



City of Laurel

401 N. 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Agenda City Council

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

Councilperson Jason Capers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 24-7138](#) April 16, 2024

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 04162024 and Public Hearing Minutes Mason Park Project](#)

- B. [ID 24-7139](#) Public Hearing Minutes/Mason Park Project/Grant

Attachments: [Public Hearing Minutes For Miss Dept of Wildlife Fisheries Grant Mason Park Project](#)

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 24-7137](#) Recess meeting to conduct a public hearing to allow input regarding the City's intent to apply to for an FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Laurel Police Department

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 24-7154](#) Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 4, 2024 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health of the community:

A. S. Lavon Evans Jr. Realty LLC, dilapidated structure at 1637 N. Mississippi Ave. PPIN 10980 W4

B. Willie Bilbrew, dilapidated structure at 1020 N. 12th Ave. PPIN 10550 W2

Attachments: [Sets 6-4-24](#)
[10 day notices-04232024083340](#)

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 24-7148](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2024 in regards to a property located at 1432 Old Amy Rd., belonging to Floyd Striciavvar Strickland, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 2.

Attachments: [Resolution 1432 Old Amy Rd.\(demo\)](#)
[1432 Old Amy Rd. May 7,2024](#)
[R.1432 Old Amy Rd-04152024120546](#)
[P.1432 Old Amy Rd-04152024120403](#)

- B. [ID 24-7149](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2024 in regards to a property located at 318 E. 18th St., belonging to Francis Schlaff, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution 318 E. 18th St.\(demo\)](#)
[318 E 18th St. May 7,2024](#)
[R.318 E 18th St-04152024120623](#)
[P.318 E 18th St-04152024120649](#)

- C. [ID 24-7150](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2024 in regards to a property located at 2219 N. 3rd Ave., belonging to Lue Creasie McGill, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Resolution 2219 N. 3rd Ave.\(demo\)](#)
[2219 N 3rd Ave May 7,2024](#)
[R.2219 N 3rd Ave-04152024120723](#)
[P.2219 N 3rd Ave-04152024120743](#)

- D. [ID 24-7151](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2024 in regards to a property located at 420 E. 3rd St., belonging to James McCormick & Sabrina Trotter, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 5

Attachments: [Resolution 420 E. 3rd St.\(demo\)](#)
[420 E 3rd St. May 7 2024](#)
[R.420 E 3rd St-04152024123407](#)
[P.420 E 3rd St-04152024123424](#)

- E. [ID 24-7153](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2024 in regards to a property located at 2007 Airport Dr., belonging to Mota ADA Karina Mendez ET VIR, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [Resolution 2007 Airport Dr.\(demo\)](#)
[2007 Airport Dr. May 7,2024](#)
[R.2007 Airport Dr-04152024121038](#)
[P.2007 Airport Dr-04152024121055](#)

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 24-7166](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Appointment of Kristal Jones as City Clerk and Finance Director of the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [ORDConfirmKristalJonesCityClerkFinanceDirector5.7.24](#)
[ORDConfirmKristalJonesCityClerkFinanceDirector5.7.24.ExhibitA](#)

- B. [ID 24-7156](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Authorization to Accept a Proposal for Engineering Services for Repairs to Massey Wastewater Treatment Plant Access Road and Culvert.
- Attachments:* [RES Accept Proposal Engineering Services Massey Plant Access Road & Culvert](#)
- C. [ID 24-7169](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to approve a letter agreement for professional services for the Massey Access Road and Culvert Project.
- Attachments:* [Resolution](#)
[Letter Agreement](#)
- D. [ID 24-7141](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution to Accept Proposal and Authorize Agreement with Foster Relations for Digital Media Services for Tourism Marketing for the City of Laurel).
- Attachments:* [RESAcceptProposalAuthorizeAgreementTourismDigitalMediaServices.5.7.24](#)
[RESAcceptProposalAuthorizeAgreementTourismDigitalMediaServices.5.7.24.E](#)
- E. [ID 24-7170](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution Regarding Updating the Designation of Applicant's Agents to Authorize and File Applications for Federal and/or State Assistance Related to FEMA Disaster 4727.
- Attachments:* [RESUpdateApplicantAgentsFEMAAssistanceDisaster#4727 5.7.24](#)
- F. [ID 24-7144](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Change Order No. 1 Joe Wheeler Avenue ARPA Utility and Roadway Improvements Project.
- Attachments:* [Resolution](#)
[Letter of Recommendation](#)
[CHANGE ORDER NO. 1](#)
- G. [ID 24-7147](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution Granting Authority to Execute the Memorandum of Agreement for the Central Avenue Phase II Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project.
- Attachments:* [RESAuthorizeMOACentralAvePhase2ImprovementsProject5.7.24](#)
[RESAuthorizeMOACentralAvePhase2ImprovementsProject5.7.24.ExhibitA](#)
- H. [ID 24-7165](#)** Consider adopting a Resolution to approve a letter agreement for professional services for the 2024 NRCS Drainage Improvements Project.
- Attachments:* [Resolution](#)
[NRCS Letter Agreement](#)

- I. [ID 24-7167](#) Consider adopting an Order regarding Authorization of the Mayor to Sign the Request For Cash and the Reporting Worksheet Under the State of Mississippi CAP Program Project Number #23-228-CP-01 (Request #5) and make the requested payment of the invoice received from the Laurel Housing Authority.

Attachments: [order - CAP Loan Payment 2023 Req 5](#)
[CAP LOAN APP 5](#)

- J. [ID 24-7140](#) Consider adopting an Order to Authorize Amending an Emergency Order for Replacement of Plant 2 Master Motor Control Center.

Attachments: [ORDAmendEmergencyOrderReplacePlant2MasterMotorControlCenter.5.7.24](#)
[ORDAmendEmergencyOrderReplacePlant2MasterMotorControlCenter.5.7.24.E](#)
[ORDAmendEmergencyOrderReplacePlant2MasterMotorControlCenter.5.7.24.E](#)

- K. [ID 24-7159](#) Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to apply for the 2024 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$10,378.20.

Attachments: [2024 BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT](#)

- L. [ID 24-7160](#) Consider adopting an Order request that Melicia Cooper be allowed to attend the 2024 Conference on Crimes Against Women in Dallas, TX on May 19-23, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$1,891.44. Fund will be taken from the Police Department Travel Account #001-200-610-0.

Attachments: [2024 CONFERENCE ON CRIMES AGAINST DALLAS, TX](#)

- M. [ID 24-7162](#) Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Officer Dalton Gieger of the Laurel Police Department be allowed to travel to Tupelo, MS for K-9 Training.

Attachments: [OFFICER GIEGER TRAVEL TO K- TRAINING TUPELO, MS \(2\)](#)

- N. [ID 24-7161](#) Consider adopting an Order that Chief Tommy Cox be allowed to attend the 2024 Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Conference on June 18-21, 2024 in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$989.17.

Attachments: [CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE 2024 ---BILOXI, MS](#)

- O. [ID 24-7163](#) Consider adopting an Order request that David Grasha and William Sparrow be allowed to attend the 2024 (IALEFI) Annual International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Training in West Palm Beach, FL on September 15-20, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$4,176.16. Funds will be taken from the Police Department Travel account #001-200-610-0.

Attachments: [IALEFI CONFERENCE TRAINING WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA](#)

- P. [ID 24-7164](#) Consider adopting an Order approving that A'Lea Rogers, Criminal Justice major at the University of Southern Mississippi be allowed to complete a summer internship with the Laurel Police Department.

Attachments: [A'LEA ROGERS SUMMER INTERNSHIP](#)
[City of Laurel Waiver of Liability](#)

- Q. [ID 24-7136](#) Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.1A-3. MUNICIPAL OFFENSE TICKET of the Laurel Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [ORDINANCEAmendChapter14.1A-3MunicipalOffenseTicket.SecondReading.5.](#)

- R. [ID 24-7171](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Reappointment of Susan Vincent to the Board of Commissioners of the Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

Attachments: [RESAppPineBeltRegionalSolidWasteManagementAuthorityVincent2024](#)
[RESAppPineBeltRegionalSolidWasteManagementAuthorityVincent2024.Exhibit](#)

- S. [ID 24-7157](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve Lauren Stewart's application for the Position of Second Vice President for the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association.

Attachments: [ORDER - MMCCA 2ND VP APPLICATION](#)
[MMCCA 2ND VP APPLICATION](#)

- T. [ID 24-7168](#) Consider adopting an Order authorizing City Clerk Kristal Jones and Chief Deputy City Clerk Katira Banks to co-sign with the Mayor as official signatures on all of the City of Laurel bank accounts.

Attachments: [order - Bank Signatures](#)

- U. [ID 24-7145](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2024 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Order](#)
[Budget Amendment List](#)

- V. [ID 24-7146](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened May 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office for FY 2024 Semi-Annual bids.

Attachments: [Order - Semi Annual Bids Advertisement](#)
[Notice to Bidders](#)

- W. [ID 24-7179](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Corrective Action Regarding a Tax Assessment for a Demolition at 112 Arthur St. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [Resolution- Corrective Action Regarding Assessment for Demo at 112 Arthur St Demo 9-5-04302024105438](#)

- X. [ID 24-7142](#) Consider adopting an Order to grant a one-year special exception to Alton A Horne to allow operation of snowball stand on vacant lot to be located at lot W of 315 E 15th St. Property is zoned I-3 and located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [Order Special Exception Alton Horne Snowball Stand Planning & Zoning Minutes 041124](#)

- Y. [ID 24-7143](#) Consider adopting an Order to grant a special exception to Bob Skipper to allow operation of a tow yard to store vehicles behind a privacy screened fence to be located at 108 E 7th St. Property is zoned C-4 and located in Ward 5.

Attachments: [Order Special Exception Bob Skipper Tow Yard Planning & Zoning Minutes 041124](#)

- Z. [ID 24-7155](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments on the following properties:
- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Affordable Housing Developers LLC at Lot N. of 403 W. 13th St. Total assessed cost \$105.00 Ward 4
 - B. Cleaning of property assessed to Luvenia Kelly Brown at 1114 N. 1st Ave. Total assessed cost \$105.00 Ward 5
 - C. Cleaning of property assessed to Ronald & Sharon Currie at 1215 N. 3rd Ave. Total assessed cost \$90.00 Ward 5

Attachments: [Assessments 5-7-2024](#)
[5-7-24 Bills-04232024152606](#)

- A A [ID 24-7174](#) . Consider adopting Order approving application of Dunn Roadbuilders, LLC. for an initial tax exemption for a period of ten years as authorized by Section 27-31-101, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION OF DUNN ROADBUILDERS 2024](#)
[Dunn Roadbuilders LLC 2024 Ad Valorem](#)

- B B** [ID 24-7178](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of Mid-South Industries, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 Code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [City of Laurel-Freeport-Mid-South Ind Inc](#)
[Freeport Warehouse Order Mid-South 2024](#)

- C C** [ID 24-7176](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of Masonite Corporation, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes on the freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61, Code of 1972, as amended.

Attachments: [City of Laurel-Freeport-Masonite](#)
[Freeport Warehouse Order 2024 Masonite](#)

- D** [ID 24-7172](#) Consider adopting an Order approving application of Applied Industrial Technologies
D. Dixie, Inc. for instating of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 Code of 1972, as amended.

Attachments: [Freeport Warehouse Order Applied Industrial Tech 2024](#)
[City of Laurel - Freeport -Applied Ind Tech](#)

- E E** [ID 24-7173](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of the Essmueller Company for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 Code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [City of Laurel-Freeport-Essmueller Co](#)
[Freeport Warehouse Order Essmueller 2024](#)

- FF.** [ID 24-7175](#) Consider adopting Order approving application of Howard Industries, Inc. for renewal of tax exemption from ad valorem taxes for their freeport warehouse as authorized by Section 27-31-51 through Section 27-31-61 Code of 1972 as amended.

Attachments: [City of Laurel-Freeport- Howards -Transformer](#)
[Freeport Warehouse Order Howard IND 2024](#)

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A.** [ID 24-7177](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT MAY 07 2024](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 07 2024](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION