

## **RESOLUTION**

### **AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY, ESTABLISH JUST COMPENSATION AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Laurel proposes to construct improvements to Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Street from Highway 15 going west to Wansley Road along the said existing street;

**WHEREAS**, said improvements require the establishment of the existing right-of-way and property lines along the north side of said Street and expand the same to a 40-foot right-of-way;

**WHEREAS**, the City needs authority to acquire property on the north side of the existing right-of-way of said Street;

**WHEREAS**, Westminster Presbyterian Church owns all except one parcel of the property along the north side of the said Street and has agreed to donate its property to the City in consideration of the City making improvements to said street;

**WHEREAS**, there is another parcel on the west end of said Street, adjacent to Wansley Road, that needs to be acquired from another owner;

**WHEREAS**, said roadway improvements for said Street include the re-construction of the roadway to MDOT design standards with grass shoulders, necessary utility adjustments and drainage improvements;

**WHEREAS**, the City has signed a contract for professional services for the Survey, Design, Construction Administration and Resident Project Representation of the said 12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project with Neel-Schaffer;

**WHEREAS**, Hortman, Harlow, Bassi, Robinson, & McDaniel, PLLC is providing legal services for the title work on all the existing parcels and for preparing deeds for all the parcels along said street;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi that:

1. The Administration is authorized to acquire the necessary parcels of property for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project through donation or acquisition for just compensation.
2. The Administration is authorized to establish just compensation for each of said parcels to be acquired or to seek donation of all or part of said parcel.
3. The Administration is authorized to enter into a contract for legal services with Hortman, Harlow, Bassi, Robinson, & McDaniel, PLLC to provide title work, deed preparation and other services connected with acquiring the property for the right-of-way necessary for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project.
4. The Administration is authorized to make any budget amendments necessary to complete this project.

Adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilperson Wheat, the second was by Councilperson Capers .

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Carmichael

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL  
ON\_\_\_\_\_.

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Min of: 08/20/19; Bk No: 101; Pg. No. \_\_\_\_\_; Agn. Itm: 4E