The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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.

5. AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.

Auburn University SGA Director of City Relations Evelyn Cherry updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

6. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Sarah Collins (875 Cahaba Drive) spoke about item 9a asking the Council to keep access in mind for all users of multi-use paths.

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 item 8c2 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Moreman removed items 8c1 and 8c3 from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Dawson 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. January 6, 2026. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage license. Langston Family, LLC d/b/a The Tiny Bar. 010– Lounge RetailLiquor – Class I ABC License. Property located at 550 Main Street. **APPROVED**

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) ESRI Software Enterprise Agreement Renewal. $199,800.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) Coblentz Equipment & Parts Co., Inc. Purchase one (1) Ventrac 4520N Compact Tractor and attachments. Public Works Department. $77,090.66.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(3) JACOBS Task Order 4-2026 Auburn VT SCADA Conversion Automation Solutions Provider (ASP) Services. $214,000.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(4) SHI International Corp. Rubrik Backup and Recovery Annual Renewal. $218,795.07.

d. Easements and rights-of-way. Northgate Development, LLC, The Bottle Land Investment,LLC, and Sindey S. Silhan Revocable Trust & Sidney S. Silhanas Trustee. Accept public rights-of-way and various public easements. Northgate Subdivision, Phase III-A. Property located at the northern terminus of Bottle Way, west of North College Street.**Resolution No. 26-017**

e. Cemetery Advisory Board. One (1) position. Term begins upon appointment and ends December 31, 2029. **Resolution No. 26-018 (Sherrie Stanyard)**

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) ESRI Software Enterprise Agreement Renewal. $199,800.

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

Councilmember Moreman asked how citizens use this software.

City Manager Crouch explained that citizens interact with this software when using the mapping features on the city's website.

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. 26-013

(2) Coblentz Equipment & Parts Co., Inc. Purchase one (1) Ventrac 4520N Compact Tractor and attachments. Public Works Department. $77,090.66.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with Coblentz Equipment & Parts Co., Inc.

Councilmember Coblentz recused himself and left the dais at 6:13 p.m.

Councilmember Moreman asked questions about the equipment.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard answered the questions.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: none. Coblentz recused. Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-014

Councilmember Coblentz returned to the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

(3) JACOBS Task Order 4-2026 Auburn VT SCADA Conversion Automation Solutions Provider (ASP) Services. $214,000.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with JACOBS Engineering Group, Inc.

Councilmember Moreman spoke about this service and asked questions about it.

Water Resource Management Director Eric Carson answered the questions.

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. 26-015

9. ORDINANCES.

a. Amend City Code. Various sections. Add definition for multi-use paths and further define allowable uses on sidewalks and multi-use paths. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends various code sections adding a definition for multi-use paths and defines allowable uses on sidewalks and multi-use paths

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 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.

The Council discussed the ordinance and asked questions about it.

City Manager Crouch, Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings, Interim City Engineer Brandy Ezelle, and Public Safety Director Will Mathews answered the questions.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3567

b. Zoning and annexations. Planning Commission recommendations. Unanimous consent necessary.

(1) Pre-zoning. The Foundry at North College. Approximately 126.97 acres to Comprehensive Development District (CDD). Property located at the northwest corner of North College Street and Shug Jordan Road intersection. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance pre-zones approximately 126.97 acres. She said the applicant requests to postpone the item to February 3, 2026, and that unanimous consent was necessary, and a public hearing was required.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone this item to February 3, 2026, and to consider this as first reading. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to February 3, 2026.

(2) Rezoning. The Foundry at North College. Approximately 155.18 acres from Rural (R) to Comprehensive Development District (CDD). Property located on the west side of North College Street across from the Legacy subdivision. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 155.18 acres. She said the applicant requests to postpone the item to February 3, 2026, and that unanimous consent was necessary, and a public hearing was required.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone this item to February 3, 2026, and to consider this as first reading. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to February 3, 2026.

(3) Annexation. The Auburn Place, LLC (Mueller Property). Approximately 50 acres. Property located on the north side of Shug Jordan Parkway.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 50 acres. She said the applicant requests to postpone the item to February 3, 2026, and that unanimous consent was necessary.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone this item to February 3, 2026, and to consider this as first reading. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to February 3, 2026.

(4) Annexation. Owens Family Partnership, LLC. Approximately 76.97 acres. Property located directly north of Hickory Dickory Park, across from Shug Jordan Parkway.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 76.97 acres. She said the applicant requests to postpone the item to February 3, 2026, and that unanimous consent was necessary.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone this item to February 3, 2026, and to consider this as first reading. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to February 3, 2026.

(5) Rezoning. The Foundry at North College PUD. Approximately 282 acres to Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district. Property located at the intersection of North College Street and Shug Jordan Parkway. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 282 acres to Planning Unit Development (PUD) zoning district. She said the applicant requests to postpone the item to February 3, 2026, and that unanimous consent was necessary, and a public hearing was required.

Councilmember Witten moved to postpone this item to February 3, 2026, and to consider this as first reading. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance postponed to February 3, 2026.

10. RESOLUTIONS.

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

(1) 306 East Thach Avenue Private Dormitory. Performance residential development (private dormitory). Property located at 306 East Thach Avenue.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Brett Basquin (Foresite Group) spoke about the project.

Drew Goodner (432 Pinedale Drive) spoke about his plans for the property.

There being no further 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. 26-019

(2) Auburn Flex Works. Commercial Support (wholesale distributor, warehouse, mini-warehouse, contractor's office) and road service use (automotive paint/body work). Property located at the terminus of Hilton Garden Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a commercial support and road service use. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Lee Tharp (Kadre Engineering) spoke about the project.

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

The Council asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch and Lee Tharp answered the questions.

Councilmember Parsons moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Adams moved to amend the resolution to add a condition that there is an enhanced façade that includes brick and other natural materials in keeping with adjacent buildings. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution amended.

Councilmember Adams moved to amend the resolution to add a condition that the road service use is limited to window tinting only. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders declared the resolution amended.

Upon the vote for the amended resolution, all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-020

(3) Project Apollo Expansion. Expansion of an existing industrial use (data center). Property located at 1571 West Samford Avenue.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for the expansion of an existing industrial use. She added that a public hearing was required.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Lee Tharp (Kadre Engineering) spoke about the project.

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

The Council asked questions about the project.

City Manager Crouch and Lee Tharp answered the questions.

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

Councilmember Witten moved to amend the resolution to add a condition that a Glycol Closed Loop System is installed prior to opening. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Anders declared the resolution amended.

Upon the vote for the amended resolution, all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-021

(4) West Samford Substation. Commercial support use (power substation). Property located at 1501 West Samford Avenue.

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 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. 26-022

b. Street Renaming. Lee Road 023 to Neal Road. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution renames a portion of Lee Road 023 to Neal Road. 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 Coblentzseconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-023

c. Contracts and agreements.

(1) Energreen America, Inc. Purchase one (1) Energreen ILF Alpha Eagle Boom Mower. Public Works Department. $317,347.82.

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

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. 26-024

(2) SHI International Corp. Microsoft E5 License Upgrade. $326,153.55.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with SHI International Corp.

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. 26-025

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) spoke about the crosswalk on Gay Street at Tichenor Avenue.

Debra Beale (802 Tullahoma Drive) spoke about the cultural center on the Boykin Donahue Campus.

Dave Hebert (1163 Overwood Court) thanked the council for the work at the Stoker and East University Drive intersection and asked if there will be a crosswalk installed.

Roy Hartfield (1919 N. Ashe Court) spoke about development in Auburn.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about public records requests.

Mayor Anders made comments about the cultural center and said he plans to organize a group to work on a plan for how the cultural center will serve the community.

Mayor also asked if there will be crosswalks at Stoker Street and East University Drive.

City Manager Crouch said there will not be crosswalks at this time because there are no sidewalks on Stoker Street.

City Manager Crouch said the crosswalk on Gay Street at Tichenor Avenue will be removed this summer.

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 7:59 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager