



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, September 17, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 7 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

### PRAYER

Councilperson Tony Wheat

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3902](#) September 3, 2019

**Attachments:** [CoL Minutes of 090319](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

- Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

- Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 19-3901](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of August 2019.

**Attachments:** [Cover Letter](#)  
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 8565](#)  
[New Business License List](#)

This Presentation was presented: There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of August 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

- B. [ID 19-3917](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

**Attachments:** [CERTIFICATION FY19](#)  
[SALESTAX 2019](#)  
[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)  
[REVENUE 2019](#)

This Presentation was presented: Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification:

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

###### A. [ID 19-3904](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of October 22, 2019 to conduct a public hearing in regard to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

- a) Lucille Davis Est. % Larry Davis, overgrown property at 1228 Old Amy Road, PPIN 9571, WD 2
- b) Parker McCurley, overgrown property at 2920 N 5th Ave., PPIN 41509, WD 3
- c) Mark Brady, overgrown property at 3116 N 6th Ave., PPIN 11678, WD 3
- d) Donald Pugh, overgrown property at 2336 N 5th Ave., PPIN 15416, WD 3
- e) Ronald Jones, overgrown property at 2823 Carter Ave., PPIN 13640, WD 3
- f) Osman Mojica, overgrown property at 723 Garden Dr., PPIN 10621, WD 3
- g) Ruthie Arrington, overgrown property at 1403 N 2nd Ave., PPIN 11235, WD 4
- h) Wells Fargo Bank, overgrown property at 1315 Brown St., PPIN 8642, WD 7
- i) Mary & Jimmie Wade, overgrown property at Lot S of 2110 Palmer Ave., PPIN 16167, WD 7
- j) Ivory Williams, overgrown property at Lot off of Palmer Ave., PPIN 51327, WD 7

**Attachments:** [sets for October 22 2019](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Order to Set Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

##### 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the be conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

###### A. [ID 19-3905](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 17, 2019 in regard to the property at 710 Ellisville Blvd, which is owned by Viola Malone, to determine whether the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 7

**Attachments:** [710 Ellisville Blvd](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**B. [ID 19-3906](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 17, 2019 in regard to the property at 1142 Lucas St., which is owned by George Blakeney, to determine whether the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 7

**Attachments:** [1142 Lucas Street](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**B. CITIZENS HEARING****C. CITIZENS FORUM****4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3919](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor And City Council of the City Of Laurel, Mississippi Authorizing And Directing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$2,875,000 City Of Laurel, Mississippi General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 For The Purpose Of Acquiring Certain Equipment Described In And Financed Pursuant To The City's Tax Exempt Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement No. 001543-1 Dated As Of August 30, 2017; Prescribing The Form And Details Of Said Bonds; Directing The Preparation, Execution And Delivery Of Said Bonds; Providing Certain Covenants Of Said City In Connection With Said Bonds; Authorizing The Negotiated Sale And Private Placement Of Said Bonds; Approving The Form Of And The Execution And Delivery Of A Bond Purchase Agreement Or Private Placement Agreement In Connection With The Sale Of Said Bonds; Approving The Form Of And The Preparation And Distribution Of A Preliminary Official Statement Or Preliminary Placement Agreement, As Applicable, In Connection With Said Bonds; Directing The Preparation And Distribution Of A Final Official Statement Or Private Placement Memorandum, As Applicable, In Connection With Said Bonds; Approving The Form Of And The Execution And Delivery Of An Escrow Trust Agreement In Connection With Said Bonds And Said Refunded Lease; And For Related Purposes.

**Attachments:** [Laurel MS GO Ref Bond \(2019\) \(208682\) - Bond ResolutionButlerSnow\\_49201611v1](#)  
[Laurel MS NTE \\$2875000 GO Ref. Bond \(2019\) \(208682\) - BPAButlerSnow\\_49241815v1](#)  
[Laurel MS NTE \\$GO Ref Bond \(2019\) \(208682\) - Private Placement AgreementButlerSnow\\_49240219v1](#)  
[Laurel - GO Refunding 2019 - Form of the POSButlerSnow\\_49238382v1](#)  
[Laurel MS GO Ref Bond \(2019\) \(208682\) - Escrow AgreementButlerSnow\\_49251129v1](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**B. [ID 19-3910](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution giving authority to advertise for construction of the West 12th Street Improvements Project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution.doc](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**C. [ID 19-3916](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to close out the 2018 CIPP Annual Bid Task Order No. 1.

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)  
[Final Pay Application](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**D. [ID 19-3920](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to sign necessary documents to accept CATF funding from MDEQ on the 8-plex expansion project.

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)  
[CATF Contract Amendment](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**E. [ID 19-3912](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing Request for Qualifications for Design Engineering and Architecture Services for Improvement of Tennis Facilities at Daphne Park.

**Attachments:** [RESAuthorizingRFQDesignEngineering&ArchitectureServicesDaphneTennisCourts2019](#)  
[RESAuthorizingRFQDesignEngineering&ArchitectureServicesDaphneTennisCourts2019.EXHIBITA](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**F. [ID 19-3909](#)**

Consider adopting an Order requesting that Laurel Fire Department be allowed to purchase a used fire truck.

**Attachments:** [Council Order Used Fire Truck 9-9-2019](#)  
[firepic1](#)  
[firepic2](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**G. [ID 19-3908](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the funding for renewal of membership subscription for National League of Cities and increasing the travel budget accounts.

**Attachments:** [ORDER RENEWING NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES MEMBERSHIP](#)  
[NLC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND EMAIL CORRESPONDENCES](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Order be adopted. Following discussion, Councilperson Tony Wheat made a motion to refer to the Budget Committee for further consideration, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael. Upon roll call vote the President declared the amended motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 5 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael and Anthony Page

**Nay:** 2 - Travares Comegys and Stacy Comegys

**H.** [ID 19-3907](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the list of annual budgeted appropriations for FY 2020.

**Attachments:** [resolution - fy approp](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**I.** [ID 19-3911](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2019 budget.

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment Order](#)

[Budget Amendment List](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**J.** [ID 19-3899](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve the City Clerk's travel to the LMCI Training Session in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Attachments:** [order - travel LMCA Baton Rouge 2019](#)

[tentative agenda LMCI 2019 \(2\) \(004\)](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**K.** [ID 19-3900](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the City Clerk's travel to the Region IV meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

**Attachments:** [order - travel IIMC San Antonio 2019](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**L.** [ID 19-3915](#)

Consider adopting an Order for publishing the Bid for Surplus Property.

**Attachments:** [ORDER TO AD FOR BIDS ON 530B stair location 9-19](#)

[Surplus property bid form Leontyne 9-2019](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**M. [ID 19-3903](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to advertise for Property Insurance for the year 2019-2020.

**Attachments:** [order - adv for bids - property insurance 2019-2020](#)

[2019 insurance bid notice](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**N. [ID 19-3913](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to approve lot cleaning assessments on the following property:

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Prisock Properties Inc., located at 606 Mississippi Avenue, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$245.00 WD 5
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Lama Mouazen, located at 712 N 1st Avenue, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$185.00 WD 5
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Marshay Sheree, located at 1205 McConkey Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$175.00 WD 7
- D. Demolition of property assessed to Steven Sumrall, located at 1935 N 1st Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$4513.90.00 WD 4

**Attachments:** [assessments for September 17 2019](#)

[backup assessment for sept 17 1920190909\\_16173629](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President 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, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3918](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)

[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 17 2019.pdf](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 17 2019.pdf](#)

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

**Yea:** 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**