

City of Laurel

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Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 3, 2018 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: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi

PRAYER

Councilman Anthony Page

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

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

There came on before the Council the matter of electing a council member to serve as President of the City Council for the year beginning July 3, 2018 and ending July 3, 2019.

Councilman Tony Wheat nominated Councilman Tony Thaxton, to serve as President of the Laurel City Council.

The President called for other nominations from the floor, there being no other nominations, the President called for votes on the matter and received the following results:

Votes for Councilman Tony Thaxton: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page

The President thereupon declared Councilman Tony Thaxton newly elected Council President for the year beginning July 3, 2018 and ending July 3, 2019.

This the 3rd day of July, A. D., 2018.

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ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

There came on before the City Council the matter of electing a Council member to serve as Vice President of the Council for the year beginning July 3, 2018 and ending July 3, 2019.

Councilman Stacy Comegys nominated Councilman Travares Comegys to serve as Vice-President of the Laurel City Council.

The President called for other nominations from the floor and there being no other nominations, the President called for a vote on the nomination on the matter and received the following results:

Votes for Councilman Travares Comegys: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys,

Page

The President thereupon declared Councilman Travares Comegys to be the Vice-President of the Laurel City Council for the year beginning July 3, 2018 and ending July 3, 2019.

This the 3rd day of July, A. D., 2018.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. <u>ID 18-3115</u>

June 19, 2018

Attachments: CoL Minutes of 061918

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President 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 Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 18-3125

Consider adopting an Order to set hearing of August 7, 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 & safety of the community.

- a) David Stanton, overgrown property at 1508 Old Bay Springs Rd., PPIN 15646, WD 2
- b) Gregory Smith, overgrown property at 1023 N 10th Ave., PPIN 12057, WD 2
- Gordon Myrick Builders LLC, overgrown property at Briarcreek Sub., PPIN 40350, WD 3
- d) Yolanda Orellana, overgrown property at 1312 N 5th Ave, PPIN 11592, WD 2
- e) Viking Investments, overgrown property at 2605 N 6th Ave, PPIN 13621, WD 3
- f) Deborah Lyles, overgrown property at 1203 W 9th St., PPIN 8122, WD 6
- g) Adair Asset Management, overgrown property at 1222 W 11th St., PPIN 10556, WD 6
- h) Jasper McBride, overgrown property at 1037 N 11th Ave, PPIN 10589, WD 6
- i) Pace Properties, overgrown property at 1024 N 12th Ave., PPIN 10549, WD 6
- Matthew Windham, overgrown property at Walnut Ridge Rd. & Pineview, PPIN 12580, WD 1
- x) Michelle White, overgrown property at 1420 Margaret Dr., PPIN 31567, WD 7
- l) $\;\;$ Linda Ducksworth, overgrown property at 1510 N 1st Ave., PPIN 8084. WD 4
- m) Preston McLaurin, overgrown property at lot on Linsey Ave., PPIN 10407, WD 4
- Melanie Stevens, overgrown property at lot located on W Kingston, PPIN 9255, WD 5
- o) Shamon Woulard, overgrown property at 1503 N Meridian Ave., PPIN 10008, WD 5

Attachments: sets for August 7 2018

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, that the Order to Set Hearings 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 George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, to conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

A. ID 18-3127

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 1031 N 11th Ave, which is owned by Julio Vera, 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 6

Attachments: JULIOVERA1031N11THRESOLUTION7318

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson 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

B. <u>ID 18-3128</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 220 S 10th Ave, which is owned by Symbiotic Partners 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 6

Attachments: SYMBIOTIC220S10THRESOLUTION7318

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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

C. <u>ID 18-3130</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property east of 1219 Simons St, which is owned by Pace Properties 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 7

<u>Attachments:</u> PACEPROPERTIESEOF1219SIMMONSRESOLUTION7318

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Vice President 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

D. <u>ID 18-3131</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 1115 Mississippi Ave which is owned by Ruby Richardson 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 4

Attachments: rubyrichardson1115msresolution70318

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:

E. ID 18-3132

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 207 W 15th St, which is owned by GBLB 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 4

Attachments: GBLBLLC207W 5thresolution70318

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

F. <u>ID 18-3133</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 216 W 16th St, which is owned by Joe Jones, 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: joejones216w16thresolution70318

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Resolution to Conduct 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

G. <u>ID 18-3135</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property on Cook Ave, which is owned by Michael Lester, 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: Michael Lester

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a two weeks extension. 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

H. ID 18-3137

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 1119 Martin Luther King Ave, which is owned by Ricky Devore, 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: rickdevore1119mlkresolution70318

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President 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

I. <u>ID 18-3138</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 817 N 1st Ave, which is owned by Adair Asset Management, 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: adairassesst817n1stresolution70318

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President 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

J. ID 18-3139

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 3, 2018 in regard to the property at 1917 N Joe Wheeler Ave, which is owned by Martin Rosson III, 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: martinrosson1917njoewheeler070318

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President 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

President Thaxton recognized Councilman Travares Comegys of Ward 6. Councilman Comegys came before the Council and those present, to publicly thank everyone for their support during the Ward 6 Community Day event.

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. <u>ID 18-3118</u>

Consider adopting an Order allowing the Laurel Police Department to accept a donation from an Anonymous Donor. Funds will be placed in the Police Department's Public Relations Account.

Attachments: Anonymous Donation Police Department 2018

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

B. <u>ID 18-3116</u>

Consider adopting an Order allowing Kevin Jackson to attend the 41st Juvenile Justice Symposium Conference on August 1-3 in Biloxi, MS.

Attachments: Juvenile Justice Symposium Conference 2018 BILOXI, MS

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

C. ID 18-3119

Consider adopting an Order allowing Michael Reaves to attend the 2018 CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) International Conference in Kansas City, MO on August 15-17, 2018. All expenses will be paid for by the Pine Belt Mental Health on the CIT Grant. No money will be taken from the General Fund.

Attachments: CIT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2018

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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:

D. <u>ID 18-3136</u>

Consider adopting and Order granting authority to file complaint against Daniel G. Kamin Gardiner, LLC (Parcel 9B) to acquire a parcel of land for the Beacon Street Corridor Project.

Attachments: order Parcel 9B

Legal Desc Parcel 9B

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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

E. <u>ID 18-3140</u>

Consider adopting an Order Granting Authority to File Complaint Against Daniel G. Kamin Gardiner, LLC, (Parcel 9D) To acquire a parcel of land for the Beacon Street Corridor Project.

Attachments: Order Parcel 9D

Legal Desc Parcel 9D

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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

F. <u>ID 18-3123</u>

Consider adopting an Order for approving a Central Business District application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Marcella Investment Group LLC @ 321 N. Magnolia Street.

Attachments: ORDER FOR CBD EXEMPTION Guild & Gentry 2018

Guild & Gentry 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:

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

G. ID 18-3121

Consider adopting an Order for approving a Central Business District application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Marcella Investment Group LLC @ 330 N. Magnolia Street.

Attachments: ORDER FOR CBD EXEMPTION Pearl's 2018

Pearl's Exemption

A motion was made by Council President Tony Thaxton, 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

H. <u>ID 18-3141</u>

Consider adopting an Order approving a Central Business District application for Tax Exemption on Ad Valorem for Marcella Investment Group LLC @ 414 Front Street.

Attachments: ORDER FOR CBD EXEMPTION Laurel Mercantile 2018

Laurel Mercantile Exemption

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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:

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

I. ID 18-3134

Consider adopting an Order to declare surplus property.

Attachments: Order - Surplus 7-03-2018

Surplus List - 7-03-2018

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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:

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

J. ID 18-3129

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

Attachments: Budget Amendment Order

Budget Amendment List

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

K. ID 18-3143

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

- A. Cleaning of property belonging to Bernard Magee, which is located at 1911 N 1st Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145 WD 4
- B. Cleaning of property belonging to Pine Hills Land Co, which is located at 604 E 10th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145 WD 5
- C. Cleaning of property belonging to S & S Properties, which is located at 1642 N 1st Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 4
- D. Cleaning of property belonging to Madeline Mitchell, which is located at 543 W 25th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130 WD 3
- E. Cleaning of property belonging to Julie Finnegan, which is located at 3131 Cedar Lane. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$130 WD 3
- F. Cleaning of property belonging to B & C Farm Co, which is located at 2107 N 1st Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180 WD 4
- G. Cleaning of property belonging to Lucille Wright Est, which is located at 835 E 18th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 4
- H. Cleaning of property belonging to Johnnie Arrington, which is located on E 11th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145 WD 5
- I. Cleaning of property belonging to Kinnon Speights, which is located at 703 N 11th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 6
- J. Cleaning of property belonging to Prisock Properties, which is located at 1113 Mississippi Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180 WD 5
- K. Cleaning of property belonging to M M Asmar Sr Est, which is located at 111 W 16th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 4
- L. Cleaning of property belonging to Mitchell Asmar Jr, which is located south of 727 N 15th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 6
- M. Cleaning of property belonging to Luretha Bivins, which is located at 907 S 8th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 6
- N. Cleaning of property belonging to Carolyn Lewis, which is located at 604 E 12th St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145 WD 5
- O. Cleaning of property belonging to Terry and Diana Flowers, which is located at 111 Woodland Trail. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 1
- P. Cleaning of property belonging to Global Premier Asset Management LLC, which is located at 930 S 14th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145 WD 7
- Q. Cleaning of property belonging to Brenda Pleasents, which is located at 2217 Center Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 7
- R. Cleaning of property belonging to Pearline Anderson, which is located at 1153 Capital St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 7
- S. Cleaning of property belonging to Lawrence and William Puckett, which is located east of 1215 Green St. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165 WD 7
- T. Cleaning of property belonging to Royaleen Robinson, which is located at 725 Poplar Dr. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145 WD 1

Attachments: lotcleaningassessmentsforjuly32018

backupjuly32018lotcleaning20180626_10254656

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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

L. <u>ID 18-3144</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to reverse the assessment on property known as 2947 Carter Ave aka 2947 N 7th Ave, which is owned by Parish Properties LLC. WARD 3

<u>Attachments:</u> RESRescindAssessmentForcleaning2947 Carter Ave

backup2947carterakan7th20180626 16561643

A motion was made by Vice President Travares 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:

M. ID 18-3148

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute Change Order No. 2 for the Healthy Heroes Initiative #2 Police Training Academy Walking Track Project.

Attachments: Resolution.doc

Recommendation Ltr.pdf
Change Order No. 2.pdf

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

N. <u>ID 18-3149</u>

Consider adopting a resolution to reverse the assessment on property known as 603 Mississippi Ave, which is owned by Joseph and Catherine Walker. WARD 5

<u>Attachments:</u> rescindorderon603mississippiave

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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

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. <u>ID 18-3126</u>

Consider adopting an Order to ratify the publication of notice of hearing for the July 12, 2018 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: phz0718

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

B. <u>ID 18-3142</u>

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY

WARRANT JULY 03 2018

CLAIMS DOCKET JULY 03 2018

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION