The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:07 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.

Councilmember Taylor said she plans to ask other councilmembers to share their travel allocations to fund her attendance at the National League of Cities conference in March 2027.

Councilmember Witten spoke about recent meetings with her constituents and a tour of the One Voice Women's Home at Northridge Campus.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

Auburn University SGA Representative Tempie Stokes updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about items 8e1, 8e2, 8e3, and 9a.

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 Griswold removed item 8d4.

Councilmember Witten motioned 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. September 1, 2026. Special Called Meeting and Regular Meeting. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol Beverage License. Aramark Educational Services, LLC d/b/a Plainsman Park. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 351 South Donahue Drive. **APPROVED**

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. Auburn University. Five-Year Public Safety Contract Agreement Renewal. Public Safety Department. FY27 Annual Rate: $6,662,104. **Resolution No. 26-239**

2. Floyd Service Company, Inc. 2026 Yarbrough Tennis Center Outdoor Courts Lighting Installation. $75,600. **Resolution No. 26-240**

3. Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC. Purchase 1,401.12 stream and wetland mitigation credits. Yarbrough Farms Boulevard Extension. $222,795. **Resolution No. 26-241**

d. Easements.

1. Clayton Group Properties, Inc. Accept public right-of-way easements. Property located at the southern extension of Mimms Trail. Mimm's Trail 15th Addition, Phase A. **Resolution No. 26-242**

2. Wire and Cox Development, LLC. Accept right-of-way easements. Property located at the Northeast corner of Black Swann Road and Cox Road. Swann's Bridge Phase 2 Final Plat. **Resolution No. 26-243**

3. Lovely Investments, LLC. Trident Properties, LLC. Accept public utility easements and public lighting and sidewalk easements. Cedar Crest Subdivision and Chambers Map of Auburn. Property located at 144 and 150 South Ross Street. **Resolution No. 26-244**

4. Owens Family Partnership, LLC. Temporary construction easement and authorize compensation of $87,500. North Donahue Drive Widening Project Phase I.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

e. Board appointments.

1. Greenspace Advisory Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin upon appointment and end August 7, 2030.
Resolution No. 26-246 (Phil Chansler and Michael Buckman)

2. Industrial Development Board. Two (2) positions. Terms begin October 10, 2026, and end October 9, 2032.
Resolution No. 26-247 (Dave DeBaets and Matt Clegg)

3. Lee County Youth Development Center Board of Directors. One (1) position. Term begins October 1, 2026, and ends September 30, 2030.
Resolution No. 26-248 (Cynthia Boyd)

d. Easements.

4. Owens Family Partnership, LLC. Temporary construction easement and authorize compensation of $87,500. North Donahue Drive Widening Project Phase I.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution approves a temporary construction easement and authorizes compensation to Owens Family Partnership, LLC. for the use of the property.

Councilmember Griswold asked how this item relates to item 10b2.

Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings answered the question.

Councilmember Witten motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-245

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Amend FY2026 and FY2027 Biennial Budget. Second reading.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends the FY2026 and FY2027 Biennial Budget. She added that this is the second reading.

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

Councilmember Griswold said he would vote present because he did not vote for the original budget.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Parsons, Taylor, Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Voting present: Griswold.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3607

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

1. Gaither Annexation. Annexation of approximately 3.39 acres. 744 Lee Road 008 (Cotton Valley Lane).

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance will annex approximately 3.39 acres.

Councilmember Coblentz introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Coblentz motioned 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, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Dawson.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3608

2. Youth for Christ Annexation. Annexation of approximately 0.17 acres. Property located at 1400 North College Street.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance will annex approximately 0.17 acres.

Councilmember Parsons introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Parsons motioned that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.
Councilmember Moreman 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: Witten, Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: None.
Mayor Anders declared the ordinance adopted.
Ordinance No. 3609

c. Rezoning. Youth for Christ. Approximately 1.35 acres from Rural (R) and Development District Housing (DDH) to Comprehensive Development District (CDD). Property located at 1400 North College Street. Unanimous consent necessary. Planning Commission recommendation. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 1.35 acres

Councilmember Witten introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Witten motioned 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.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Witten asked what is planned for the property.

Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton said the owners plan to sell the property.

Councilmembers asked questions about what land uses would be permitted by right if the zoning were changed to Comprehensive Development District.

Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton answered the questions.

Councilmembers asked if the applicant was present to answer questions and it was determined the applicant was not present.

Councilmember Coblentz moved to postpone the item to October 6, 2026.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, Parsons, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold and Taylor. Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to October 6, 2026.

d. Moratorium on the conditional use approval of new lounges within the Urban Core, Urban Neighborhood-East, and Urban Neighborhood-West zoning districts. Unanimous consent necessary.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance places a moratorium on the conditional use approval of new lounges within the Urban Core, Urban Neighborhood-East, and Urban Neighborhood-West zoning districts.

Councilmember Witten introduced the ordinance.
City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.
Councilmember Witten motioned 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 Coblentz moved to postpone the item to October 6, 2026.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the item postponed to October 6, 2026.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

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

1. Charred Oak Hemp. Retailer of consumable hemp products use (specialty retailer). Property located at 2900 East University Drive, Suites 120 and 125.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a retailer of consumable hemp products. 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 motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and the following members voted aye: Griswold.
Voting no: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution failed.

2. Dixie Electric Cooperative. Offices and commercial support uses (warehouse and maintenance shop, contractor storage yard, fuel center). Property located at 2901 Beehive Road.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.
Lee Tharp (Kadre Engineering) said he was available to answer questions about the project.

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

Councilmember Dawson asked questions.

Lee Tharp answered the questions.

Councilperson Griswold asked about a constituent's email being added to the record.

City Manager Crouch said they would be attached to the minutes.

Councilmember Dawson motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-249

3. Old Stage Road MUD. Performance residential use (24-unit multiple-unit development). Property located at 621 Old Stage Road.

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.

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

The Council asked questions about the item.

Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton and Engineering Services Director Michael Griffin answered the questions.

Councilmember Adams motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Parsons, Witten, and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Griswold, Moreman, and Taylor. Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-250

4. Tiger Spirits Hemp – South College. Retailer of consumable hemp products use (specialty retailer). Property located at 2328 South College Street.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes conditional use approval for a retailer of consumable hemp products. 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 motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and the following members voted aye: Adams, Dawson, Griswold, Parsons. Voting no: Coblentz, Moreman, Taylor, Witten, and Mayor Anders.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution failed.

b. Warranty deed and vacation.

1. Bison Trust. Vacation. Prosper at Plainsman Lake Sewer Easement. Property located at 1803 Kenai Pass. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution vacates a portion of public sanitary sewer easement located at 1803 Kenai Pass. She added that a public hearing was required.

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

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

Jason Breaux (1799 Kenai Pass) spoke about erosion and runoff on his property.

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

Water Resource Management Director Eric Carson spoke about the vacation.

Councilmember Dawson motioned that the resolution be postponed to October 6, 2026.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution postponed to the October 6, 2026, City Council meeting.

2. Owens Family Partnership, LLC. Resolution accepting statutory warranty deed and approving compensation of $980,000. North Donahue Drive Widening Project Ph 1.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution accepts a statutory warranty deed from Owens Family Partnership, LLC.

Councilmember Witten motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-251

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. Foresite Group, LLC. Yarbrough Farms Boulevard Extension Project. $344,656.

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

Councilmember Witten motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-252

2. White & Smith, LLC d/b/a White Smith Cousino. Zoning Ordinance Update. $349,154.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with White & Smith, LLC d/b/a White Smith Cousino.
Councilmember Parsons motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Anders declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-253

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Laticia Smith (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane) spoke about affordable housing.

Chad Cunningham (516 Owens Road) spoke about a proposed development in the Cary Woods neighborhood.

Bill Dunlop (750 N. Cary Drive) spoke about a proposed development in the Cary Woods neighborhood.

Joanna Abrams (206 Timberdale Court) spoke about a proposed development in the Cary Woods neighborhood.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Witten seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager