

ORDER

**(To Consider Authorizing Application to the Mississippi State Department of Health for the Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant for FY25 through FY27 and Execution of Documents Necessary for Acceptance and Implementation of the Grant Should It Be Awarded)**

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has identified a project which qualifies for funding by the Mississippi State Department of Health under the terms of the Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Laurel Police Department seeks to apply for the aforementioned OAIV Grant to fund the position of Victim's Advocate for a two-year period (FY2025 through FY2027). The federal award amount is one hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty-six dollars (\$120,936.00). The City will provide a match in the amount of forty thousand three hundred forty-seven dollars (\$40,347.00) for a total budget amount of one hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred eighty-three dollars (\$161,283.00). Funds will be transferred from the General Fund account 001.900.952.0 to the Victim's Advocate Account 121.200.380.0

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** by the Laurel City Council that Grant Administrator Whitney Pickering and Victim Advocate Teya Cooper, acting on behalf of the Laurel Police Department, be authorized to apply to the Mississippi State Department of Health for funding through its Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) Grant program to fund the position of Victim Advocate for two years (FY2025-FY2027). The federal award amount is one hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty-six dollars (\$120,936.00). The City will provide a match in the amount of forty thousand three hundred forty-seven dollars (\$40,347.00) for a total budget amount of one hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred eighty-three dollars (\$161,283.00). **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, be authorized to sign whatever documents are necessary for acceptance of the grant should it be awarded and implementation of the associated project. **AND FURTHER** that the Finance Director be authorized to perform whatever budget transactions are necessary for implementation of the foregoing Order.

Motion was made by Councilperson Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Allen, that the above and foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows:

YEAS: Scruggs, Carmichael, Thomas, Allen

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers, Kelly, Amos

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 6<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, A.D. 2026.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_.

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APPROVED ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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