



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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

Councilman Travares Comegys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 18-3091](#)

June 5, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 060518](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, 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 Vice President Tony Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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 3A2(A)., Conduct a public hearing on the property in need of cleaning.
Elizabeth Lindsey, 1123 Mississippi Avenue

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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 18-3111](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification for the month of May, 2018.

Attachments: [SALESTAX 2018](#)
[TOURISMTAX 2018](#)
[REVENUE 2018](#)
[CERTIFICATION FY17APR](#)

B. [ID 18-3090](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of May 2018.

Attachments: [cover letter](#)
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 6704](#)
[new business license list](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of May 2018. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

A. [ID 18-3096](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of July 17, 2018 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) LIU Properties Inc., overgrown property at 250 Dutton Ave, PPIN 13542, WD 1
- b) Gray Real Estate, overgrown property at 908 Poplar Dr., PPIN 10253, WD 1
- c) Carol Beckman, overgrown property at 1640 Airport Dr., PPIN 16069, WD 7
- d) Georgia & Gregory Miller, overgrown property at 1819 Airport Dr., PPIN 9845, WD 7
- e) Timothy Quinn, overgrown property at 120 W 23rd St., PPIN 11755, WD 4
- f) Eric & Joseph Sullivan, overgrown property at 424 W 18th St., PPIN 9654, WD 4
- g) James Minor, overgrown property at 134 Buchanan St., PPIN 15249, WD 4
- h) S O Nail Jr., overgrown property at 118 W Kingston St., PPIN 11449, WD 4
- i) Gery Marcombe, overgrown property at Lot on 18th St., PPIN 35355, WD 4
- j) Statford Investments LLC, property in need of Demo at 1917 N Joe Wheeler Ave., PPIN 9412, WD 4
- k) Adair Asset Management, property in need of Demo at 228 W 1st St., PPIN 14190, WD 5
- l) Roy & Elizabeth Ferrell, property in need of Demo at 831 S. 7th Ave., PPIN 12808, WD 6
- m) Joe Eades, property in need of Demo at 1246 Anderson St., PPIN 13118, WD 7

Attachments: [sets for July 17 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, to conduct a public hearing. 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

A. [ID 18-3101](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property at 1123 Mississippi Ave, which is owned by Elizabeth Lindsey, to determine whether or not 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: [ELIZABETHLINDSEY1123MISSAVERESOLUTION61918](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. [ID 18-3102](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property on Susie B Ruffin Ave, which is owned by Arthur Shamburger et ux, to determine whether or not 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: [ARTHURSHAMBURGERSUSIEBRUFFINRESOLUTION61918](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, 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 18-3103](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property at 114 W 23rd St, which is owned by Hertherh Keys, to determine whether or not 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: [HERTHERNKEYS114W23RDRESOLUTION61918](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Council President George Carmichael, 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 18-3104](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property at 608 E 10th St, which is owned by Leonard Byrd, to determine whether or not 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 5

Attachments: [LEONARDBYRD608E10THRESOLUTION61918](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

E. [ID 18-3105](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property on Cook Ave, which is owned by Frank Corriere Est, to determine whether or not 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 5

Attachments: [FRANKCORRIERECOOKAVERESOLUTION61918](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

F. [ID 18-3106](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property on Oak St, which is owned by Stratford Investments LLC, to determine whether or not 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 5

Attachments: [STRATFORDINVESTMENTSOAKSTRESOLUTION61918](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

G. [ID 18-3107](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 19, 2018 in regard to the property on E Oak St, which is owned by Brenda Marcombe, to determine whether or not 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 5

Attachments: [BRENDAMARCOMBE OAK ST RESOLUTION 61918](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

B. CITIZENS HEARING**C. CITIZENS FORUM****4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 18-3109](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to authorize the South Mississippi Fair Commission to borrow money.

Attachments: [RES Fair Commission Approve Note June 2018](#)
[Fair Commission Financial Statements](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, 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

B. [ID 18-3093](#)

Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Laurel Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11: Housing and Property Maintenance bringing it into compliance with the International Codes.

Attachments: [code amendment order 2](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. 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

Enactment No: 1683-2018

C. [ID 18-3094](#)

Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #1056-1985, Appendix 1 Section 602. General Sign Regulations, to replace the words/reference of "Political Signs" with "Temporary Signs" and to replace the words or reference of "Religious Institution" to "Signs which are not related to residential use."

Attachments: [ordinance amendment signs 2](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Ordinance be approved on second reading. 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

Enactment No: 1684-2018

D. [ID 18-3098](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution re-appointing Mrs. Tensie Wheeler to the Board of Commissioners of the Laurel Housing Authority.

Attachments: [RESAppHousingAuthorityWheeler2018.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

E. [ID 18-3097](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution re-appointing Mrs. Whitney Pickering to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority of Jones County.

Attachments: [RESAppEDAPickering2018.doc](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

F. [ID 18-3112](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve budget amendments to the FY 2018 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment - Order](#)
[Budget Amendment - List](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, 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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G. [ID 18-3095](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving an application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Wayne Farms, LLC.

Attachments: [ORDER APPROVING WAYNE FARMS LLC INDUSTRIAL EXEMPTION 2018](#)
[2018 Application Wayne Farms](#)
[Exhibit A part 1](#)
[Exhibit A part 2](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, 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 18-3110](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving a Central Business District application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Joseph Watkins @ 312 Central Ave.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR CBD EXEMPTION Mimmo's 2018](#)
[Mimmo's Exemption](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Tony Thaxton, 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 18-3108](#)

Consider adopting an Order for approving a Central Business District application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Sweet Somethings Bakery LLC @ 543 Central Ave.

Attachments: [ORDER FOR CBD EXEMPTION Sweet Something Bakery 2018](#)
[Sweet Something Exemption](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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:

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J. [ID 18-3100](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property belonging to Flora LLC, which is located at 904 S 14th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 1
- B. Cleaning of property belonging to Annie and Larry Buckley, which is located at 922 S 14th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 1
- C. Cleaning of property belonging to William or Carol Beckman, which is located at the corner of N 14th Ave and 3rd St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 6
- D. Cleaning of property belonging to LIU Properties, which is located at 320 N 13th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 6
- E. Cleaning of property belonging to Betty Cooper, which is located at 1112 N 13th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$150 WD 6
- F. Cleaning of property belonging to Terry Tolar, which is located at 213 N 14th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130 WD 6
- G. Cleaning of property belonging to Clyde Carter, which is located at 507 S Maple St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 6
- H. Cleaning of property belonging to Freddie Dykes, which is located at 108 W 13th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$4571.90. This included demolition of a structure. WD 5

Attachments: [lotcleaningassessmentsforjune192018](#)
[backupjune19lotcleanings20180611_13561210](#)

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 18-3113](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT JUNE 19 2018](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 19 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Tony Thaxton, 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