

ORDER

(To Consider Authorizing Acceptance of the Mississippi State Department of Health's Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant for FY25 through FY27 to Fund the Position of Victim's Advocate in the Laurel Police Department)

WHEREAS, by Council order of January 6, 2026, the City was authorized to apply for the Mississippi State Department of Health's Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant for FY25 through FY27 to fund the position of Victim's Advocate in the Laurel Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that the aforementioned application was approved, and the position of Victim's Advocate is funded for the two-year period (FY2025 through FY2027) as follows: the federal award amount is one hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars (\$121,364.00). The City will provide a match in the amount of forty thousand five hundred fifty-three dollars (\$40,553.00) for a total budget amount of one hundred sixty-one thousand nine hundred seventeen dollars (\$161,917.00). Funds will be transferred from the General Fund account 001.900.952.0 to the Victim's Advocate Account 121.200.380.0

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Laurel City Council that the City accept the Mississippi State Department of Health's Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV) STOP Violence Against Women Grant for FY25 through FY27 to fund the position of Victim's Advocate in the Laurel Police Department. The federal award amount is one hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars (\$121,364.00). The City match is forty thousand five hundred fifty-three dollars (\$40,553.00) for a total budget amount of one hundred sixty-one thousand nine hundred seventeen dollars (\$161,917.00). **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, be authorized to sign all associated grant documents, and that Grant Writer Whitney Pickering and Victim's Advocate Laurel Ishee are included as designated representatives for the aforementioned grant program. **AND FURTHER** that the Finance Director be authorized to perform whatever budget transactions are necessary for implementation of the foregoing Order.

Motion was made by Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____, that the above and foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 5th day of MAY, A.D. 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
ON _____.

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETOED () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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