



City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440
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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 4 - Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
Absent: 2 - Vice President Jason Capers and Councilperson Tony Wheat
Staff: 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilman Tony Thaxton

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 20-4087](#) January 7, 2020

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 01072020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 4D., Consider adopting an Order accepting the bid on the demolition of the Gibson's Building.

Yea: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4084](#)

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

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 4635](#)

[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of December 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

B. [ID 20-4088](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY20](#)

[SALESTAX 2020](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2020](#)

[REVENUE 2020](#)

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 20-4090](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set the date of February 18, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the following properties:

- a) L.C. Mccullum, property in need of DEMOLITION at 158 S Meridian Ave., PPIN 9900, WD 5
- b) Zone Properties LLC, property in need of DEMOLITION at 827 N 13th Ave., PPIN 8209, WD 6
- c) Charles & Benny Reed, property in need of DEMOLITION at 121 E Kingston St., PPIN 11386, WD 5

Attachments: [sets for February 18 2020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

A. [ID 20-4092](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on January 21, 2020 in regard to the property at 1919 Susie B Ruffin (Meridian Ave.), which is owned by TFW Consultants & Management Serv., 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 4

Attachments: [1919 Susie B Ruffin-Meridian Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

B. [ID 20-4093](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on January 21, 2020 in regard to the property at 835 E 18th Street, which is owned by Lucille Wright Est. % Middleton Green, 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 4

Attachments: [835 E 18th street](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

B. CITIZENS HEARING**C. CITIZENS FORUM**

President Thaxton recognized Nancy Brown who recently moved to Laurel on Cedarbrook Lane from Washington, DC. Mrs. Brown came before the Council to voice her concerns on a piece of property they purchased on General Pershing. They purchased the property and renovated it for rental property as a source of income. She stated that the neighbor next to her property made her aware that this was a flood zone. Mrs. Brown asked the city to check the drainage of this area.

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4. POLICY AGENDA**A. [ID 20-4086](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving a decrease in the mileage reimbursement rate in accordance with IRS regulations.

Attachments: [order - mileage reimb decrease20](#)

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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

B. [ID 20-4094](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing acceptance of property at 501 Cross Street donated to the City by Doris E. Parker.

Attachments: [501 CROSS ST DONATION](#)
[exhibit A20200113_14393334](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

C. [ID 20-4089](#)

Consider approving the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending and/or adding to the City of Laurel Zoning Codes Article V. *Additional District Provisions*.

Attachments: [zoning overlay district second reading](#)

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

Yea: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

Enactment No: 1692-2020

D. [ID 20-4095](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept the bid on the Gibson Building demolition.

Attachments: [gibson demo orderbid \(2\)](#)
[Bid opening report 1-10-20](#)

This Order was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

E. [ID 20-4097](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving authority to approve Professional Services contract for the 2020 Overlay Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Contract](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

F. [ID 20-4098](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution giving authority to advertise for construction of the Beacon Street Corridor Project.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-Auth to Adv.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 20-4091](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of the notice of February 13, 2020 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: [PHZ012020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

B. [ID 20-4096](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT JANUARY 21 2020.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JANUARY 21 2020.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded 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: 4 - Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 2 - Jason Capers and Tony Wheat

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Carmichael moved, seconded by Councilperson Page 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: Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page

ABSENT: Capers, Wheat

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Closed Session, this the 21st day of January, A. D., 2020.

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Following discussion, Councilperson Carmichael moved, seconded by Councilperson S. Comegys that the Council move into Executive Session for acquiring or sale of property.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page

ABSENT: Capers, Wheat

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Council to be in Executive Session, this the 21st day of January, A. D., 2020.

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Upon motion by Councilperson Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson S. Comegys all Council Members present voting aye, the President declared the meeting to be back in Open Session, this the 21st day of January, A.D., 2020.

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With no objections to adjourning, the President declared the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., this the 21st day of January, A. D., 2020.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
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ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
