

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, ACKNOWLEDGING AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LAUREL HOUSING AUTHORITY IN THE ACQUISITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH PARK VILLAGE LOCATED AT 37 JOHNSON CIRCLE, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI 39440, INCLUDING COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATE ON FUNDING, RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Laurel Housing Authority (LHA) has served the City of Laurel for decades by providing safe, affordable housing opportunities for residents in need; and

WHEREAS, the property known as South Park Village, located at 37 Johnson Circle, Laurel, Mississippi 39440, represents a critical opportunity for revitalization and redevelopment to improve housing quality and community infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of South Park Village will:

- Provide modern, energy-efficient housing units for low- and moderate-income families;
- Enhance neighborhood safety and livability;
- Stimulate local economic development through construction and related activities;
- Support long-term community stability and reduce blight; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the acquisition and redevelopment of South Park Village is a public purpose project that will benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel is committed to collaborating with the Laurel Housing Authority to identify and pursue funding opportunities, including but not limited to federal, state, and local grants, tax incentives, and other financial resources to support the successful completion of this project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to authorize the Mayor to execute letters of support and other related documents required for funding applications and partnership agreements to advance this redevelopment effort; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel may consider allocating local funds or providing in-kind support, subject to availability and applicable laws, to assist in the acquisition and redevelopment of South Park Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI:

1. The City of Laurel hereby acknowledges and expresses its full support for the Laurel Housing Authority in its efforts to acquire and redevelop South Park Village at 37 Johnson Circle, Laurel, Mississippi 39440.
2. The City Council affirms its commitment to work cooperatively with the Laurel Housing Authority and other stakeholders to facilitate the successful completion of this project, including assistance in identifying and securing funding sources.
3. The City Council declares that the redevelopment of South Park Village serves a significant public benefit by improving housing quality, promoting economic development, and enhancing the overall well-being of Laurel residents.
4. The Mayor of the City of Laurel is hereby authorized to execute letters of support and other related documents necessary for funding applications and partnership agreements in connection with this project.
5. The City of Laurel may consider allocating local funds or providing in-kind support, as resources permit and in compliance with applicable laws, to assist in the acquisition and redevelopment of South Park Village.
6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Motion was made by Councilperson Allen and seconded by Councilperson Scruggs, for the adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Scruggs, Carmichael, Amos, Allen

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers, Kelly, Thomas

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution be adopted this the 20th day of JANUARY, A.D. 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON
THIS THE _____ day of _____, 2026.

Clerk of the Council

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETOED () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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