

ORDER

Authorizing Travel of Public Relations Specialist Christy Durham to Starkville, MS, for Communications Consultation

WHEREAS, the City of Starkville has successfully navigated major construction initiatives through effective public communication strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel seeks to strengthen its communications planning for the RAISE Grant Project by learning from Starkville's proven methods for informing and engaging the public during major construction activities;

WHEREAS, the City of Starkville invited the City of Laurel's PR Specialist and Laurel Main Street representatives to meet with its communications team, and the meeting date occurred prior to the next scheduled City Council meeting at which travel authorization could be formally approved, thereby necessitating retroactive approval of said travel

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that same-day travel on July 29, 2026, by Public Relations Specialist Christy Durham to the City of Starkville for the communication consultation relevant to the RAISE Grant Project is hereby approved retroactively. No expenses were incurred as transportation was provided by Laurel Main Street.

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

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Kelly, Scruggs, Carmichael, Thomas, Amos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Allen

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 4th day of **AUGUST**, A.D. 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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

Clerk of the Council

APPROVED () DATE_____

VETOED () DATE_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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