



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

5:30 PM

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

Reverend Jimmie Bunch

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3661](#) April 16, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 041619](#)

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 - 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 Tony Wheat, 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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 19-3646](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of June 4, 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) Teresa Walker, overgrown property at 315 N 18th Ave, PPIN 9162, WD 1
- b) Beck Rambin, overgrown property at 125 S 18th Ave, PPIN 9191, WD 1
- c) LIU Properties, overgrown property at 250 Dutton Ave, PPIN 13542, WD 1
- d) Roy & Lora Keyes, unclean property at 219 Dutton Ave, PPIN 13546, WD 1
- e) Charles Holifield, overgrown property at 4024 Martin Ave, PPIN 11834, WD 3
- f) Samuel Windham, overgrown property at 3727 University Ave, PPIN 14996, WD 3
- g) Debra & Randy Williamson, overgrown property at 3611 Audubon Dr., PPIN 15011, WD 3
- h) Omeria Scott, overgrown property at lot N of 523 E 14th St., PPIN 10029, WD 4
- i) Restoration Life Church, overgrown property at 2427 N 1st Ave, PPIN 15271, WD 4
- j) Pace Property Investments, overgrown property at 1729 N Joe Wheeler Ave, PPIN 10924, WD 4
- k) Henry Heidelberg % Phillip Heidelberg, overgrown property at 1728 N Joe Wheeler Ave, PPIN 15694, WD 4
- l) Bernard Magee, overgrown property at 1911 N 1st Ave, PPIN 1040, WD 4
- m) Judy Beach, overgrown property at Lot on East 16th St., PPIN 9706, WD 4

Attachments: [set for June 4 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 19-3654](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service and the Corporation for National and Community Service for a grant under the Americorps Program and committing local matching funds.

Attachments: [AmeriCorps2019RESAuthorizeApplication](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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

B. [ID 19-3641](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to authorize publication of request for proposals for construction engineering and inspection services for the Beacon Street Corridor Improvements Gateway project.

Attachments: [RESMDOTBeaconStreetGateway2019AuthorizePublicationRFPCE&I Services Beacon Street CorridorLegalAd2019CE&IServicesExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 19-3647](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the City to enter into an asphalt overlay contract with Dunn Roadbuilders for a section of Front Street.

Attachments: [order - asphalt Front St](#)
[DOC042619-04262019162102](#)

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

D. [ID 19-3663](#)

Consider adopting an Order to grant authority to reject bid for construction of skatepark and re-advertise for bids for construction of skatepark.

Attachments: [SkateParkProject2019ORDERRejectBidRe-AdvertiseBids](#)

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

E. [ID 19-3653](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to initiate The Central Avenue Improvements Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Project Activation.doc](#)
[MDOT Letter](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 19-3643](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution in support of the Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc. Rehabilitation Efforts inside the City of Laurel.

Attachments: [RESSupportPRVORehabilitationEffortCityofLaurel2019](#)

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

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G. [ID 19-3652](#)

Consider adopting an Order granting permission to advertise for a New Garbage Truck.

Attachments: [Order - G'Truck Advertisement](#)
[Garbage Truck Specs2020](#)
[2019 Notice to Bidders \(change\).docx](#)

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:

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H. [ID 19-3642](#)

Consider adopting an Order to consider donating \$5,000 to the Fundraising Project of Leadership Jones County for purchase and donation of a Trolley to the Jones County Chamber of Commerce.

Attachments: [ORDDonateEDALeadershipJonesCounty2019ProjectTravelByTrolley](#)
[ORDDonateEDALeadershipJonesCounty2019ProjectTravelByTrolley.ExhibitA](#)

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:

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I. [ID 19-3644](#)

Consider adopting an Order donating surplus property known as Lot 10 of Block 5 of the Boulevard Addition.

Attachments: [ORDER - QC DEED TO LHA re LOT 10.docx](#)
[QC DEED TO LHA re LOT 10.rtf](#)

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

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J. [ID 19-3648](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a donation for the City's LED Lighting Project.

Attachments: [ORDAcceptDonationLEDLightingProject2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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

K. [ID 19-3645](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to enter into a contract with Schneider Electric for replacement of the chiller at the Laurel Police Department.

Attachments: [RESAuthorizeAgreementSchneiderElectricLPDChillerReplacement2019](#)
[RESAuthorizeAgreementSchneiderElectricLPDChillerReplacement2019.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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

L. [ID 19-3649](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a Donation for Tree Maintenance in the Historic District.

Attachments: [ORDAcceptDonationTreeMaintenanceHistoricDistrict2019](#)

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

M. [ID 19-3656](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Administration to purchase Recreation Playground Equipment from Jefcoat Recreation and Construction.

Attachments: [order - rec playground eqmt](#)
[DOC043019-04302019112224](#)
[WBF laurel](#)

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

N. [ID 19-3658](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing Jamera McDonald and Tim Barksdale to attend the 2019 National Service Training Conference on June 3 - 6, 2019 in Pittsburg, PA.

Attachments: [ORDER 2019 NATIONAL SERVICE](#)
[APRIL030009](#)

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

O. [ID 19-3650](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Shannon Caraway be allowed to attend the 2019 Mississippi D.A.R.E. Officer Training on May 20 - 24, 2019 in Montgomery, AL.

Attachments: [D.a.r.e. Conference. 2019 SHANNON CARAWAY](#)

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

P. [ID 19-3651](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Bryan Hancock be allowed to attend the 18th Annual National LawFit Challenge on June 27-29, 2019 in Desoto County, MS.

Attachments: [18th ANNUAL LAWFIT CHALLENGE-BRYAN HANCOCK](#)

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

Q. [ID 19-3662](#)

Consider adopting an Order granting the Laurel Fire Department permission for Chief Mark Nichols and Battalion Chief, Leo Brown to attend the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference in Vicksburg, MS, May 30-June 2, 2019.

Attachments: [COUNCIL ORDER- \(FIRE CHIEFS CONFERENCE 2019\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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

R. [ID 19-3657](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2019 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Order](#)

[Budget Amendment List](#)

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

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-3655](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)

[WARRANT MAY 07 2019.pdf](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET MAY 07 2019.pdf](#)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 21, 2019, this the 7th day of May, A. D., 2019.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

COUNCILPERSON WARD 1

COUNCILPERSON WARD 5

COUNCILPERSON WARD 2

COUNCILPERSON WARD 6

COUNCILPERSON WARD 4

COUNCILPERSON WARD 7

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
