The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 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. Employee of the Month and Service Awards.

A video was shown to recognize the employee service awards for June 2025.

Employee of the Month		
Treva Hadley	Community Services	
Service Awards		
Ruslan Patten	Police	5 years
Xiamara Gomez	Public Works	5 years
Kris Berry	Water Resource Management	5 years
Wendy Allen	Finance	20 years
Jonathan Thomas	Water Resource Management	20 years
Andrew Barber	Fire	25 years
Anthony Gilmore	Fire	25 years
Josh Smith	Fire	25 years
Katie Robison	Planning Services	25 years
Matthew Jordan	Fire	30 years
Retiree		
Candance C. Enkeboll	Public Safety	27 years

b. Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Anders provided a summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held.

c. 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 Taylor invited all to join the Juneteenth festivities beginning with a parade on June 14 at 10 a.m. and ending with a celebration event on June 22 at 2 p.m.

Councilmember Parsons said the Library's Summer Reading Challenge is underway.

Councilmember Dawson thanked the Fire Department for recently coming to help his dad after a fall.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Executive Vice President of Outreach Vera Smith T 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. Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin July 19, 2025, and end July 18, 2031. Appointments July 8, 2025.

2. Board of Zoning Adjustment. One (1) vacancy, a supernumerary position. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends January 20, 2028. Appointment July 8, 2025.

3. Planning Commission. One (1) position. Unexpired term begins immediately and ends July 31, 2026. Appointment July 22, 2025.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Auburn Downtown Redevelopment Authority, Board of Zoning Adjustment, and Planning Commission. She also recognized City Academy members in attendance.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilmember Moreman removed items 8e3, 8e4, and 8e5.

Councilmember Parsons removed items 8c and 8d.

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

a. Minutes. May 20, 2025. **APPROVED**

b. Taxpayer penalty waiver requests.

1. Samford Auburn l, LLC dba Samford Square Apartments. **APPROVED**

2. War Eagle l, LLC dba Evergreen Apartments. **APPROVED**

c. State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Formal Amendment.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

d. Community Development Block Grant FY2023 Annual Action Plan Amendment

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

e. Contracts and agreements.

1. Aquatic Consulting and Equipment, Inc. Lake Wilmore & Samford Pools chemical supply and delivery. $28,675. **RESOLUTION No. 25-110**

2. Azteca Systems, Inc. Cityworks Software Enterprise License Agreement Renewal. $144,217.44. **RESOLUTION No. 25-111**

3. Interstate Electrical. Holophane poles and lights.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

4. SHI International Corp. Absolute Secure Access software renewal. $72,151.75.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

5. Toland Realty Co., Inc. East Glenn Townhomes development agreement. **RESOLUTION No. 25-114**

f. Easements.

1. Auburn University Drive, LLC. Accept a public easement. Caliber Collision. Property located at 1648 South College Street. **RESOLUTION No. 25-115**

2. Jim Parker Residential, LLC. Accept public easements and public rights-of-way. Parker Creek Townhomes. Property located on the south side of East Longleaf Drive. **RESOLUTION No. 25-116**

3. Tiger Crossing, LLC. Accept various public easements and public right-of-way. Longleaf Crossing Subdivision, Phase 7. Downs Way, west of Downs Court. **RESOLUTION No. 25-117**

g. Board appointment. Indian Pines Public Park Authority. One (1) position. Term begins June 21, 2025, and ends June 20, 2029. **RESOLUTION No. 25-118 (William Hughes)**

c. State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Formal Amendment.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves the State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) formal amendment.

Councilmember Parsons asked for an overview of the item.

City Manager Crouch and Community Services Director Al Davis provided the overview.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-108

d. Community Development Block Grant FY2023 Annual Action Plan Amendment

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves the Community Development Block Grant FY2023 Annual Action Plan amendment.

Councilmember Parsons asked for an overview of the item.

City Manager Crouch and Community Services Director Al Davis provided the overview.

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. 25-109

e. Contracts and agreements.

3. Interstate Electrical. Holophane poles and lights.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Interstate Electrical.

Councilmember Moreman asked questions about the poles.

City Manager Crouch and Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings answered the questions.

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. 25-112

4. SHI International Corp. Absolute Secure Access software renewal. $72,151.75.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Interstate Electrical.

Councilmember Moreman asked if this is a new vendor.

Information Technology Director Greg Nelson explained that the company's name changed, but the software is the same.

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-113

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Amend city code. Chapter 20, Article II, Section 20-47 and Section 20-53. Solid Waste Collection Services Charges. Public hearing recommended. Second reading.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Chapter 20, Article II, Section 20-47 and Section 20-53 of the Auburn City Code. She added that this is the second reading of the item, and a public hearing is recommended.

Councilmember Witten moved to approve the ordinance.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the solid waste collection rates and the city budget.

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

Councilmembers asked questions about the item.

City Manager Crouch and Finance Director Allison Edge answered the questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3538

b. Annexation. Mar-El Webster property. IDB City of Auburn. Approximately 211.45 acres. Property located at 430 Lee Road 0053 (Webster Road). Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 211.45 acres located at 430 Lee Road 0053.

Councilmember Moreman introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Moreman 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.

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. 3539

c. Rezoning. Mar-El Webster property. IDB City of Auburn. Approximately 130.40 acres from Rural (R) to Industrial (I). Property located at 430 Lee Road 0053 (Webster Road). Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 130.40 acres located at 430 Lee Road 0053 (Webster Road). She added that a public hearing was required.

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 Griswold 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.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3540

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. Tax abatement. Briggs & Stratton, LLC. 150 Technology Parkway.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a tax abatement for Briggs & Stratton, LLC.

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. 25-119

b. Conditional use approval. Webster HPC. IDB City of Auburn. Industrial use (high performance computing center). Property located at 430 Lee Road 0053 (Webster Road). Planning Commission recommendation. Public hearing required.
Postponed to July 8, 2025

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an industrial use. She said the applicant requested to postpone the item to the July 8 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be postponed to July 8, 2025.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution postponed to July 8, 2025.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Johnnie Dowdell (1216 Combs Avenue) spoke about traffic visibility concerns at Jordan Street and Martin Luther King Drive.

Elizabeth White (637 Forestdale Drive) spoke about federal legislation.

Debra Beale (802 Tullahoma Drive) spoke about the Horseshoe Bend Regional Library and its services.

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) thanked Councilmembers for their work.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about the solid waste collection rates ordinance and the city budget.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about the short-term rental ordinance.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager