

**City of Laurel
Planning & Zoning Meeting
Thursday February 12, 2026**

Members Present: Susan Vincent, Lee Donaldson Jr., Chloe Davis, Zane Lambert, Patricia Jordan Cook, Fran Casey, Shelley Allen, Cecil Ashford, Caroline Burks

Staff Present: Andria Osborne

Members Absent: Brad Kent, Lisa Cochran, John Wallace, Satish Amin, Fran Casey

Call to Order: Susan Vincent, called the meeting to order at 5:34 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 Shelly Allen and seconded by Cecil Ashford. The motion carried with no objections.

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

***A quorum was present**

AGENDA TOPICS

February Meeting

1. **Short Term Rental Petition Docket No. STR 26-02, styled Angela King**, 10900 Sage Oak Cove Austin TX 78759, requesting short term rental to be located at 405 Short 7th Ave. Laurel, MS 39440 (Reunion House Unit C) Number of units 1, number of sleeping rooms 2, maximum occupancy 5, and number of parking spaces 1.

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 short- term rental was made by Zane Lambert and seconded by Patricia Jordan Cook.

Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.

2. **Special Exception Renewal Docket No. SPE 26-02, styled Kathy Fukuda**, 624 W. 12th St. Laurel, MS 39440, requesting to allow operation of a short-term rental with two separate units under a single structure at the property located at the property described below:

MCCALLUM ADD BLK-7 LOTS 1-2-3 & 4 ALSO E OF LOTS SECOND RES ASSESSED HERE, SITS ON PPIN # 11957 (BUILDING ONLY) (City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 134P-31-04-008.00 PPIN 11957. Also known as 624 W.12th St.)

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Property is located in Ward 5, zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District, which does not permit requested use.

Discussion: No one was present to speak for the special exception renewal. No one was present to speak against the special exception renewal.

Motion: Motion to grant special exception renewal was made by Zane Lambert and seconded by Shelly Allen.

Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.

3. **Petition Docket No. 25-01, styled Debbie Yoder**, requesting that Soccer Complex at Laurel Sportsplex be named Paula Watkins Soccer Fields, in addition to its amenities.

The sportsplex is located on the property known as:

2-8-12 A PARCEL OF LAND W OF CREEK IN SW OF SW(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 120Q-02-00-009.00 PPIN 26798. Also Known as 4978 Hwy 84 W.)

Discussion: Lew Yoder and his mother Debbie Yoder were present to discuss the naming of the Soccer Complex at The Laurel Sportsplex, Paula Watkins Soccer Fields. Lew explained the dedication Mrs. Watkins had to her community. She along with his father and other parents formed the Laurel Soccer Association. Mrs. Watkins spent countless hours organizing and teaching programs within the Laurel School District. She also served on several committees, such as Jones County Parents for Drug Free Youth, United Way, and the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art Advisory Board. He explained that Mrs. Watkins has moved to the Mobile Alabama area to be with family as her health is declining, but her family plans to bring her back to Laurel if she is honored in this special way.

Motion: Motion to grant renaming of soccer fields was made by Zane Lambert and seconded by Lee Donaldson Jr.

Verdict: All members in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

being no other matters before the Commission

Chairperson Susan Vincent motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Zane Lambert seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Superintendent of Inspection

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Minutes approved by:

Chairperson