The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:12 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, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Bob Parsons. 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.

Councilmember Griswold said he visited the Tunnels to Towers traveling 9/11 exhibit.

Councilmember Taylor announced a Ward 1 meeting will be held at Boykin Community Center on Monday, September 22 at 6 p.m. with guest speaker State Representative Pebblin Warren.

Councilmember Moreman said Hey Day is October 15.

Councilmember Witten thanked Fire Chief Matt Cain for showing the Council the new tiller truck.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

Auburn University 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. Appointments October 21, 2025.

1. Tree Commission. Four (4) vacancies. One (1) unexpired term begins upon appointment and ends November 7, 2026, and three (3) terms begin November 8, 2025, and end November 7, 2028.

2. Education Building Authority. One (1) vacancy. Term begins November 12, 2025, and ends November 11, 2031.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Tree Commission and Education Building Authority.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilmember Moreman removed items 8c2 & 8c3.

Councilmember Coblentz removed item 8b1.

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

a. Minutes. September 2, 2025 **Approved**
September 11, 2025 Special Called Meeting **Approved**

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

1. Alcohol Beverage License. Downtown Entertainment, LLC d/b/a EN Alumni Event UGA Gameday. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 715 West Magnolia Avenue.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

2. Alcohol Beverage License. Downtown Entertainment, LLC d/b/a KA Alumni Event UGA Gameday. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 940 Lem Morrison Drive. **Approved**

3. Alcohol Beverage License. Downtown Entertainment, LLC d/b/a KA Alumni Event Missouri Gameday. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 940 Lem Morrison Drive. **Approved**

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. CSL Services, Inc. Long-term sanitary sewer flow monitoring initiative. $127,492. **Resolution No. 25-182**

2. Koul Properties, Inc. CityCare lease renewal.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

3. North America Fire Equipment Company. Upfitting equipment for new tiller truck. Fire Department. $50,138.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

d. Easement. Carol E. Dillard. 906 Janet Drive. Accept a public sanitary sewer easement and authorize payment of $9,960. **Resolution No. 25-185**

e. Board appointments.

1. Industrial Development Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin October 10, 2025, and end October 9, 2031. **Resolution No. 25-186 (Bill Ham & Cristen Herring)**

2. Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors. One (1) position. Term begins October 1, 2025, and ends September 30, 2029. **Resolution No. 25-187 (Dolly Marshall)**

f. Penalty waiver request. Acushnet Company. **Approved**

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City Manager Crouch said Downtown Entertainment, LLC d/b/a EN Alumni Event UGA Gameday is seeking approval for a 140 – Special Events Retail alcohol beverage license.

Councilmember Coblentz said he removed this item to abstain from the vote.

Councilmember Witten moved that the request be granted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: none. Abstaining: Coblentz.
Mayor Anders declared the motion carried.

c. Contracts and agreements.

2. Koul Properties, Inc. CityCare lease renewal.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Koul Properties, Inc.

Councilmember Moreman said CityCare is a good thing for employees.

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. 25-183

3. North America Fire Equipment Company. Upfitting equipment for new tiller truck. Fire Department. $50,138.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with North America Fire Equipment Company.

Councilmember Moreman said this item is for equipment that goes on the truck and asked questions about the equipment.

Fire Chief Matt Cain provided an overview of the equipment used on the truck.

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. 25-184

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. FY2026-FY2027 Biennial Budget. Second reading.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance approves the FY2026-FY2027 biennial budget and added that this was the second reading of the item.

Councilmember Witten moved that the ordinance be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Griswold.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3544

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

1. Persimmon Drive Property Annexation. Approximately 5.83 acres. Property located at 301 Lee Road 15 (Persimmon Drive).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 5.83 acres.

Councilmember Dawson introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Dawson 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: Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3545

2. Barrons Mobile Home Park Annexation. Approximately 22 acres. Property located at 2045 Lee Road 137 (Wire Road).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 22 acres.

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

Councilmember Griswold asked about the agreement that was in place with the previous owner.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3546

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

1. Persimmon Drive Property Rezoning. Rezone approximately 5.83 acres from Rural (R) to Industrial (I). Property located at 301 Lee Road 15 (Persimmon Drive).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 5.83 acres. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

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, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3547

2. 306 Persimmon Drive Rezoning. Rezone approximately 10.08 acres from Rural (R) to Industrial (I). Property located at 306 Persimmon Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 10.08 acres. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

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: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, Adams, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3548

3. Wrights Mill Road Rezoning. Rezone approximately 10.1 acres from Rural (R) to Development District Housing (DDH). Property located on the west side of Wrights Mill Road, just south of I-85. Postponed from July 8, 2025, City Council meeting.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 10.1 acres. She added that a public hearing was required and this item was postponed from the July 8, 2025, City Council meeting. She added that a motion and second were made at the July 8 meeting.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

William Fowler (1425 Cloverbrook Circle) spoke in opposition of the development.

Authorized Representative Brett Basquin said the development contains 19 single-family lots.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3549

4. The Orchard PDD. Apply the Planned Development District (PDD) designation to approximately 10.1 acres. Property located on the west side of Wrights Mill Road, just south of I-85. **Ord. 3550**

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance applies the Planned Development District designation to approximately 10.1 acres. 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 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.

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: Griswold, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3550

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

1. 406 North Donahue MUD. Performance residential use (8-unit multiple-unit development). Property located at 406 North Donahue Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a performance residential use. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Authorized Representative Lee Tharp said he was in attendance to answer questions.

There being no further 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. 25-188

2. Persimmon Drive Development Project. Commercial support use (contractor warehouses and offices). Property located at 301 Lee Road 15 (Persimmon Drive).

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 Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-189

3. 306 Persimmon Drive Development Project. Commercial support use (contractor office, warehouse, and storage yard). Property located at 306 Persimmon Drive.

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 Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-190

4. Pyongsan America INC. Industrial use (automotive manufacturing facility). Property is located at 760 West Veterans Boulevard.

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 Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-191

5. Centre Comm. Type 1 Federal Firearms License. Property located at 1937 Whatley Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a Type 1 Federal Firearms License. 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 Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-192

b. Tax abatement. Pyongsan America, Inc. 760 West Veterans Boulevard.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a tax abatement for Pyongsan America, Inc.

Councilmember Dawson moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-193

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

William Fowler (1425 Cloverbrook Circle) requested repairs to sidewalks around amenity lakes owned by the Industrial Development Board and Technology Park Property Owners Associations.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager