



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 4 - Councilperson Kevin Kelly, Council President George Carmichael, Councilperson Grace Amos and Councilperson Angie Scruggs
- Absent:** 3 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Andrea Thomas and Councilperson Marian Allen
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Council Clerk Sharon King and City Attorney Brett Robinson

PRAYER

Councilperson Grace Amos

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 26-8278](#) May 5, 2026

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 05052026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 4D., Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a contract for professional services for right-of-way for the Completing Downtown Laurel Improvements Project. (RAISE GRANT)

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 26-8269](#) Monthly Report Privilege Taxes April 2026.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 9532](#)
[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of April, 2026. 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

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, to conduct a public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

A. [ID 26-8290](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution To Conduct a Public Hearing on May 19, 2026 in regards to a property located at 605 Cross St., belonging to Open Air Market LLC, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 5.

Attachments: [Resolution 605 Cross St.\(demo\)](#)

[605 CROSS ST. 5-19-26](#)

[R.605 Cross St-05052026153739](#)

[P.605 Cross St-05052026153625](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a (6) six months extension. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

B. [ID 26-8291](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution To Conduct a Public Hearing on May 19, 2026 in regards to a property located at 1142 Parker Dr., belonging to Kiwauna Washington, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of dilapidation so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Property is located in Ward 3.

Attachments: [Resolution 1142 Parker Dr.\(demo\)](#)

[1142 PARKER DR. 5-19-26](#)

[R.1142 Parker Dr-05052026153856](#)

[P.1142 Parker Dr-05052026153940](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a (6) six months extension. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 26-8268](#)

Consider adopting an Order Authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, Acting on Behalf of the City of Laurel, to Sign an Agreement with Amick Farms, Jones County, and the Mississippi Development Authority Regarding Expansion of Amick Farms Operations and Facilities in Laurel.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Agreement FIL Amick Farms, Jones County, MDA, COL 5.19.26](#)
[Exhibit A- ORD Authorize Agreement FIL Amick Farms, Jones County, MDA, COL 5.19.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

B. [ID 26-8283](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a letter agreement for Professional Services for the Amick Farms Anaerobic Lagoon Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION](#)
[Letter Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

C. [ID 26-8270](#)

Consider adopting an Order AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO SIGN AN IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT FOR HOWARD INDUSTRIES.

Attachments: [ORD Authorize Standby Letter of Credit Howard Industries Bond Payment 5.19.26](#)
[Exhibit A - ORD Authorize Standby Letter of Credit Howard Industries Bond Payment 5.19.26.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

D. [ID 26-8282](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a contract for professional services for right-of-way for the Completing Downtown Laurel Improvements Project.

This Resolution was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

E. [ID 26-8271](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving Memorandum of Understanding with Jones County for the FY24 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Attachments: [ORD Authorize MOU with Jones County 2024 Edward Byrne JAG Grant 5.19.26](#)
[Exhibit A-ORD Authorize MOU with Jones County 2024 Edward Byrne JAG Grant 5.19.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

F. [ID 26-8272](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving a list of Unmarked Vehicles assigned to the Laurel Police Department.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST OF UNMARKED VEHICLES.docx](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

G. [ID 26-8287](#)

Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance to rename streets known as “Memory Drive” to “Edgewood Drive.”

Attachments: [Renaming Memory Dr. First Reading Rename-05122026105657 Planning & Zoning Minutes 040926](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, that the Ordinance be approved on first reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

H. [ID 26-8288](#)

Consider approving the First Reading of an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Change of property located at 3227 Ellisville Blvd., from R-2 Medium Density Residential District, to C-2, General Commercial District, to Pedro Jimenez Lara, due to change in the character of the neighborhood. Property is located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [1st Reading Zoning Change Ordinance 3227 Ellisville Blvd. Planning & Zoning Minutes 040926](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Ordinance be approved on first reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

I. [ID 26-8279](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Section 11-1A. Definitions of the Laurel Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE Amend Chapter 11 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Second Reading 5.19.26](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

Enactment No: 1785-2025

J. [ID 26-8273](#)

Consider adopting an Order request that Lt. Mark Evans be allowed to purchase his service revolver for the sum of ten dollars.

Attachments: [Weapons-Mark Evans-retired officers.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

K. [ID 26-8275](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel for Parks & recreation staff members Michael Jefferson and Joshua Cooper to attend the Currex Vision Video Detection Training in Saucier, MS on May 26, 2026.

Attachments: [Approve Currex Video Detection Training for Traffic Maintenance](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

L. [ID 26-8276](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Accept a Quote from Knight Coach, Inc. to Provide Transportation from Laurel to Atlanta, GA, on June 4-6, 2026 for a Program of the B.E. Murph Senior Center.

Attachments: [ORDER KNIGHT COACH SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM](#)
[Quotes - Senior Center Transportation to Atlanta, GA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

M. [ID 26-8280](#)

Consider adopting an Order Regarding the Appointment of 2026 Voting Delegates for the City of Laurel During the 2026 Annual Conference of the Mississippi Municipal League.

Attachments: [RES MML Voting Delegates 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Kevin Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

N. [ID 26-8281](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Authorize Purchasing and Rental of Uniforms, Towels, & Mats from Cintas Corporation.

Attachments: [ORDER Authorize Agreement Cintas Rentals 5.19.26](#)
[ORDER Authorize Agreement Cintas Rentals 5.19.26. Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

O. [ID 26-8284](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2026 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment - ORDER](#)

[Budget Amendment - LIST 05-19-2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

P. [ID 26-8289](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant a Special Exception Renewal to Maria Esteban to allow operation of a used car dealership and tire shop to be located at 3371 Ellisville Blvd. Property is zoned R-1 Low Density Residential District and located in Ward 7.

Attachments: [Speacial Exception- Maria Estaban](#)

[Planning & Zoning Minutes 040926](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

Q. [ID 26-8277](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for sealed bids to be publicly opened Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office for Fiscal Year 2026 Semi-Annual Bids.

Attachments: [Order - Semi-Annual Bids 2026](#)

[NOTICE TO BIDDERS - Semi-Annual](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

R. [ID 26-8286](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve Lot Cleaning Assessments for the following properties:

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Elizabeth Escalante, at 604 W. 26th St. Total assessed cost \$115.46 Ward 3
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Bill Jackson Est., at 315 W. 23rd St. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Henry E. Thompson., at 2314 N. 5th Ave. Total assessed cost \$88.98 Ward 4
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Rebecca Stump & Jayne M. Jordan, at 2732 Carter Ave. Total assessed cost \$85.92 Ward 3
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to 280275 LLC, at 136 W. 19th St. Total assessed cost \$86.98 Ward 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Phylis Tiller, at 2020 Lindsey Ave. Total assessed cost \$86.13 Ward 4
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Holmes Sweet Homes LLC, at 2005 Lindsey Ave. Total assessed cost \$87.73 Ward 4

Attachments: [Assessments 05-19-2026](#)

[Assessment Bills 5-19-26-05122026103015](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A.** [ID 26-8292](#)

Consider adopting an Order to Ratify Approval of Notice of June 11, 2026 for a Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing meeting.

Attachments: [ORDER planning commission 061126](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Grace Amos, seconded by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

B. [ID 26-8285](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [Claims Docket Resolution 05.19.2026](#)

[WARRANT MAY 19 2026](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 19 2026](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Angie Scruggs, 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: 4 - Kevin Kelly, George Carmichael, Grace Amos and Angie Scruggs

Absent: 3 - Jason Capers, Andrea Thomas and Marian Allen

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 2, 2026, this the 19th day of May, A. D., 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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