



# City of Laurel

401 N. 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440  
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## Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### PRAYER

Councilperson Stacy Comegys

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3630](#) April 2, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 040219](#)

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

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

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 19-3626](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of March 2019.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 8817](#)

[New Business License List](#)

This Presentation was presented: There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that

have been issued for the month of March 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

### 3. PUBLIC AGENDA

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 19-3632](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of May 21, 2019 to conduct a public hearing in regard to the properties listed below 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) Loulene Harrison, overgrown property at 1139 Anderson Street, PPIN 13069, WD 7
- b) Venedra McGruder, overgrown property at 1214 Anderson Street, PPIN 13111, WD 7
- c) Karl Rogers, overgrown property at lot on Cross Street, PPIN 9499, WD 5

Attachments: [sets for may 21 2019](#)

**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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

## 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

## 4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3639](#)

Consider adopting A Resolution Declaring The Intention Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Mississippi (The "City"), To Either Issue General Obligation Bonds Of The City, Issue A General Obligation Bond Of The City For Sale To The Mississippi Development Bank, Or Enter Into A Loan With The Mississippi Development Bank, All In An Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) To Raise Money For The Purpose Of Establishing, Repairing, Improving, And Extending Sanitary, Storm, Drainage, Or Sewerage Systems; Protecting Municipal Streets And Sidewalks From Overflow, Caving Banks, And Other Like Dangers; Constructing, Improving, And Repairing Bridges And Culverts; Altering Or Changing The Channels Of Streams And Water Courses To Control Deflect Or Guide The Current Thereof; Repairing, Improving, And Equipping Municipal Buildings; And For Other Related Purposes As Authorized Under Mississippi Code Ann. Sections 21-33-301 Et Seq., As Amended And Supplemented From Time To Time, Including Paying For The Cost Of Such Borrowing; Directing The Publication Of A Notice Of Such Intention; And For Related Purposes.

Attachments: [Laurel MS \\$3000000 GO Bonds \(2019\) - Intent Resolution 46993745 1](#)

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

**B. [ID 19-3640](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Mississippi (The “City”), Approving The Employment Of Professionals In Connection With The Issuance Of Bonds Of The City, In One Or More Series, In The Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), In The Aggregate, To Raise Money For The Purpose Of Establishing, Repairing, Improving, And Extending Sanitary, Storm, Drainage, Or Sewerage Systems; Protecting Municipal Streets And Sidewalks From Overflow, Caving Banks, And Other Like Dangers; Constructing, Improving, And Repairing Bridges And Culverts; Altering Or Changing The Channels Of Streams And Water Courses To Control Deflect Or Guide The Current Thereof; Repairing, Improving, And Equipping Municipal Buildings; And For Other Related Purposes As Authorized Under Mississippi Code Ann. 21-33-301 Et Seq., As Amended And Supplemented From Time To Time, Including Paying For The Cost Of Such Borrowing, And For Related Purposes.

**Attachments:** [Laurel MS \\$3000000 GO Bonds \(2019\) - Engagement Resolution 46988579 1](#)  
[Laurel MS \\$3000000 GO Bonds \(2019\) - Engagment Letter 46992704 1](#)  
[Laurel \(MDB\) GO Bonds 2019 - City MA \(IRMA\) Disclosure Eng Ltr \(4.16.19\) 46995483 1](#)

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

**C. [ID 19-3634](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution designating applicant’s agents to authorize and file applications for Federal and/or State Assistance.

**Attachments:** [FEMA MEMA RESOLUTION](#)  
[MEMA Assistance Agreement-04092019095251](#)  
[Agent Designation-04092019095427](#)

**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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**D. [ID 19-3631](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting a donation from Leblanc Orthodontics PS for Kids Night Out to be held at the L.T. Ellis Center.

**Attachments:** [ORDER 2019](#)  
[KIDS NIGHT OUT 001](#)

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

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

**E. [ID 19-3633](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the extension of listing agreement with First Choice, PLLC, for sale of the City’s surplus property known as the Old Gibson’s property.

**Attachments:** [RESAuthorizeAgreementExtensionToSellOldGibson'sPropertyApril2019](#)  
[RESAuthorizeAgreementExtensionToSellOldGibson'sPropertyApril2019.ExhibitA](#)

**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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**F.** [ID 19-3628](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Chief Tommy Cox be allowed to attend the 2019 Mississippi Association of Chief of Police Conference on June 25-28, 2019 in Biloxi, MS.

**Attachments:** [CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE 2019](#)

**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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**G.** [ID 19-3627](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing the Laurel Police Department to sale lead base ammunition bullets to L and L Scrap Metals.

**Attachments:** [SCRAP SALE 2019](#)

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

**H.** [ID 19-3636](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve advertisement for Semi Annual Bids to be publicly opened May 08, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office.

**Attachments:** [Order - Semi Annual 2019](#)  
[Semi Annual Notice 4-16-2019](#)

**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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**I.** [ID 19-3635](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the application of Masonite Corporation for renewal of tax exemption on Freeport Warehouse inventory.

**Attachments:** [Freeport Warehouse Order 2019 Masonite](#)  
[Masonite Application 2019](#)

**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 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**J. [ID 19-3629](#)**

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

- A. Removal of hazardous tree at the property assessed to Jasmine Keys, located at 2112 N 3rd Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$1575.00 WD 5
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Steven Sumrall, located at 1935 N 1st Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 4
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Hertherm Keys, located at 114 W 23rd Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$210.00 WD 4

**Attachments:** [assessments for april 16 2019](#)  
[backupassessment04161920190404\\_13500283](#)

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

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

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3638](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION 041619](#)  
[WARRANT APRIL 16 2019](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET APRIL 16 2019](#)

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 7, 2019, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D., 2019.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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