

MAYOR Rick E. Roquemore

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Michael E. Parks CITY COUNCIL
Robert L. Vogel III
Taylor J. Sisk
Jamie L. Bradley
Joshua Rowan

CITY OF AUBURN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 11, 2025
6:00 PM
Council Chambers
1 Auburn Way

Auburn, GA 30011

Present: Mayor:

Richard Roquemore Robert L. Vogel

Council Member: Council Member:

Taylor J. Sisk Joshua Rowan

Council Member: Joshua Rowai

Council Member Jamie Bradley was present via Phone.

City Staff in Attendance: Michael Parks, Chief Hodge, Brooke Haney, Marc Pharr, Anthony Evans, Henry Schotter

Also in Attendance: Jack Wilson, Jim Aton, Liz Mitchem for Sarah McQuade

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

Pastor Clack gave the Invocation.

Mayor Roquemore gave the pledge.

## Amend Agenda

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to amend the agenda for consideration of an Executive Session for Personnel matters at the end of the agenda.

Motion: Made by Council Member Rowan to amend the agenda for to add Executive Session at the end of the agenda.

# Second by Council Member Sisk

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

## **Council Reports and Announcements**

Brooke Haney announced that Tuesday 9/16/2025 will be the last farmers market of the season, Food Truck Friday is 9/12/2025 and Better then Better than Ezra will be preforming, and the Proclamation for September 22<sup>nd</sup> for Auburn Reads Day. **Mayor Roquemore** read the Proclamation

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1.: RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of Parcels AU05 018 and AU05019 Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of Parcels AU05 018 and AU05019

Motion: Made by Council Member Sisk to open the Public Hearing.

Second: By Council Member Rowan

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, there was none. Votes were taken with Council Member Vogel, Council Member Sisk, and Council Member Rowen voting yes and Council Member Bradley Voting no.

Liz Mitchem Presented

**Mayor Roquemore** Opened the Public Hearing up for Comments RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of Parcels AU05 018 and AU05019.

The applicant Shane Landum spoke on the potential development of RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of Parcels AU05 018 and AU05019.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the proposed rezoning of parcels AU05 018 and AU05 019. There was none.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning of parcels AU05 018 and AU05 019. There was none.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing for RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of Parcels AU05 018 and AU05019.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Vogel** to close the Public Hearing for RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of Parcels AU05 018 and AU05019.

Second: Made by Council Member Sisk

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

Item 2.: PL25-0009-HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review

**Mayor Roquemore** stated that we will now have a Public Hearing for PL25-0009-HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review.

Liz Mitchem Presented

The Applicant William Diehl Presented on the potential development of PL25-0009-HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of PL25-0009-HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review. There was none.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of PL25-0009-HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review. There was none.

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing PL25-0009-HPC Investments; LLC Overlay Architectural Review.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Sisk** to close the Public Hearing for PL25-0009-HPC Investments; LLC Overlay Architectural Review.

Second: By Council Member Rowan

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

Mayor Roquemore asked if anyone had any comments on agenda items.

Roe Yoe- Commented on the developments and future developments and the Tree Ordinance.

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Council Business Meeting Minutes- August 14, 2025
- 2. Council Workshop Meeting Minutes- August 28, 2025
- 3. Council Pre Budget Workshop Minutes- August 11, 2025
- 4. Council Special Called Meeting Minutes- August 14, 2025
- 5. Council Budget Public Hearing Minutes- August 18, 2025
- 6. Council Special Called Meeting Minutes- August 28, 2025

- 7. RWSP Naming of Access Road
- 8. FY2026 Budget
- 9. 2025 Georgia Reads Proclamation#1 and #2- Michael Parks

Mayor Rocquemore asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Made by Council Member Vogel to approve the consent agenda.

Second: by Council Member Rowan

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, Council Member Vogel would request that future budgets provide more line items detail. Votes were taken with Council Member Rowan, Council Member Sisk, and Council Member Vogel voted yes, Council Member Bradley voted no.

## **Voting Items**

Item 2.: RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of parcels AU05 018 and AU05019

Liz Mitchem Presented

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to approve RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of parcels AU05 018 and AU05019.

Motion: Made by Council Member Sisk approved RZ25-0001 Cornerstone Home Builders rezoning of parcels AU05 018 and AU05019 with staff and Planning Commission recommended conditions, revised to provide fire access to McCulley Road subject to approval by Barrow County Transportation Department.

Second: Made by Council Member Rowan

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, Council Member Sisk stated His motion includes approval by Barrow County DOT. Council Member Vogel stated he agrees with Council Member Sisk on Fire Access and wants to clarify his no votes are due to the PUD. Votes were taken with Council Members Rowan and Sisk voting yes and Council Member Bradley and Vogel voting no. Mayor Roquemore voted Yes, This item was approved 3-2.

Item 3: VWSE25-0002 Cornerstone Waiver from SEC, 16.28.030.C.1 and SEC. 16.28.060.B.1 Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to deny this waiver request based on the Applicant's request. Motion: Made by Council Member Sisk to Deny Cornerstone waiver from SEC, 16.28.030.C.1 and SEC. 16.28.060.B.1. as requested by the Applicant.

Second: Made By Council Member Rowan

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

Item 4.: PL25-0009- HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to approve with Staff Recommended conditions PL25-0009- HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review.

**Motion:** Made by **Council Member Sisk** Made a motion to table until the next Workshop meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Second: Made by Council Member Vogel

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, Council Member Sisk stated that we are close to the downtown overlay district but need front porches. Council Member Josh wants a better understanding of the timing of the proposed commercial improvements. Council Member Bradley wants a better description of the for this project. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

# Item 5.: Holiday Council Meeting Schedule

Michael Parks Presented

**Mayor Roquemore** asked for a motion to approve Holiday Council Meeting Schedule to set called meetings on November 20, 2025(rescheduled for Thanksgiving) and December 18, 2025 (reschedule for Christmas).

Motion: Made by Council Member Sisk to approved Holiday Council Meeting Schedule to set called meetings for

the dates listed above to avoid conflicts with holidays.

Second: Made by Council Member Rowan

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, Council Member Bradley asked if a developer can change the meeting nights. Staff responded that the proposed changes were not for any developer or third party, but to set called meeting dates to avoid conflicts between the stated meeting dates and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Roquemore asked for any Citizen Comments.

Trisha Gallager- In favor of the Commercial aspect of the PL25-0009- HPC Investments, LLC Overlay Architectural Review. She also requested background checks for any Candidates a ballot in the future.

Mayor Roquemore Asked for a motion to go into Executive session for Personnel matters.

Motion: Made by Council Member Rowan to go into Executive Session.

Second: Made By Council Member Vogel

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

After the Executive Session, the City Attorney repolted that during Executive Session the Council met to discuss Personal matters as allowed by the Open Meetings Act. There were no votes taken and no evidence received in the Executive Session. The original affidavit and resolution have been signed and delivered to the staff to be included within the minutes of this meeting.

**Jack Wilson** asked the Council to amend the agenda to consider receiving the resignation of James W. Matthews from the Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to amend the agenda per the City Attorney.

Motion: Made By Council Member Rowan to amend the agenda

Second: Made by Council Member Sisk

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, Jack Wilson reported that Mr. Matthews provided his written resignation from the Downtown Development Authority on September 11, 2025. Votes were taken with all members presenting yes.

Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to accept James W. Matthew's resignation for the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion: Made by Council Member Vogel to accept James W. Matthew's resignation for the Downtown Development Authority.

Second: Made by Council Member Rowan

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Roquemore called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Made by Council Member Rowan to adjourn.

Second: By Council Member Vogel.

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carlo Read and approved this	Day of October 2025
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Mayor Richard F. Roquemore	