

Councilmember Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-034

b. Tax abatement. General Electric Company d/b/a GE Aerospace.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a tax abatement for General Electric Company d/b/a GE Aerospace.

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. 25-035

c. Contract. Nomad Global Communication Solutions. Purchase one (1) Nomad IC28As2 mobile command vehicle. $874,242.82.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Nomad Global Communication Solutions.

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. 25-036

d. Vacation. Northgate Development, LLC. Bottle Way. Property located along lot A-2-A-1-A Northgate Subdivision Phase II.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution assents to the vacation of a portion of right of way and a drainage and utility easement located along lot A-2-A-1-A Northgate Subdivision Phase II. 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. 25-037

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Roberta Jackel (531 Hamilton Hills Court) asked for progress on the Lake Wilmore Community Center and for information about fee structures and hours of operation.

Elizabeth White (637 Forestdale Drive) spoke about federal budget cuts.

Teresa Heckman (917 S. Gay Street) spoke about federal budget cuts.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager