



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

- Present:** 7 - Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Vice President Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys, Councilperson Anthony Page and Councilperson Jason Capers
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilman Travares Comegys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 18-3326](#) September 18, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 091818](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Minutes be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

- B. [ID 18-3343](#) September 26, 2018 - Special Call Meeting

Attachments: [Special Call Meeting Minutes for 092618](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Minutes of a special call meeting be approved. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the agenda be approved as printed. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 18-3328](#)

Proclamation declaring October 2018 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Attachments: [PROC Domestic Violence Awareness 2018](#)

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 18-3330](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of November 6, 2018 to conduct a public hearing in regard to the properties listed to determine whether or not the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community:

- a) Betty Porter, overgrown property on 2119 N 3rd Ave, PPIN 11759, WD 4
- b) Ellen Windham, overgrown property on 1508 N 3rd Ave, PPIN 9688, WD 4
- c) Parker McCurley, overgrown property on 71 Meadowlane Dr., PPIN 11866, WD 4
- d) Bernard Magee, overgrown property on 1911 N 1st Ave, PPIN 10405, WD 4
- e) Squire Title Service LLC, overgrown property on 1828 Lindsey Ave, PPIN 10414, WD 4
- f) MAS Properties LLC, overgrown property on 1324 N 3rd Ave, PPIN 11256, WD 4
- g) ABA-MS Investments LLC, overgrown property on Lot on Lindsey Ave, PPIN 10431, WD 4
- h) Hazel Smith, overgrown property on 2019 N 3rd Ave, PPIN 15359, WD 4
- i) Habitat for Humanity Inc., overgrown property at Lot on Meridian Ave, PPIN 30084, WD 5
- j) Green Springs Properties, overgrown property at Lot on Elm St., PPIN 14248, WD 5
- k) Public Lands Division, overgrown property at 800 N Meridian Ave, PPIN 8680, WD 5
- l) Luvenia Brown, overgrown property at 1114 N 1st Ave, PPIN 11370, WD 5
- m) Harvey Hull Jr., overgrown property at 1114 Clark St., PPIN 13465, WD 2
- n) G & S Properties, overgrown property at 1008 N 7th Ave, PPIN 12008, WD 2
- o) Fannie Buck Sanderson Est., overgrown property at 34 Broadmoor Dr., PPIN 8541, WD 3
- p) Evelyn Stevens, overgrown property at 80 College Dr., PPIN 8744, WD 3
- q) Deborah Cherry, overgrown property at 237 Stephens Ave., PPIN 13534, WD 1
- r) John Reed, overgrown property at West of 1137 Spriggs St., PPIN 11084, WD 7
- s) H L & C-Jones LLC, overgrown property at 2216 Center Ave., PPIN 14898, WD 7

Attachments: [sets for november 6 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order to Set Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, to conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

A. [ID 18-3332](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2018 in regard to the property at 80 Lindsey Drive, which is owned by Midwest Management/BMO Harris, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 4

Attachments: [80 Lindsey Drive](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

B. [ID 18-3333](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2018 in regard to the property at 2228 N 1st Ave, which is owned by Etta McIntosh, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 4

Attachments: [2228 N 1st Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

C. [ID 18-3334](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2018 in regard to the property at 119 Arden St., which is owned by Marcella Investment Group, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 4

Attachments: [119 Arden St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

D. [ID 18-3335](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2018 in regard to the property at 114 E 15th St., which is owned by Adair Asset Management LLC, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 4

Attachments: [114 E 15th St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

E. [ID 18-3336](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2018 in regard to the property at 1828 Lindsey Ave., which is owned by Squire Title Service LLC, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 4

Attachments: [1828 Lindsey Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

F. [ID 18-3337](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on October 2, 2018 in regard to the property at 2447 N 1st Ave, which is owned by G & S Properties, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 4

Attachments: [2447 N 1st Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3339](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to accept the Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Audit Report for Fiscal 2018.

Attachments: [resolution for pine belt solid waste audit 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

B. [ID 18-3323](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the annual budgeted appropriations.

Attachments: [resolution - fy approp](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

C. [ID 18-3322](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the tourism tax transfer to the Magnolia Center for FY 2018.

Attachments: [resolution - mag cen approp](#)

[MAGNOLIA CENTER 1](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

D. [ID 18-3342](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting the administration authority to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 5th Avenue and 13th Avenue Utility Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

[Recommended Change Order](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

E. [ID 18-3338](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving an amended Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ellisville and Jones County for the Purchase and Financing of a Motorola P25 County-Wide Radio Communication System .

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - AMENDED INTERLOCAL RE RADIOS](#)
[AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RE RADIOS](#)
[INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 09132001](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

F. [ID 18-3327](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a park bench for placement in Mason Park.

Attachments: [ORDAcceptParkBenchMasonParkCharlotteSaik2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

G. [ID 18-3324](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve travel expenses to cover registration, for Harold Russell and Eric Scrimshire at the MACE meeting to be held October 10 - 12, 2018.

Attachments: [travelmace2018](#)
[mace travel 201820180914 14245063](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

H. [ID 18-3329](#)

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

- a) Cleaning of property belonging to Flora LLC, located at 904 S 14th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$135.00 WD 1
- b) Cleaning of property belonging to Tracy Williams, located at S of 114 S 17th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 1
- c) Cleaning of property belonging to Ben & Sandra Council, located at 7 Pine Lake Drive, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 1
- d) Cleaning of property belonging to Ellis Family Investments LLC, located at 129 W 16th St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 4
- e) Cleaning of property belonging to Long Land Investments, Inc., located at W of 909 Martin Luther King Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 4
- f) Cleaning of property belonging to Robinson Funeral Home, located at N of 320 S Pine St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 5
- g) Cleaning of property belonging to Jimmy Rayford, located at W of 166 Elm St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 5
- h) Cleaning of property belonging to Jones County Board of Education, located at S of 330 N 14th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 6
- i) Cleaning of property belonging to Omega D LLC, located at 1024 N 12th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 6

Attachments: [assessmentsforoctober22018](#)
[backupfor1021820180919_16440405](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

I. [ID 18-3344](#)

Consider adopting an Order changing the organizational chart deleting the position of Council Secretary/Inspection Department Clerk and increasing the salary of the Clerk of Council from Grade 16, Step 5 to Grade 18, Step 5, effective October 1, 2018.

Attachments: [Order approving change to organizational chart and Clerk salary](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 18-3341](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT OCTOBER 02 2018](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET OCTOBER 02 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 7 - Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys, Anthony Page and Jason Capers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Capers moved, seconded by Councilperson T. Comegys that the Council move into Closed Session to discuss the necessity of an Executive Session.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: *Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page*

The President thereupon declared the motion carried, this the 2nd day of October, A. D., 2018.

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Following discussion, Councilperson Capers moved, seconded by Councilperson T. Comegys that the Council move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

Upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: *Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page*

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Executive Session, this the 2nd day of October, A. D., 2018.

Upon motion by Councilperson Capers, seconded by Councilperson T. Comegys all Council Members present voting aye, the President declared the meeting to be back in Open Session, this the 2nd day of October, A.D., 2018.

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9:00 A. M., this the 2nd of October, A. D., 2018.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

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_____ COUNCILPERSON WARD 4	_____ COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
