



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

Councilperson Andrea Thomas

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8419](#) August 4, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 08042026](#)

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8421](#) Presentation from Parks & Recreation Director Elvin Ulmer Regarding the Diamond Youth World Series.
- B. [ID 26-8430](#) Monthly Report Privilege Taxes July 2026.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 3384](#)
[New Business License List](#)

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [ID 26-8424](#) Consider adopting an Order to set the Public Hearing for the City of Laurel proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and proposed Tax Levy to be held on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attachments: [ORDER - Public Hearing](#)
[Notice Public Hearing FY 2027](#)

- B. [ID 26-8434](#) Consider adopting an Order to Set a Date of September 15, 2026 to conduct a public hearing in regards to the property listed to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to public health and safety of the community.

- A. Keswyck K. Bivens, dilapidated residence at 3444 University Ave. PPIN 15024 Ward 3
B. Hilltop Properties LLC, dilapidated residence at 1919 Short 3rd Ave. PPIN 30953 Ward 4
C. Clark Properties, dilapidated structure at 312 S. 16th Ave. PPIN 29857 Ward 1

Attachments: [Notices 91526-08112026115242](#)
[Sets 09-15-26](#)

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8422](#) Consider adopting an Order to accept sponsorship donations for the 2026 Diamond Youth Softball and Diamond Youth Baseball World Series’.

Attachments: [ORDER 2026 DY WORLD SERIES SPONSORS.docx](#)

- B. [ID 26-8418](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, Acting on Behalf of the City of Laurel, to Sign a Statement of Work with Water Company of America for Services Related to a Financial Impact Analysis of Replacing Manual Meter Read System.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Statement of Work Water Company of America 8.18.26](#)
[Exhibit A-ORD Authorize Statement of Work Water Company of America 8.18.2](#)

- C. [ID 26-8420](#) Consider adopting an Order to Authorize Administration to Sign an Amendment to a Letter of Credit for Howard Industries Bond Agreement.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Amendment to Letter of Credit Howard Industries Bond Payment](#)
[Exhibit A-ORD Authorize Amendment to Letter of Credit Howard Industries Bond](#)
[Exhibit B-ORD Authorize Amendment to Letter of Credit Howard Industries Bond](#)

- D. [ID 26-8433](#) Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Transfer of City Property to the Laurel Airport Authority for Runway Expansion Project

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Transfer of City Property to Laurel Airport Authority 8.18.26](#)
[Exhibit A-ORD Authorize Transfer of City Property to Laurel Airport Authority 8.1](#)

- E. [ID 26-8432](#) Consider hearing the First Reading of an ORDINANCE ENLARGING, EXTENDING, AND DEFINING THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; SPECIFYING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY (BEAR PEN CREEK ROAD) AND THE MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC SERVICES TO BE RENDERED THEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES RELATED THERETO.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE-Proposed Annexation Ordinance \(Voluntary Bear Pen Creek Road\)](#)

- F. [ID 26-8428](#) Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 Solid Waste, Article IV, Garbage Collection Fees, to increase garbage collection rates, effective October 01, 2026, due to said date being the first day of Fiscal Year 2027.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE - 2026 Garbage Fee Increase](#)

- G. [ID 26-8436](#) Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Change of the property located at 40 E. 24th St., from R-2, Medium Density Residential District to I-3 Heavy Industrial District, to Tyler Prince, due to change in the character of the neighborhood. Property is located in Ward 4.

Attachments: [1st Reading Zoning Change Ordinance 40 E. 24th St.](#)
[Planning & Zoning Minutes 070926](#)

- H. [ID 26-8415](#) Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance TO CORRECT THE LABELING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8.3 CEMETERIES, PROHIBITING THE BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS ON PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE-Second Reading, To Correct Labeling of Ordinance Amending City](#)

- I. [ID 26-8431](#) Consider adopting an Order to grant permission to advertise a request for proposals for the maintenance of City of Laurel Athletic Fields.
- Attachments:* [ORDER TO ADVERTISE RFP Athletic Fields Maintenance 8.18.26\(1\).doc](#)
[Exhibit A-ORDER TO ADVERTISE RFP Athletic Fields Maintenance 8.18.26.pdf](#)
- J. [ID 26-8438](#) Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Removal of Liens from Tax Assessments Against Certain Properties.
- Attachments:* [RESOLUTION-Remove Tax Liens from Certain Properties 8.18.26](#)
[Exhibit-RES Removal of liens on certain properties 8.18.26](#)
- K. [ID 26-8416](#) Consider adopting an Order To Authorize the Appointment of Truitt Taylor as Ward 5 Representative on the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Attachments:* [ORD App Truitt Taylor Historic Preservation Commission 2026](#)
[Exhibit A-ORD App Truitt Taylor Historic Preservation Commission 2026](#)
- L. [ID 26-8417](#) Consider adopting an Order Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Dick West to the Board of Directors of the Laurel Airport Authority.
- Attachments:* [ORD App West Laurel Airport Board 8.18.26](#)
- M. [ID 26-8413](#) Consider adopting an Order Approving Expenses Related to Travel by Mayor Johnny Magee to the Meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Mississippi Municipal League for 2026-2027.
- Attachments:* [ORD Travel MML Executive Committee Meeting 8.18.26](#)
- N. [ID 26-8429](#) Consider adopting an Order approving expenses related to travel by Councilperson Kevin Kelly to the Meetings of the Board of Directors Committee of the Mississippi Municipal League for 2026-2027.
- Attachments:* [ORDER travel for Councilperson Kevin Kelly Board of Directors Committee](#)
[Form for MML Board Accepted Councilperson Kevin Kelly](#)
- O. [ID 26-8414](#) Consider adopting an Order Approving Registration and Travel Expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend the Small Town Conference Sponsored by the Mississippi Municipal League in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, October 8-9, 2026.
- Attachments:* [ORD Travel Small Town Conference 2026](#)
- P. [ID 26-8427](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve in-state travel for City Clerk/Finance Director, Kristal Jones, to attend the 2026 Fall Municipal Clerk Conference at Natchez Convention Center in Natchez, MS on October 28-30, 2026.
- Attachments:* [Order - Travel Natchez MS Fall Conference 2026](#)

- Q. [ID 26-8423](#) Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of travel for the B.E. Murph Sr. Center Programs Director, Angela McCurdy and registered Sr. Citizens to Foley, AL, for a one-day shopping trip.
- Attachments:* [ORDER SR. CENTER TRAVEL FOLEY, AL.docx](#)
[SR. CENTER FOLEY, AL.pdf](#)
- R. [ID 26-8439](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2026 budget.
- Attachments:* [Budget Amendment Order](#)
[Budget Amendment List](#)
- S. [ID 26-8425](#) Consider adopting an Order approving increase in 2026 Mileage Reimbursement Rate.
- Attachments:* [ORDER - 2026 AUGUST Mileage Reimbursement](#)
- T. [ID 26-8426](#) Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office for Property, Machinery, and Equipment/Boiler Insurance.
- Attachments:* [Order - Advertise for Property Insurance](#)
[NOTICE to Bidders Insurance 2026-2027](#)
[Property Insurance Bid Form](#)
- U. [ID 26-8440](#) Consider adopting an Initial Resolution to approve the application of Amick Farms LLC Hatchery and Mill for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.
- Attachments:* [Initial Resolution - Amick Farms Hatchery-Feedmill Ad Valorem Application](#)
[AMICK FARMS POSITION STATEMENT 631 HAWKES RD POULTRY \(HATCH\)](#)
[Amick Farms Hatchery & Mill Ad Valorem 2026](#)
- V. [ID 26-8441](#) Consider adopting an Initial Resolution to approve the application of Amick Farms LLC Processing Plant for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.
- Attachments:* [Initial Resolution Amick Farms Poultry Processing Ad Valorem Application 8-18-](#)
[AMICK FARMS POSITION STATEMENT 525 WAYNE DR POULTRY \(PROCESSING\)](#)
[Amick Farms Poultry Processing Ad Valorem Application 2026](#)
- W. [ID 26-8442](#) Consider adopting an Initial Resolution to approve the application of Howard Industries Inc. Transformer Division for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.
- Attachments:* [Initial Resolution Howard Ind. Transformer Ad Valorem Application 8-18-2026](#)
[HOWARD IND. POSITION STATEMENT 3225 PENDORFF RD MANUFACTURING](#)
[HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC AD VALOREM APPLICATION 2026](#)

- X. [ID 26-8443](#) Consider adopting an Initial Resolution to approve the application of Laurel Machine and Foundry Machine Shop and Mill for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.

Attachments: [Initial Resolution Laurel Machine & Foundry Ad Valorem Machine Mill 8-18-2026](#)
[LAUREL MACHINE & FOUNDRY POSITION STATEMENT 611 HAWKES RD. N](#)
[AD VALOREM APPLICATION ONLY](#)

- Y. [ID 26-8444](#) Consider adopting an Initial Resolution to approve the application of Laurel Machine and Foundry Downtown Shop for Ad Valorem tax exemption for a period of ten years.

Attachments: [Initial Resolution Approving Laurel Machine & Foundry Downtown 8-18-2026](#)
[LAUREL MACHINE & FOUNDRY POSITION STATEMENT 810 FRONT ST DC](#)
[AD VALOREM APPLICATION ONLY](#)

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8437](#) Consider adopting an Order to Ratify approval of the notice of September 10, 2026 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 091026](#)

- B. [ID 26-8435](#) Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 08.18.2026](#)
[WARRANT AUGUST 18 2026](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET AUGUST 18 2026](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION