The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 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, and Mayor Ron Anders. Absent: Beth Witten. 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 Ashley Burke updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

6. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

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

City Manager Crouch introduced new Engineering Services Director Michael Griffin and thanked Brandy Ezelle for working as Interim Director.

a. Board announcements.

1. Auburn Public Library Board. One (1) vacancy. Term begins April 15, 2026, and ends April 14, 2030. Appointment March 17, 2026.

2. Tree Commission. One (1) vacancy. Unexpired term begins upon appointment and ends November 7, 2026. Appointment March 17, 2026.

3. Board of Education. One (1) vacancy. Term begins June 1, 2026, and ends May 31, 2031. Appointment April 21, 2026.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Auburn Public Library Board, Tree Commission, and Board of Education.

Mayor Anders said he plans to ask the Council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to suspend the rules to allow Blake Prestridge to be reappointed to the Board of Education because he has only served one partial term. He also asked the Council to keep the application portal closed for the Board of Education vacancy until after the next meeting.

The Council agreed.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Councilmember Moreman removed items 8d and 8e.

Councilmember Moreman 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 3, 2026. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverage license. Aramark Educational Services, LLC d/b/a Wellness Kitchen. 160 – Special Events Retail – More Than 30 Days. 370 South Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**

c. Authorize temporary street closures and invocation of Entertainment District. 2026 community events. **Resolution No. 26-034**

d. Concurrence. Project Dasom. 2201 Riley Street.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

e. Authorize grant application submission. Alabama Recycling Fund.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

f. Contracts and agreements.

1. CSL Services, Inc. 90-day temporary sewer flow monitoring study. $152,400. **Resolution No. 26-037**

2. Three Notch Group, Inc. West Magnolia Alley Improvements. $50,160. **Resolution No. 26-038**

g. Easements and warranty deeds.

1. Auburn Farms Holdings, LLC. Accept a warranty deed for a public lift station. **Resolution No. 26-039**

2. Alabama Power Company. Property located at 365 North Donahue Drive. **Resolution No. 26-040**

d. Concurrence. Project Dasom. 2201 Riley Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution concurs with the Industrial Development Board in support of the sale of a manufacturing facility located at 2201 Riley Street.

Councilmember Moreman pointed out that the company's investment is $21 million.

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. 26-035

e. Authorize grant application submission. Alabama Recycling Fund.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the submittal of a grant application requesting $215,000 from the Alabama Recycling Fund.

Councilmember Moreman asked questions about the grant.

Environmental Services Director Catrina Cook answered the questions and explained the history of the Alabama Recycling Fund grant program.

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. 26-036

9. ORDINANCES.

a. Rezoning. Bent Brooke, Phase Two. Approximately 6.17 acres to Limited Development District (LDD) with an overlay of the Conservation Overlay District (COD) designation. Property located at 2591 and 2595 Glenn Brooke Drive. Planning Commission recommendation. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 6.17 acres to Limited Development District with an overlay of the Conservation Overlay District designation. 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.

Councilmember Coblentz asked questions about the zoning in the surrounding area, buffering, and access points.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Adams, Coblentz, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3568

b. Planning Department. Establish a fee for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) application. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required. **Ord. 3569**

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance establishes a fee for Planned Unit Development (PUD) applications. 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 Parsons 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.

Councilmember Griswold asked about the fee and how it was determined.

Planning Director Wahid Cotton answered.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3569

10. RESOLUTIONS.

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

1. Auto Services Center. Road service use (auto repair, paint/body work). Property located at 140 Spirit Drive.

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

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. 26-041

2. Project Joy. Industrial use (manufacturing facility). Property located at 2270 Riley Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an industrial use.

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. 26-042

3. Project Dasom. Industrial use (automotive manufacturing). Property located at 2201 Riley Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for an industrial use.

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. 26-043

4. Ridgecrest Redevelopment. Institutional (community housing services and daycare) and office uses. Property located at 945 North Donahue Drive.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for institutional and office uses.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

The Council asked Auburn Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer Sharon Tolbert to speak about the project and asked her questions.

Mrs. Tolbert spoke about the project and 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. 26-044

5. VapenJays. Commercial and entertainment use (specialty retailer ofconsumable hemp products). Property located at 1452 Opelika Road, Suite C.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for commercial and entertainment use.

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

The Council asked for an overview of the law as it pertains to hemp products.

Paul Clark, a representative from the City Attorney's office, provided an overview.

The Council asked questions about hemp products.

Mr. Clark answered the questions.

Mayor Anders moved that the resolution be postponed to April 21.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution postponed to April 21 (see further action detailed at the end of Citizens Open Forum).

b. Contracts.

1. C&H Construction Services. FY 26 Streets Re-striping Project. $274,374.43.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with C&H Construction Services.

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. 26-046

2. PowerSouth Energy Cooperative. License agreement. Sanitary sewer main in Auburn Technology Park West.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a license agreement with PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

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. 26-047

c. Bow & Arrow BBQ, LLC. Commercial development agreement. Bow & Arrow - University. Unanimous consent necessary. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a commercial development agreement with Bow & Arrow BBQ, LLC. 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 Coblentz seconded the motion.
Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted to approve unanimous consent: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, 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.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-048

d. Auburn Housing Authority. Ridgecrest Redevelopment Contribution Commitment.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a contribution commitment to the Ridgecrest Redevelopment.

The Council asked for an overview of the funding structure and about the positive impacts on public safety after a similar redevelopment of Moton Apartments was completed.

City Manager Crouch and Public Safety Director Will Mathews 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. 26-049

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Kendal Hull (802 W. Longleaf Drive, Unit 42) spoke about pedestrian safety.

Elizabeth Ham (20 Lee Road 20, Opelika) said VapenJays is her tenant and she supports the conditional use approval for commercial and entertainment use.

Megan Hardesty (2120 Teale Lane, Waverly) spoke about her business, VapenJays.

Steve Cosgrove (1927 Watercrest Drive) thanked the councilmembers for all they do to serve the community.

Councilmember Griswold moved that the Council reconsider item 10a5.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.

Councilmember Griswold motioned to change the postponement date of item 10a5 to March 17 instead of April 21.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion.

The Council discussed changing the date and asked if the staff would have enough time to recommend City Code amendments relative to retailers of consumable hemp products on or before the March 17 meeting.

City Manager Crouch responded that the time frame was workable for the staff.

Mayor Anders called for the vote, and all members voted aye.

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 7:39 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager