



# City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - Councilperson George Carmichael

**Staff:** 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

**Staff Absent:** 1 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi

### PRAYER

Councilperson Travares Comegys

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-3875](#) August 6, 2019

**Attachments:** [CoL Minutes of 080619](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

### 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3843](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of July, 2019.

**Attachments:** [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 3660](#)

[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 July 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

**B. [ID 19-3872](#)**

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY19](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

**This Presentation was presented: Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk/Finance Director, presented the following Budget and Purchasing Certification:**

**3. PUBLIC AGENDA****A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 19-3858](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of September 17, 2019 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) Parker McCurley, overgrown property at 1521 Margaret Dr., PPIN 8562, WD 7
- b) Mark & Laura Thomas, overgrown property at 1527 Margaret Dr., PPIN 8563, WD 7
- c) Benjamin & Betty Jones, overgrown property at 1516 Lee St., PPIN 11158, WD 7
- d) Viola Malone, overgrown property at 710 Ellisville Blvd., PPIN 8440, WD 7
- e) Larry O 'Flynn, overgrown property at 960 Ellisville Blvd., PPIN 14457, WD 7
- f) George Blakeney, overgrown property at 1142 Lucas St., PPIN 13027, WD 7
- g) Demetrius Milsap, overgrown property at 1504 Palmer Ave., PPIN 13040, WD 7
- h) Charles Cotton, overgrown property at 1127 Simmons St., PPIN 13104, WD 7
- i) Tremetrica Crosby, overgrown property at 1233 Churchton St., PPIN 35283, WD 7

Attachments: [sets for September 17 2019](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

A. [ID 19-3860](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 20, 2019 in regard to the property at 2216 Center Ave., which is owned by Boaz Tax Properties, to determine whether 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 7

**Attachments:** [2216 Center Ave](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

B. [ID 19-3861](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 20, 2019 in regard to the property at S of 2216 Center Ave., which is owned by Long Land Investments, to determine whether 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 7

**Attachments:** [lot S of 2216 center](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

C. [ID 19-3862](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on August 20, 2019 in regard to the property at N of 2219 Center Ave., which is owned by Long Land Investments, to determine whether 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 7

**Attachments:** [lot N of 2219 center](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

## B. CITIZENS HEARING

## C. CITIZENS FORUM

## 4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3845](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution accepting a donation from Raising Cane's for the Laurel Dixie Youth World Series Sponsorship.

**Attachments:** [RESAcceptingLAURELDIXIEYOUTHWORLDSERIESSPONSORSHIP 2019](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**B. [ID 19-3863](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for Elvin Ulmer on September 30 through October 3rd to the 2019 Deep South Turf Expo in Biloxi, MS.

**Attachments:** [ORDER 2019 DEEP SOUTH TURF EXPO](#)

**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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**C. [ID 19-3871](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting a bid on Skate Park construction at Daphne Park.

**Attachments:** [ORDER TO Accept Bid on Skate Park](#)  
[SKATE PARK BID](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**D. [ID 19-3850](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee to execute an agreement between the City of Laurel and USA Pools.

**Attachments:** [RESAuthorizeAgreementUSAPools2019THRU2022](#)  
[RESAuthorizeAgreementUSAPoolsAugust 20, 2019. Exhibit A](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**E. [ID 19-3864](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to acquire Right of Way, Establish Just Compensation and Sign an Agreement for Legal Services for the 12th Street Improvements Project.

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION 12th Street Improvements 2019](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**F. [ID 19-3865](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to approve the concept and authorize Laurel Main Street to construct Radio Park Improvements.

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION](#)  
[Concept](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**G.** [ID 19-3856](#)

Consider adopting the First Reading of an Ordinance amending a certain section of Chapter 8.2 of the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances, also known as the *Facility Rental Property Chapter*.

**Attachments:** [ORDINANCE amendment to chapter 8.2 8-19](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Ordinance be approved on first reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**H.** [ID 19-3855](#)

Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 12-Article VII, Mobile Food Vending, to include One-Day Food Vendor Permits.

**Attachments:** [Special Event Food Vendor second reading](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:**

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

Enactment No: 1691-2019

**I.** [ID 19-3854](#)

Consider adopting an Order ratifying an Emergency Order for repair of a six-inch sewer line on Second Avenue.

**Attachments:** [ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderSewerCaveIn2ndAvenueAugust2019](#)  
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderSewerCaveIn2ndAvenueAugust2019.](#)  
[ExhibitA](#)  
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderSewerCaveIn2ndAvenue.ExhibitB](#)

**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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**J.** [ID 19-3848](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing travel expenses for the Mayor and the City Clerk to attend the 2019-2020 meetings of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Municipal League.

**Attachments:** [ORDTravMMLBoardOfDirectors2019Magee&Hess](#)  
[ORDTravelMageeHessMMLBOD2019-2020. ExhibitA](#)

**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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**K. [ID 19-3842](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend the MML Small Town Conference in Tupelo, MS on October 17-18, 2019.

**Attachments:** [ORDTravSmallTownConference2019](#)

**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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**L. [ID 19-3859](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel and attendance of Rebecca Clark, Municipal Court Administrator to the Municipal Court Clerks Conference on September 11-13, 2019 in Biloxi, MS.

**Attachments:** [Order for travel](#)

**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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**M. [ID 19-3874](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving expenses for Sharon King, Clerk of Council to attend the 2019 Fall Master Municipal Clerk and Committee Academy of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association on October 2-4, 2019 in Louisville, MS.

**Attachments:** [ORDER approving travel for Municipal Clerk Certification for Council Clerk082019](#)  
[Master Clerk Registration Form and Agenda](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**N. [ID 19-3873](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for Mary Ann Hess, Kristal Jones and Lauren Stewart to attend the 2019 Fall Master Municipal Clerk and Committee Academy of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association October 2-4, 2019 at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville, MS.

**Attachments:** [Travel Order - Lake Tiak-O'Khata](#)  
[Fall MMC 2019 Annoucement](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**O. [ID 19-3849](#)**

Consider adopting an Order ratifying an Emergency Order authorizing travel by two Laurel Police Department officers for special training.

**Attachments:** [ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderTravelLPDBerlin,CrabtreeGangSchool2019](#)

[Emergency Order LPD Travel EXHIBIT A 8-06-2019](#)

[Emergency Order Ratify LPD Travel EXHIBIT B 08-06-2019](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**P. [ID 19-3876](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing acceptance of donations to the Laurel Police Department for National Night Out Against Crime event.

**Attachments:** [ORDAcceptDonationsNATIONALNIGHTOUTAGAINSTCRIME2019](#)

[ORDAcceptDonationsNATIONALNIGHTOUTAGAINSTCRIME2019.ExhibitA](#)

**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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**Q. [ID 19-3852](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to purchase three Dodge Chargers in the amount of \$77,202.00 for Patrol Division along with equipment and one Dodge Ram 1500 Pick-Up in the amount of \$18,865.00 for Animal Control.

**Attachments:** [ORDAuthorizePurchaseVehiclesLPD2019](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

**R. [ID 19-3866](#)**

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

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment Order August 20, 2019](#)

[Budget Amendment List August 20, 2019](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

S. [ID 19-3857](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to Prisock Properties Inc., located at 1113 Mississippi Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 5
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Ruby Richardson Est., located at 1115 Mississippi Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 4

**Attachments:** [ASSESSMENT FOR AUGUST 20  
BACKUP08201920190808\\_11200283](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

## 5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3867](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)  
[WARRANT AUGUST 20 2019.pdf](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET AUGUST 20 2019.pdf](#)

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

**Yea:** 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

**Absent:** 1 - George Carmichael

## EXECUTIVE SESSION



With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, September 3, 2019, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D., 2019.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILPERSON WARD 3

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ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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