The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 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 Pro Tem Witten.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten 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 Beth Witten. Absent: Mayor Ron Anders. Also present was City Manager Megan McGowen Crouch.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Mayor Pro Tem Witten 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 Pro Tem Witten.

a. Employee of the Month and Service Awards. Video presentation.

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

Employee of the Month		
Kris Berry	Water Resource Management	
Service Awards		
Ashley Cowart	Communications	5 years
Brennan Hopper	Engineering Services	5 years
Kerry Pickard	Fire	5 years
Matt Pavey	Police	5 years
Jason Reaume	Police	5 years
Joshua Thompson	Police	5 years
Coletan Henley	Fire	15 years
Paul Rogers	Police	20 years
Scott Pritchard	Parks & Recreation	25 years
Retirees:		
David Baker	Engineering Services	15 years
Brandy Ezelle	Engineering Services	24 years

b. Recognition of retiring councilmember.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten presented a plaque to outgoing Councilmember Kelley Griswold and thanked him for his service to the city.

c. Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten provided a summary of the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held.

d. Announcements.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten said Alpha Delta Kappa had a proclamation signing, Rexnord is celebrating 50 years, Auburn's Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, October 10, and the Mayor's State of the City address will be on October 28.

Councilmember Taylor invited all to a Trunk-or-Treat event at Boykin Community Center on October 11.

Councilmember Moreman encouraged everyone to participate in Auburn University's Hey Day tradition on October 14.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

Auburn University SGA Representative Andrew Faircloth updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

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

Josh Poole (334 Hickorywoods Drive) spoke about item 8d6.

Nan Cunningham (346 Hickorywoods Drive) spoke about item 8d6.

Andrew Lynch (315 Butternut Drive) spoke about item 8d6.

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

a. Board vacancy announcements. Appointments November 3, 2026.

1. Building Board of Adjustments. Two (2) vacancies. Terms begin November 3, 2026, and end November 2, 2030.

2. Tree Commission. Three (3) vacancies. Terms begin November 8, 2026, and end November 7, 2029.

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. One (1) vacancy. Term begins December 1, 2026, and November 30, 2030.

City Manager Crouch announced vacancies on the Building Board of Adjustments, Tree Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilmember Adams removed item 8d6.

Councilmember Taylor removed item 8d1.

Councilmember Griswold removed items 8b2, 8b3, & 8d2.

Councilmember Moreman removed items 8d4 and 8e6.

Councilmember Parsons motioned that the items on the consent agenda be adopted. Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the consent agenda approved.

a. Minutes. September 15, 2026. **APPROVED**

b. Alcohol beverages licenses.

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

2. AUC, LLC d/b/a Auburn University Club. 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days. 1502 Club Creek Drive.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

3. AUC, LLC d/b/a Auburn University Club. 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days. 1650 Yarbrough Farms Boulevard.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

4. Friendship Foods, Inc. d/b/a Country's Barbecue. 150 – Special Retail License – 30 Days or Less. 350 Duncan Drive Green Space. **APPROVED**

5. Premium Pours, LLC d/b/a Premium Pours Bartending Sigma Chi. 140 – Special Events Retail ABC License. 737 West Magnolia Avenue. **APPROVED**

c. Taxpayer penalty waiver requests.

1. CTC Auburn, LLC. **APPROVED**

2. Donghee America, Inc. **APPROVED**

d. Contracts and agreements.

1. Boykin Community Center. Tenant Lease Agreements.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

2. CARE Humane Society. Animal sheltering services for FY 2027. $214,683.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

3. Dell Products and Services (PCs and accessories). Boykin-Donahue Library Computer Equipment. $56,517.92. **Resolution No. 26-256**

4. Machen and McChesney, LLP. Financial Audit Contract Assignment Agreement.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

5. Sunbelt Fire, Inc. Purchase twenty (20) sets of Globe Apparel turnout gear. Fire Department. $71,000.00. **Resolution No. 26-258**

6. TDC Pacific Properties. Infrastructure Development Agreement. Sterling Auburn Cottages.

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

7. Thalamus LLC. Magnolia Avenue at Ginn Concourse Fiber Project. $63,307.50. **Resolution No. 26-260**

e. Easements and rights-of-ways.

1. Jay Chapman. Accept public right-of-way. Property located at 222 and 230 West Drake Avenue. **Resolution No. 26-261**

2. Farber Quality Construction, LLC. Accept public utility easements, public sidewalk easements, and public rights-of-way. Chambers Map of Auburn. Property located at 618 Martin Luther King Drive. **Resolution No. 26-262**

3. David and Michelle Held. Accept temporary construction easement and approve compensation of $2,680. North College Street and Drake Avenue Intersection Improvements Project. Located at 535 North College Street. **Resolution No. 26-263**

4. JFT Properties, LLC. Accept public lighting and drainage easements. Property located at 726 Harper Avenue. **Resolution No. 26-264**

5. G. E. Mann Properties, Inc. Accept greenway easement. Cole Place Subdivision, Phase 1. **Resolution No. 26-265**

6. John and Elizabeth Schumacher and Charles G. Solomon, KS Huntley, LLC. Accept public rights-of-way and easements. Heard Subdivision #2, Redivision of Lot 11-A and Second Addition Redivision of Lot 24. Property located at 915 and 945 Moores Mill Road. **Resolution No. 26-266**

7. SMB Land, LLC. Accept public drainage and utility easements. Property located at the western terminus of Kennesaw Lane, south of Mrs. James Road. **Resolution No. 26-267**

b. Alcohol beverages licenses.

2. AUC, LLC d/b/a Auburn University Club. 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days. 1502 Club Creek Drive.

City Manager Crouch said AUC, LLC d/b/a Auburn University Club is seeking a 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days alcohol beverage license.

Councilmember Griswold said he pulled this item off the consent agenda to abstain from the vote.

Councilmember Coblentz motioned that the request be granted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor and Witten. Voting No: None.
Abstaining: Griswold. Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the motion carried.

3. AUC, LLC d/b/a Auburn University Club. 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days. 1650 Yarbrough Farms Boulevard. **APPROVED**

City Manager Crouch said AUC, LLC d/b/a Auburn University Club is seeking a 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days alcohol beverage license.

Councilmember Griswold said he pulled this item off the consent agenda to abstain from the vote.

Councilmember Coblentz motioned that the request be granted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Adams, Coblentz, Dawson, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor and Witten. Voting No: None.
Abstaining: Griswold. Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the motion carried.

d. Contracts and agreements.

1. Boykin Community Center. Tenant Lease Agreements.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute tenant leases at Boykin Community Center.

Councilmember Taylor asked City Manager Crouch to tell the public what entities are leasing the space.

City Manager Crouch provided the information.

Councilmember Parsons motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-254

2. CARE Humane Society. Animal sheltering services for FY 2027. $214,683.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with CARE Humane Society.

Councilmember Griswold spoke about amending the contract to include the full budgeted amount.

City Manager Crouch and Environmental Services Director Catrina Cook explained that the full budgeted amount includes funds for a spay and neuter program that was separate from the animal sheltering services contract and that all of the budgeted funds would be expended between the two programs.

Councilmember Dawson motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Coblentz seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-255

4. Machen and McChesney, LLP. Financial Audit Contract Assignment Agreement.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a financial audit contract assignment agreement.

Councilmember Moreman asked questions.

City Manager Crouch and City Attorney Paul Clark answered the questions.

Councilmember Parsons motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Griswold seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-257

6. TDC Pacific Properties. Infrastructure Development Agreement. Sterling Auburn Cottages. **Resolution No. 26-259**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an infrastructure development agreement with Sterling Auburn Cottages.

Councilmember Adams read a statement and asked questions of city staff and the developer.

City Manager Crouch, Development Services Executive Director Scott Cummings, Planning Director Justice Wahid Cotton, and Developer Brad Dinerstein answered the questions.

Councilmember Adams asked Mr. Dinerstein if he would consider an addendum to the landscape plan.

Mr. Dinerstein agreed to amending the landscape plan at the appropriate time.

Councilmember Parsons motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Griswold seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-257

e. Easements and rights-of-ways.

6. John and Elizabeth Schumacher and Charles G. Solomon, KS Huntley, LLC. Accept public rights-of-way and easements. Heard Subdivision #2, Redivision of Lot 11-A and Second Addition Redivision of Lot 24. Property located at 915 and 945 Moores Mill Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution accepts public rights-of-way and Easements from John and Elizabeth Schumacher and Charles G. Solomon, KS Huntley, LLC.

Councilmember Moreman spoke about the lot sizes.

Councilmember Coblentz motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-266

9. **ORDINANCES.**

a. Moratorium on the conditional use approval of new lounges within the Urban Core, Urban Neighborhood-East, and Urban Neighborhood-West zoning districts. Postponed from September 15, 2026.

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. She said a main motion was needed.

The Council asked questions about the proposed moratorium and conditional use process for lounges in the Urban Core, Urban Neighborhood-East and Urban Neighborhood-West zoning districts.

City Manager Crouch and City Attorney Paul Clark answered the questions.

The Council also asked questions about directing the City staff to draft new regulations for lounges city-wide whether or not the moratorium ordinance is adopted.

City Manager Crouch answered the questions and confirmed that new regulations can be developed even if the moratorium ordinance is not adopted.

Councilmember Coblentz moved to approve the ordinance.
Councilmember Moreman seconded the motion and the following members voted aye: Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, and Taylor. Voting no: Adams, Coblentz, Parsons, and Witten.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared a tie and the motion failed.

The Council instructed City Manager Crouch to develop new regulations for lounges city-wide for the Council and Planning Commission to review and consider.

b. 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. Postponed from September 15, 2026.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance rezones approximately 1.35 acres. She added that a main motion was needed and a public hearing was held on September 15.

Councilmember Moreman moved to approve the ordinance.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion.

The Council asked questions.

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

Alex Muncie (1493 Cambridge Circle) spoke on behalf of the applicant, explaining the property owner's request for rezoning.

Councilmember Coblentz moved to postpone the item to January 5, 2027.
Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the item postponed to January 5, 2027.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

a. Vacation. Bison Trust. Prosper at Plainsman Lake Sewer Easement. Property located at 1803 Kenai Pass. Postponed from September 15, 2026.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution vacates a portion of public sanitary sewer easement located at 1803 Kenai Pass. She said the item was postponed at the September 15 meeting and that a public hearing was held and a motion for approval was on the floor from that meeting.

Upon the vote, all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-268

b. Tax abatement. Maxim Solutions, Auburn LLC. 967 Stage Road.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes a tax abatement for Maxim Solutions, Auburn LLC.

Councilmember Adams motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-269

c. Contracts and agreements.

1. EAC Enterprises, LLC d/b/a AGX Siteworx. North Donahue Drive Widening Project Phase I. $9,871,653.20. **Resolution No. 26-270**

City Manager Crouch said this resolution authorizes the city manager to execute a contract with EAC Enterprises, LLC d/b/a AGX Siteworx.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion, and the following members voted aye: Coblentz, Dawson, Griswold, Moreman, Parsons, Taylor, and Witten. Voting no: none. Abstaining: Adams.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-270

2. Thompson Engineering - North Donahue Drive Widening Project Phase I. $770,861. **Resolution No. 26-271**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Witten motioned that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.
Mayor Pro Tem Witten declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION No. 26-271

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Janet Widell (1011 Sanders Street) spoke about a development in the Cary Woods Neighborhood.

Debra Beal (802 Tullahoma Drive) spoke about the upcoming election and encouraged all to vote.

Bill Caskey (521 E. Samford Avenue) spoke about student housing developments and e-bikes in the city. He also thanked the council for its tolerance on citizens raising concerns over fake issues at council meetings and thanked Councilmember Griswold for his service on the City Council.

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

Laticia Smith (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane) thanked Mayor Anders for the joint proclamation with Opelika for the NAACP State Conference and spoke about affordable housing.

Councilperson Griswold spoke about the process of approval for developments, veteran suicide rates and said it was an honor and privilege to serve on the City Council for the last eight years.

Mayor Pro Tem Witten asked for an update on the Meadows development in Cary Woods.

City Manager Crouch provided an update.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Coblentz moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilmember Adams seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager