The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 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.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

None.

6. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

None.

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

None.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilmember Coblentz removed items 8c and 8d1 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Moreman removed item 8d2 from the consent agenda.

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

Mayor Anders declared the consent agenda approved.

a. Minutes. December 2, 2025. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage licenses.

1. Grain and Leaf Ogletree, LLC d/b/a Grain and Leaf. 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I. 2301 Ogletree Village Lane, Suite 103. **APPROVED**

2. RAMRAJ, LLC d/b/a Charred Oak Premium Spirits. 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package). 2900 East University Drive, Suites 120 and 125. **APPROVED**

c. Concurrence. STRAEHLE+HESS USA, Inc. Building expansion.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

d. Contracts and agreements.

1. Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Memorandum of Understanding for resurfacing the Charlotte and Curtis Ward Bike Trail.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

2. Bodines Landscape Services. Veterans Memorial Park Landscape Renovations. Public Works Department. $89,445.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

3. Innovative Interfaces Incorporated ("Clarivate"). Annual Renewal of Maintenance and Support and Implementation of Additional Upgrades for the Polaris Integrated Library System. Auburn Public Library. $91,344.47. **Resolution No. 25-295**

4. North America Fire Equipment Inc. Purchase one (1) breathing air fill station. Fire Department. $73,844. **Resolution No. 25-296**

5. Pictometry International Corp. dba Eagleview. Lee County Cooperative Aerial Project. $161,703.44. **Resolution No. 25-297**

6. Barge Design Solutions. Task Order SWR 02-2026: FY26 Wastewater Collection System Master Plan. $198,800. **Resolution No. 25-298**

e. Easements and right-of-way. Foresite Group, LLC. East Glenn Townhomes Subdivison. Property located at 544 and 556 East Glenn Avenue.
Resolution No. 25-299

f. Board appointments.

1. Cemetery Advisory Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin January 1, 2026, and end December 31, 2029. **Resolution No. 25-300 (Shannon Walden)**

2. Water Works Board. One (1) position. Term begins January 20, 2026, and ends January 19, 2032. **Resolution No. 25-301 (Jay Lockhart)**

c. Concurrence. STRAEHLE+HESS USA, Inc. Building expansion.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution concurs with actions of the Industrial Development Board for a SRAEHLE+HESS USA, Inc. building expansion.

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

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Coblentz. Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-292

d. Contracts and agreements.

1. Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Memorandum of Understanding for resurfacing the Charlotte and Curtis Ward Bike Trail.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Councilmember Coblentz asked for an overview of the memorandum of understanding.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard provided an overview.

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. 25-293

2. Bodines Landscape Services. Veterans Memorial Park Landscape Renovations. Public Works Department. $89,445.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Bodines Landscape Services.

Councilmember Moreman said he is proud of the support the city provides for this facility to honor veterans.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard provided an overview.

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. 25-294

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Zoning and Annexations. Planning Commission recommendations.

1. Pre-zoning. Cox Road. Approximately 36.60 acres to Development District Housing (DDH). Property located on the west side of Cox Road, immediately south of 2384 Cox Road. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance pre-zones approximately 36.60 acres to Development District Housing (DHH). 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.

Brett Basquin (2301 Ogletree Village LN) spoke about the project and said he was available to answer questions from the Council.

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

The City Council asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch, Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton, and Brett Basquin answered the questions.

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

2. Pre-zoning. Cox Road. Approximately 36.60 acres with the Planned Development District (PDD) overlay designation. Property located on the west side of Cox Road, west of Dawson Drive, east of Tamplin Farms Subdivision. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

This ordinance was not considered because item 9a1 failed.

3. Cole Place, Phase 1 Annexation. Approximately 85.85 acres. Property located on Society Hill Road, east of Nash Creek Drive and north of the Mitchell Farms development. Postponed from November 18, 2025.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 85.85 acres. She added that a motion and second is needed and this item was postponed at the November 18, 2025, meeting.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone the item to January 6, 2026.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to January 6, 2026.

b. Amend City Code. Chapter 12. Exclude gross receipts from consumable vapor products.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends Chapter 12 of the City Code to exclude gross receipts from consumable vapor products.

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 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 Moreman asked for an explanation of the exclusion.

Finance Director Allison Edge provided an explanation.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3565

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

1. 178 North Donahue Drive Tattoo. Commercial and entertainment use (tattoo shop). Property located at 178 North Donahue Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for commercial and entertainment 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 asked the applicant, Desmond Barnett, if he was willing to close the business daily at 9 p.m.

Mr. Barnett agreed.

Councilmember Witten proposed to amend the resolution to add a condition that the hours of operations end at 9:00 PM local time every day of the week.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution amended.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Parsons, and Witten. Voting no: Griswold, Moreman, Mayor Anders. Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-302

2. 726 Harper Avenue MUD Conditional Use. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 726 Harper Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval performance residential development (multiple-unit development). 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. 25-303

3. 732 Mercer Circle. Performance residential development (multiple-unit development). Property located at 732 Mercer Circle.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a performance residential development (multiple-unit development). She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Leslie Edwards (732 Mercer Circle) explained that she plans to use the building as a home office.

There being no further 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. 25-304

4. 2A USA Expansion. Expansion of an existing industrial use (manufacturing facility). Property located at 2410 West Tech Lane.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the expansion of an existing 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 Coblentz moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-305

5. Judd Avenue, Phase 2. Performance residential development (10-unit multiple-unit development). Property located at 538 Richland Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a performance residential development. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Lee Tharp (Kadre Engineering) spoke about the project and said he was available to answer questions.

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

The Council asked questions about the development.

City Manager Crouch and Mr. Wahid Cotton answered the questions.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-306

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. Kimley-Horn Associates. FY 2026 Comprehensive City-Wide Traffic Study Project. 698,700.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn Associates.

Councilmembers asked questions about the traffic study.

City Manager Crouch and Interim Engineering Services Director Brandy Ezelle 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. 25-307

2. Swanson Diamond Center, Incorporated. Commercial development agreement. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required. **Resolution No. 25-308**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a commercial development agreement with Swanson Diamond Center, Incorporated. She added that unanimous consent and a public hearing were required.

Councilperson Adams moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the resolution on its first reading.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.
Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted to approve unanimous consent: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.

Mayor Anders declared unanimous consent granted and the resolution ready for adoption.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

The Council asked questions about the agreement.

City Manager Crouch and Commercial Development Director Kevin Howard answered the questions.

Councilperson Adams moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Witten.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-308

3. Thalamus, LLC. FY 2025-2026 Fiber Expansion Project. $383,743.50.

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

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. 25-309

d. Public alley/right-of-way vacations. Duplex Court. Public hearings required.

1. Lovely Investments, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the vacation of a portion of the public alley/right-of-way and authorizes the mayor and city manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed relinquishing the property to Lovely Investments, LLC. 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 Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-310

2. Sweet Auburn Holdings, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the vacation of a portion of the public alley/right-of-way and authorizes the mayor and city manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed relinquishing the property to Sweet Auburn Holdings, LLC. 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. 25-311

3. Sweet Auburn Holdings, LLC., formerly Wonder Twin Powers, LLC.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the vacation of a portion of the public alley/right-of-way and authorizes the mayor and city manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed relinquishing the property to Sweet Auburn Holdings, LLC, formerly Wonder Twin Powers, LLC. 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 Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 25-312

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

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

Krishna Sanghani (228 Rosalie Court) asked if his ABC license was approved.

Mayor Anders said it was passed on the consent agenda.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager