

# **City of Laurel**

401 N. 5th Avenue Laurel, MS 39440 www.laurelms.com

# Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 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: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

City Attorney Brett Robinson

#### **PRAYER**

Councilperson George Carmichael

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A.** ID 24-7245 June 4, 2024

Attachments: CoL Minutes of 06042024

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 Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

#### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

**A.** <u>ID 24-7239</u>

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes for May 2024.

Attachments: Cover Letter

BL Monthly Transaction Report - 5426

New Business License List

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of May, 2024. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

#### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

**B. CITIZENS HEARING** 

#### C. CITIZENS FORUM

#### Marian Allen, 1028 Pierce Street

#### 4. POLICY AGENDA

#### A. <u>ID 24-7251</u>

Consider adopting a RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE AND AWARD OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024, OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, TO BE DATED THE DATE OF DELIVERY THEREOF, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,115,000).

Attachments:

June 18 2024 City of Laurel MS GO Bonds (2024) (247214) - Sales

Resolution
Bid - Regions
Bid - Trustmark

City of Laurel - Bonds PUBLICATION

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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

## **B.** <u>ID 24-7252</u>

Consider adopting a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI ("COMMUNITY") AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE KROGER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FOR FINALIZATION AND AWARD OF DAMAGES

<u>Attachments:</u> Resolution - Kroger Opioid Settlement 6.18.24

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 24-7250

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to execute Amendment No. 1 for additional services related to the Central Avenue Phase II - Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Attachments: RESOLUTION

Letter Agreement Amendment No 1

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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

# **D.** <u>ID 24-7244</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution giving the administration authority to approve Summary Change Order No. 1 and accept Close-out Documents for the 2023 Citywide Paving Project.

Attachments: Resolution

Close out packet

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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

#### **E.** ID 24-7254

Consider adopting A Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Memorandum of Agreement for the West Drive Roadway and Utilities Improvements Project.

Attachments: RES-Execute MOA West Drive Roadway Improvements 6.18.24

RES-Execute MOA West Drive Roadway Improvements 6.18.24 EXHIBIT A

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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

#### **F.** <u>ID 24-7255</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to declare City ROW real estate that is a portion of 830 North 9th Avenue as Surplus Property; and to approve advertisement for bids on Surplus Property.

Attachments: RESOLUTION - Surplus Property Bush, 9th Avenue 6.18.24

RESOLUTION -Surplus Property Bush, 9th Avenue 6.18.24 ExhibitA

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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

#### G. <u>ID 24-7259</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, determining the necessity for and invoking the authority granted to Municipalities by the Legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Section 21-45-1 ET Seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; determining that the Tax Increment Financing Plan for Grandview Drive, City of Laurel, Mississippi, January 2024, as amended and restated June 2024, proposes a project that is eligible for tax increment financing under the laws of the State of Mississippi; that a public hearing be conducted on July 02, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in connection with said amended and restated TIF Plan, and for related purposes.

Attachments: Resolution - Laurel MS (Hobbs Autoplex - Cannon TIF Project) - City

Resolution Setting Public Hearing

Exhibit A - Amended Restated TIF Plan Grandview

Exhibit B - Notice of Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

#### **H.** <u>ID 24-7257</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Application for a Mississippi Home Corporation FY2024 HOME Grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction.

Attachments: RESOLUTION-Authorize Application FY2024 HOME Grant 6.18.24

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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

#### I. ID 24-7258

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Publication of Requests for Qualifications for Professional Grant Administration Services for the Mississippi Home Corporation FY2024 HOME Grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction

Attachments: RESOLUTION-Authorize Solicitation of Proposals for Grant Administration of FY2024 HOME Grant 6.18.24 RESOLUTION-Authorize Solicitation of Proposals for Grant Administration of FY2024 HOME Grant 6.18.24 Exhibit A

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

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

#### J <u>ID 24-7260</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing at 10 AM on July 9, 2024, Regarding the City of Laurel's Application to Mississippi Home Corporation for FY2024 HOME Grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction

Attachments: RES-Authorize Notice of Public Hearing FY2024 HOME Grant 6.18.24

RES-Authorize Notice of Public Hearing FY2024 HOME Grant 6.18.24 Exhibit A

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Grace Amos, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by

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

#### **K.** ID 24-7246

Consider adopting an Order approving Holt & Associates to conduct the audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024 and authorize the Council President to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the City Council.

Attachments: Order - Auditor FY 2024 Engagement Letter

**Engagement Letter** 

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

#### ID 24-7240

Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to participate in a fund raiser with Hometown Publications Inc. to sell calendars and accept a rebate check. Funds will be placed in the Donations account 001-000-109-6 for the purchase of public relations materials.

Attachments: LPD PARTICIPATION CALENDAR SALE HOMETOWN **PUBLICATIONS 2024** 

> A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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:

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

#### **M.** ID 24-7253

Consider adopting an Order request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept donations for the National Night Out on October 1, 2024. Funds will be placed in the Police Department's Donations account 001-00-109-6.

**Attachments:** 2024 ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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

#### N. <u>ID 24-7256</u>

Consider adopting an Order recognizing July 5, 2024 as a paid holiday for all full time City of Laurel employees, just as Governor Tate Reeves has proclaimed this date a legal holiday for state employees

Attachments: Order approving Paid Holidays July 05, 2024

Proclamation July 5th 202420240611\_10400965

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, 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

#### O. <u>ID 24-7241</u>

Consider adopting an Order request that Melicia Cooper be allowed to attend a training offered by the (MSCASA) Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault. No money will be taken from the General Fund.

Attachments: 2024 (MSCASA) MISSISSIPPI COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL

ASSAULT CONFERENCE BILOXI, MS

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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

#### **P.** ID 24-7242

Consider adopting an Order request that Melicia Cooper be allowed to attend the 2024 Annual (NOVA) National Organizational for Victim Assistance Training Event on July 29-Aug1, 2024 in Washington, DC at an estimated cost of \$2,994.74. Funds will be taken from the Police Department Travel account #121-200-610-0.

Attachments: 2024 NOVA'S ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT IN WASHINGTON, DC

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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

#### **Q.** <u>ID 24-7236</u>

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for the Parks & Recreation Director, Elvin Ulmer and Recreation Superintendent, Tim Barksdale, to attend the 2024 Diamond Youth Division 1 World Series in Bossier City, LA; July 31 - August 7, 2024 to present a bid presentation for the 2026 Diamond Youth Baseball World Series.

Attachments: ORDER 2026 DYB WORLD SERIES BID TRAVEL

DYBWS 2024 INTINERARY

DYBWS 2024 EXPENSES 0001

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Kevin Kelly, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Andrea Ellis, Grace Amos and Shirley Jordan

#### **R.** ID 24-7237

Consider adopting an Order approving meals, registration, and hotel expenses for the Superintendent of Inspection (Sandra Hadley), and field inspectors (Talana Fagan and Shikinia Kennedy-Ward) to attend the 2024 Mississippi Association of Code Enforcement Conference in Biloxi, MS on August 13-16, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$2,180.00 and shall be paid from Inspection Department Travel, Job Training, and Meals Account (001-280-610.0).

Attachments: ORDER conference MACE

A motion was made by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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

#### **S.** ID 24-7247

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve Semi-Annual Bids for FY 2024 effective July 01, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

Attachments: Resolution - Semi Annual Bids

Item 1 - Asphalt & Asphalt Mixes

<u>Item 6 - Sewer Line Maintenance Materials</u>

<u>Item 7 - Water Line Maintenance Materials</u>

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Shirley Jordan, 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

## T. <u>ID 24-7243</u>

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Christy & Perry Buxton, at 913 S. 14th Ave. Total assessed cost \$90.00 Ward 1
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Rebecca Stump & Jayne M. Jordan, at 2732 Carter Ave. Total assessed cost \$90.00 Ward 3
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Longbeard Properties LLC, at 207 W. 15th St. Total assessed cost \$90.00 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Robert E. Howorth % Karen D. Howorth, at 2829 N. 5th Ave. Total assessed cost \$130.00 Ward 4
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc., at 118 W. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$105.00 Ward 5
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Dina Khandalavla, at 130 W. Kingston St. Total assessed cost \$130.00 Ward 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Sam Carriere Est % John Carriere, at 207 Masonite Dr. Total assessed cost \$130.00 Ward 5
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Joan Ainsworth, at 608 E 10th St. Total assessed cost \$105.00 Ward 5
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Fredrick Gowdy, at 1138 Anderson St. Total assessed cost \$90.00 Ward 7
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Rhonda Jones & Clifford Johnikin, at 1205 McConkey St. Total assessed cost \$90.00 Ward 7

Attachments: Assessments 6-18-2024

Bills 6-18-24-06072024090232

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

#### U. ID 24-7230

Consider adopting Order approving application of Amick Farms LLC Processing Plant for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Attachments: ORDER APPROVING AMICK FARMS LLC AD VALOREM

**EXEMPTION PROCESSING PLANT 2024** Ad Valorem Application- Amick Farms Plant Amick Farms Processing Plant Position Statement

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

#### V. <u>ID 24-7231</u>

Consider adopting Order approving application of Amick Farms LLC Hatchery and Mill for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Attachments:

ORDER APPROVING AMICK FARMS LLC AD VALOREM

**EXEMPTION HATCHERY & MILL 5-2024** Ad Valorem Application- Amick Farms Hatchery **Amick Farms Hatchery Position Statement** 

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Andrea Ellis, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the

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

#### W. ID 24-7232

Consider adopting Order approving application of Laurel Machine & Foundry Co. Downtown Shop for an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Attachments: ORDER for Approving Ad Valorem Tax Exem. LMF Downtown 2024

Laurel M&F 2024 Ad Valorem App w Final

Laurel Machine & Foundry Downtown Position Statement

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:

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

#### X. <u>ID 24-7233</u>

Consider adopting Order approving application of Laurel Machine & Foundry Co. Machine Shop- Mill for an initial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Attachments: ORDER for Approving Ad Valorem Tax Exem. LMF Machine Mill2024

Laurel M&F 2024 Ad Valorem App w Final

Laurel Machine & Foundry Machine Position Statement

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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:

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

Y. <u>ID 24-7234</u>

Consider adopting Order approving application of Dunn Roadbuilders, LLC. for an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Attachments:

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION OF DUNN ROADBUILDERS

2024

Dunn Roadbuilders LLC 2024 Ad Valorem

**Dunn Roadbuilders Position Statement** 

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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:

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

**Z.** ID 24-7235

Consider adopting Order approving application of Howard Industries, Inc. Transformer Division for an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Attachments:

Order for App Tax ExemptionHoward Industries Transformer 2024

Ad Valorem Application Howard 2024

**Howard Ind Position Statement** 

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, 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 24-7248 Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of July 9, 2024 for a Historic Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: Order Historic Preservation 070924

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 24-7249 Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of notice of July 11, 2024 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: ORDER planning commission 071124

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 24-7261 Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

**CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY** 

Attachments: WARRANT JUNE 18 2024

**CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 18 2024** 

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, July 2, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m., this the  $18^{th}$  day of June, A. D., 2024.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL COUNCILPERSON WARD 3	
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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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