



**MAYOR**

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**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**August 28, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**1 Auburn Way**

**Auburn, GA 30011**

Present: Mayor: **Richard Roquemore**  
Council Member: **Robert L. Vogel**  
Council Member: **Taylor J. Sisk**  
Council Member: **Jamie L. Bradley**  
Council Member: **Joshua Rowan**

City Staff in Attendance: Michael Parks, Chief Hodge, Brooke Haney, Iris Akridge

Also in Attendance: Jack Wilson, Jim Aton, Sarah McQuade, Katherine Newberry

**Mayor Roquemore** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to amend the agenda to make Item 3 Amending the City's Water Ordinance an item to be voted on in this meeting.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Sisk** to amend the agenda.

**Second:** Made by **Council Member Vogel**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion, there was none. Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

**Council Reports and Announcements**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for Council Reports and Announcements.

Brooke Haney Announced Winter Farmers Market to Start Tuesday September 30, 2025, Car show September 27, 2025, Ribbon Cutting for The Pet Store September 27, 2025, Candidate Forum October 2, 2025, Apex Fitness 3-year Anniversary October, 4, 2025, Food Truck Friday October 10, 2025, Auburnfest October 25, 2025, and BBQ Competition open to register until October 3, 2025. **Council Member Sisk** Updated about the Paving on Mt. Moriah from Barrow County.

## **Old Business**

### **Item 1: OAR25-001 (PL25-0009) HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review**

**Sarah McQuade** Presented and answered questions from Council Members. Katherine Newberry presented regarding landscaping and the application of the Tree Ordinance. Ms. Newberry answered questions regarding the proposed plans and the Tree Ordinance. Council agreed without objection totable this Item until developer submits revised plans to staff. At that point, staff will place the item on a work session agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item 2: OAR25-002 Front Building Sign Located at 1359 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite B (tax map parcel AU11 115)**

**Sarah McQuade** Presented

**Council Member Vogel** moved to amend the agenda to make this a voting item in this meeting due to the Grand Opening September 27, 2025.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Vogel** to approve as presented by staff

**Second:** Made by **Council Member Rowan** The motion to amend the agenda was approved unanimously.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion, there was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

## **VOTING ITEM**

### **Item 3: Amend the City's Water Ordinance**

**Michael Parks** Presented the amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances to meet Barrow County's rate increase for sanitary sewer (billed by the City) and related purposes

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Vogel** to amend the City's Water Ordinance

**Second:** Made by **Council Member Bradley**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion, there was none. Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

### **Item 4: Public Works Personnel Matters**

**Mayor Roquemore** announced the retirement of Iris Akridge as Public Works Director. The **Mayor** commended and thanked Ms. Akridge for her service to the City. The Mayor further announced that Ms. Akridge recommended Ben Moody to serve as Interim Public Works Director.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Vogel** to appoint Ben Moody as Interim Public Works Director

**Second:** Made by **Council Member Bradley**

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for any discussion, there was none. Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked if there were any citizen comments.  
There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Read and approved this 9 Day of October 2025  
Attest:

  
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Mayor Richard E. Roquemore