



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 7 - Councilperson Jason Capers, Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President Tony Thaxton, Vice President George Carmichael, Councilperson Andrea Ellis, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Shirley Jordan

Staff: 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Shirley Jordan

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 25-7620](#) February 4, 2025

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 02042025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 4C., Consider adopting a Resolution approving a letter agreement for professional services related to the design and permitting of the Lake Park Drive Sewer Improvements.

Add Agenda Item 4G., Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Construction of the Lindsey Wagon Pavilion at the Laurel Jones County Visitor Center.

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 25-7618](#)

Monthly Report Privilege Taxes January 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[New Business License List](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 8969](#)

Privilege licenses issued by the City Clerk's Office for the month of January, 2025.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 25-7619](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Authorize Administration to Sign an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit for Howard Industries.

Attachments: [ORDERAuthorizeStandbyLetterofCreditHowardIndustries2.18.25](#)
[ORDERAuthorizeStandbyLetterofCreditHowardIndustries2.18.25.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

B. [ID 25-7624](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution regarding Authorization of the Mayor to Sign the Request for Cash and the Reporting Worksheet Under the State of Mississippi CDBG Program Project Number 1138-22-228-PF-01 and make the requested payment of invoices related to Application #7.

Attachments: [Order - CDBG Payment Request](#)
[Request #7 - Memorandum-RFC CDBG Public Facilities 1138-22-228-PF-01](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

C. [ID 25-7627](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving a letter agreement for professional services related to the design and permitting of the Lake Park Drive Sewer Improvements.

This Resolution was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

D. [ID 25-7629](#)

Consider adopting an Order Re-Appointing Doncella Milton to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel Municipal Separate School District.

Attachments: [ORDAppSchoolBoardMilton2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

Nay: 1 - George Carmichael

E. [ID 25-7622](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Demolition Assessments on the following properties:

A. Demolition of property assessed to Calvin C. Jordan Est. % Dedra Coleman, 1803 Chinaberry St. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, \$4, 976.00 Ward 7

Attachments: [Demo Assessments 021825](#)
[1803 Chinaberry St-02102025142211](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

F. [ID 25-7621](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Lot Cleanings for the following properties:

A. Cleaning of property assessed to Phylis Tiller, at 2020 Lindsey Ave. Total assessed cost \$80.12 Ward 4

Attachments: [Assessments 02-18-2025](#)
[2020 Lindsey Ave-02102025142420](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

G. [ID 25-7631](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Construction of the Lindsey Wagon Pavilion at the Laurel Jones County Visitor Center.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeConstructionLindseyWagonPavilion2.18.25](#)
[ORDAuthorizeConstructionLindseyWagonPavilion2.18.25.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Vice President George Carmichael, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 25-7625](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of March 11, 2025 for a Historic Preservation Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [Order Historic Preservation 031125](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

B. [ID 25-7623](#)

Consider adopting and Order to ratify approval of notice of March 13, 2025 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 031325](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

C. [ID 25-7626](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION CLAIMS DOCKET 02182025](#)

[WARRANT FEBRUARY 18 2025](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 18 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 5:30p.m., this the 18th day of February, A. D., 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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