

**City of Laurel
Planning & Zoning Meeting
Thursday July 9, 2026**

Members Present: Susan Vincent, Satish Amin, Chloe Davis, Patricia Jordan Cook, Sheila Hennis, Caroline Burks, Shelly Allen, Brad Kent, Zane Lambert, Lisa Cochran, Lee Donaldson

Staff Present: Sandra Hadley

Members Absent: John Wallace, Cecil Ashford

Call to Order: Susan Vincent, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber Room of Laurel City Hall.

Approval of Agenda and Reading of Last Minutes: Susan Vincent asked for a motion for the approval of the agenda. A motion was made for the agenda to be approved with no changes and the approval for the reading of the last minutes by Zane Lambert and seconded by Lee Donaldson. The motion carried with no objections.

PUBLIC HEARING COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 5:30 P.M.

***A quorum was present**

AGENDA TOPICS

July Meeting

1. **Short Term Rental Petition Docket No. STR 26-09, styled Michelle Smith, 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440** requesting short term rental to be located at 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440 (Explorer) Number of units 1, number of sleeping rooms 2, maximum occupancy 4, and number of parking spaces, public parking.
2. **Short Term Rental Petition Docket No. STR 26-10, styled Michelle Smith, 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440** requesting short term rental to be located at 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440 (Artist) Number of units 1, number of sleeping rooms 1, maximum occupancy 2, and number of parking spaces, public parking.
3. **Short Term Rental Petition Docket No. STR 26-11, styled Michelle Smith, 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440** requesting short term rental to be located at 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440 (Author Number of units 1, number of sleeping rooms 2, maximum occupancy 5, and number of parking spaces, public parking.
4. **Short Term Rental Petition Docket No. STR 26-12, styled Michelle Smith, 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440** requesting short term rental to be located at 437 N. Magnolia St. Laurel, MS 39440 (Inventor) Number of units 1, number of sleeping room 1, maximum occupancy 2, and number of parking spaces, public parking.

Discussion: No one was present to speak for the short-term rental request. No one was present to speak against the short-term rental request.

Motion: Motion to combine and grant operation of 4 short-term rentals request was made by Zane Lambert, and seconded by Lisa Cochran.

Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Special Exception Docket No. SPE 26-10, styled Connie Harris**, 1107 N. 1st Ave. Laurel, MS 39440 requesting a Special Exception to allow operation of a convenience store with the sale of beer at the property described below:

KINGSTON ADD BLK-18 S 140 FT OF LOTS 6-7-8-9 & 10 ALSO IN NE OF SW 32-9-11(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 135M-32-01-009.00 PPIN 11379) Also known as 1107 N. 1st Ave.

This property is located in Ward 5 and currently zoned I-1, Restricted Industrial District. Requested use is only permitted in C-2, General Commercial District

Discussion: No one was present to speak for the Special Exception request.

Motion: Motion to table Special Exception request was made by Lisa Cochran and seconded by Sheila Hennis.

Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Zoning Change Docket No. ZC 26-03, styled Tyler Prince**, 1512 Hwy 29 N. Laurel, MS 39440, requesting a Zoning Change from R-2, Medium Density Residential District to I-3, Heavy Industrial District at the property described below:

29-9-11 PARCEL OF LAND IN SE OF NW(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 135D-29-17-002.02 PPIN 32976. Also known as 40 E. 24th St.)

Property is located in Ward 4, zoned R-2, Medium Density Residential District

Discussion: Tyler Prince was present to speak for Zoning Change request. No one was present to speak against the Zoning Change request.

Motion: Motion to grant Zoning Change request was made by Lisa Cochran and seconded by Lee Donaldson.

Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT:

being no other matters before the Commission

Chairperson Patricia Jordan Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Brad Kent seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Superintendent of Inspection

Minutes approved by:

Chairperson