

**City of Laurel  
Planning & Zoning Meeting  
May 8, 2025**

**Members Present:** Susan Vincent, Chloe Davis, Patricia Cook Jordan, Lee Donaldson Jr., Satish Amin, Dr. John Wallace, Zane Lambert, Caroline Burks, Cecil Ashford, Lisa Cochran

**Staff Present:** Andria Osborne

**Members Absent:** Fran Casey, Shelley Allen, Brad Kent

**Call to Order:** Susan Vincent, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber Room of Laurel City Hall.

**Approval of Agenda and Reading of Last Minutes:** Susan Vincent asked for a motion for the approval of the agenda. A motion was made for the agenda to be approved with no changes and the approval for the reading of the last minutes by Zane Lambert and seconded by Chloe Davis. The motion carried with no objections.

**PUBLIC HEARING COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 5:30 P.M.**

**\*A quorum was present**

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**May Meeting**

- 1. Variance Petition Docket No. V-25-01, styled Travis Runyan, 2305 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
Laurel, MS 39440, requesting a variance from Sections 402.02.02 of the Zoning Ordinance, to be able to build an accessory building that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the area in the main building at the property described below:

GEN DESC 30-9-11 A PARCEL PF LAND IN THE NE OF THE SE (City of  
Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 134H-30-01-010.00 PPIN 30697. Also known as  
2305 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Laurel, MS 39440

This property is located in Ward 4 and is currently zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District.

**Discussion:** Travis Runyan was present to discuss the request for a variance. Mr. Runyan explained that he would like to build a metal storage shed on the back of his property. He explained the reason for needing the variance is because the building will be more than 50% of the area of the main structure. He would like to build this shed to be able to park his antique cars there during a storm, and also a portion of it will be used as a gym. The committee was not in favor of a building of this size being built in a residential area. They feel that if he is allowed to build, others in the future may ask for the same approval and it would start to change the characteristic of the residential neighborhoods.

**Motion:** Motion to deny the variance request was made by Lisa Cochran and seconded by Chloe Davis.

**Verdict: All members in favor. Motion denied.**

2. **Short Term Rental Petition Docket No. STR 25-10, styled Jon Diggetts, 535 Central Ave.,** requesting short term rental to be located at 535 Central Ave. Laurel, MS 39440 (535 The Loft on Central). Number of units 1, number of sleeping rooms 2, maximum occupancy 4, and number of parking spaces public.

This property is located in Ward 6 and is currently zoned C-4, Central Business District

**Discussion:** No one was present to speak for the short-term rental request. No one was present to speak against the short-term rental request.

**Motion:** Motion to grant operation of the short-term rental was made by Zane Lambert and seconded by Satish Amin.

**Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.**

3. A motion was made to represent the tabled Variance request from the February 13, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting. The variance is being requested in order to waive the setback regulations for his property. Mr. Williams intends to build an addition on his property, adding a handicapped assessable bathroom. The request was tabled so that Mr. Williams could obtain a certified survey. Mr. Williams presented a survey done on his property, and the committee approved a 3 ft variance allowing Mr. Williams to build on his property.

**Motion:** Motion to approve variance request was made by Zane Lambert and seconded by Cecil Ashford.

**Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

being no other matters before the Commission

Chairperson Susan Vincent motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Satish Amin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

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Superintendent of Inspection

Minutes approved by:

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Chairperson