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

A video was shown to recognize the employee service awards for March 2026.

Employee of the Month

Robert Battle, Jr.	Environmental Services	

Service Awards

Dextin Baker	Water Resource Management	5 years
Jared Ware	Parks & Recreation	5 years
Kevin Howard	Office of the City Manager	5 years
Steven Griffies	Water Resource Management	10 years
James Jones, Jr.	Police	10 years
Justin Sanders	Police	10 years
Marc Thomas	Police	10 years
Monetta Beamon	Public Works	25 years
David Carr	Fire	25 years
Blake Taunton	Fire	25 years

Retiree

David Dorton	Office of the City Manager	25 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 Witten said the Auburn High FFA celebrated National FFA week and placed second in a competition in Columbiana. She also said she was honored to welcome and serve as a panelist at the Internation Women's luncheon at Auburn University.

Councilmember Griswold spoke about veteran suicide and encouraged everyone to look out for those struggling and noted that resources are available to help. He also said to keep service members who are in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers.

Councilmember Dawson asked all to remember Auburn University student Lauren Burke who was brutally murdered 18 years ago and added that his thoughts and prayers are with Lauren's family and friends.

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.

None.

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

a. Board announcements. Appointments April 7, 2026.

(1) Downtown Design Review Committee. One (1) vacancy. Six-year term begins April 18, 2026, and ends April 17, 2032.

(2) Historic Preservation Commission. Three-year terms begin April 21, 2026, and end April 20, 2029.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Downtown Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Commission.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Councilmember Moreman removed item 8b2

Councilmember Griswold removed item 8b1
Councilmember Coblentz 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 17, 2026. Special Called Meeting. **APPROVED**
February 17, 2026. **APPROVED**

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) McSweeney Auto. Purchase one (1) Chevrolet Colorado 4WD Crew Cab Work Truck. Development Services. $33,570.49.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(2) Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Downtown Drainage Study and Development of Storm Water Management Model. $229,139.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

(3) Outdoor Concepts, LLC. Purchase pine straw rolls. $80,000. **Resolution No. 26-052**

c. Easements and Rights-of-Way.

(1) Alabama Power Company. Grant rights-of-way for power distribution to Duck Samford Baseball Concessions (Fields 1-3). **Resolution No. 26-053**

(2) Bison Trust. Accept right-of-way and various easements. Phase 1 Section 1 of The Prosper at Plainsman Lake. Located at 1950 Martin Luther King Drive and Will Buechner Parkway. **Resolution No. 26-054**

b. Contracts and agreements.

(1) McSweeney Auto. Purchase one (1) Chevrolet Colorado 4WD Crew Cab Work Truck. Development Services. $33,570.49.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with McSweeney Auto.

Councilmember Griswold asked questions about the purchase.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions and said it is a new vehicle for a new position.

Councilmember Witten moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-050

(2) Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Downtown Drainage Study and Development of Storm Water Management Model. $229,139.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Councilmember Moreman asked questions about the study.

Public Works Director Dan Ballard answered the questions.

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. 26-051

9. ORDINANCES.

a. Annexations and Zoning.

(1) Hamilton Annexation. Annexation of approximately 3.46 acres. 645 Lee Road 25 (Hillandale Drive). Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 3.46 acres.

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.

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. 3570

(2) Russell Annexation. Annexation of approximately 3.00 acres. 4439 Sandhill Road. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 3.00 acres.

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.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Moreman, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3571

Councilmember Witten moved to consider Item 10b – The Foundry at North College Development Agreement, before the other The Foundry at North College related zoning items.

The Council agreed.

10. RESOLUTIONS.

b. The Foundry at North College Development Agreement.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute development agreement with The Foundry at North College, LLC.

Councilmember Adams moved to open a public hearing.
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Witten spoke about the development agreement and the overall project and said she fully supports it.

The Council asked questions.

City Manager Crouch, Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings, and Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton 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. 26-056

9. ORDINANCES.

(3) 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. Postponed from February 3, 2026. **Ord. 3572**

City Manager Crouch reminded the Council that all ordinances under consideration for The Foundry at North College were postponed to the January 20 and February 3 City Council meetings. She added that a main motion is still needed for all the related items and that public hearings were held on February 3.

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

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. 3572

(4) 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. Postponed from February 3, 2026.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 155.18 acres from Rural to Comprehensive Development District.

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

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. 3573

(5) Annexation. The Auburn Place, LLC (Mueller Property). Approximately 50 acres. Property located on the north side of Shug Jordan Parkway. Postponed from February 3, 2026.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 50 acres.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Witten, Taylor, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3574

(6) Annexation. Owens Family Partnership, LLC. Approximately 76.97 acres. Property located directly north of Hickory Dickory Park, across from Shug Jordan Parkway. Postponed from February 3, 2026. **Ord. 3575**

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 76.97 acres.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Adams, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3575

(7) 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. Postponed from February 3, 2026.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 282 acres to Planned Unit Development.

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

Councilmember Witten moved to amend the Permitted Use Table, Exhibit C-1 to include the following residential uses in Area 2 as permitted: single family detached, zero lot-line, town house, twin house, duplex and cottage housing; and to include a day care center as conditional use in area 2; and to include car wash/detailing shop as conditional in area 1 and area 2.

Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance amended.

Councilmember Witten moved to amend Exhibit B, Minimum Development Standards also known as Bulk Regulations to include the requested changes shown in yellow on the Exhibit.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance amended.

Councilmember Witten moved to amend to include the Governing Conditions.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance amended.

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. 3576

10. RESOLUTIONS.

a. Tax abatement. Shinhwa Auto USA Corp.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a tax abatement for Shinwha Auto USA Corp.

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. 26-055

b. The Foundry at North College Development Agreement.

This item was considered under the Ordinances section of the agenda.

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

12. CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.

Elizabeth White (637 Forestdale Drive) spoke about services offered by the Presbyterian Community Ministries and its recent annual luncheon.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about citizens’ rights.

Debra Beale (802 Tullahoma Drive) spoke about suicide prevention, suggesting hiring social workers to work alongside police, and thanked the APD for patrolling the Indivisible Auburn protests.

Anna Hovey (1434 Mosswood Place) thanked the Council for discussing the Chamber of Commerce building project during the Committee of the Whole meeting and said she was available to answer questions.

Susan Bolt (1188 East University Drive) spoke about the Boards and Commissions process, Mr. Wilkins’ public records requests, and the short-term rental ordinance.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Moreman moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager