



# City of Laurel

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Laurel, MS 39440  
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## Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, July 17, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### 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 Jason Capers

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 18-3153](#) July 3, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 070318](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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 Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Agenda be amended as follows. The motion carried by the following vote:

Delete Agenda Item 3A2(G)., Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on property in need of cleaning. (G). Carol Beckman, 1604 Airport Drive - overgrown property

Delete Agenda 4H., Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of the Free State of Jones Skatepark Project.

Add Agenda Item 4I., Consider adopting an Order ratifying the Emergency Order for repair of an eight-inch sewer main underneath the roadway at Melon Street between Walters Avenue and Kay Street.

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

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 18-3151](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of June, 2018.

Attachments: [cover letter](#)  
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 0703](#)  
[new business license list](#)

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

**B. [ID 18-3164](#)**

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY17APR](#)

[SALESTAX 2018](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2018](#)

[REVENUE 2018](#)

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

**C. [ID 18-3154](#)**

To recognize Sharon King, Clerk of Council, for achieving the prestigious designation of Certified Municipal Clerk, awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Attachments: [CMC Documentation](#)

Mayor Magee presented plaque to Sharon King, Clerk of Council of Certification as a Certified Municipal Clerk.

**3. PUBLIC AGENDA****A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 18-3152](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of August 21, 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 uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

- a) Jolyn Rawls Est., overgrown property at 1916 N 5th Ave, PPIN 30944, WD 2
- b) C Craft Est., overgrown property at 829 W 21st St., PPIN 8607, WD 3
- c) Eleanor Jenkins Winder Est, overgrown property at 1121 N 16th Ave, PPIN 10498, WD 6
- d) Asmar M. M. Sr., overgrown property at 807 S 16th Ave, PPIN 13411, WD 1
- e) Betty Miller, overgrown property at 1806 Queensburg Ave, PPIN 13126, WD 7
- f) Kevin Williams, overgrown property at W. of 1131 Churchton St., PPIN 30115, WD 7
- g) Edgewood LLC, overgrown property at 1542 Queensburg Ave., PPIN 13039, WD 7
- h) Jannette Askins, overgrown property at 818 N Meridian Ave., PPIN 8683, WD 4
- i) Glen Bolden, overgrown property at 614 Mississippi Ave., PPIN 14026, WD 5
- j) James McCormick, overgrown property at 221 S Meridian Ave., PPIN 9921, WD 5
- k) Stacy Holder, overgrown property at 3903 University Ave., PPIN 14992, WD 3
- l) John Tzuanos, overgrown property at 612 Northview Dr., PPIN 14973, WD 3
- m) Ray & Pamela Rodger, overgrown property at 804 W 27th St., PPIN 8033, WD 3
- n) Omega D LLC, overgrown property at 1024 N 12th Ave., PPIN 10549, WD 6
- o) Jones County Board of Education, overgrown property at S of 330 N 14th Ave., PPIN 8920, WD 6

Attachments: [sets for August 21 2018](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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 Stacy Comegys, 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:

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

**A. [ID 18-3155](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution for demolition of property known as 2705 Ridgewood Dr., which belongs to Rayford Harris, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. WARD 3

**Attachments:** [rayford conduct](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted as amended, allowing a 90 day 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

**B. [ID 18-3156](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution for demolition of property known as at 1917 N Joe Wheeler Ave, which belongs to Statford Investments, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. WARD 4

**Attachments:** [1917 N Joe Wheeler Statford](#)

**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

**C. [ID 18-3157](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 17, 2018 in regard to the property at 228 W 1st St, 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:** [conduct adair asset 228 W 1st](#)

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

**D. [ID 18-3158](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 17, 2018 in regard to the property at 831 S 7th Ave, which is owned by Roy & Elizabeth Ferrell, 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:** [royelizabeth ferrell 831s7th](#)

**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

**E. [ID 18-3159](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 17, 2018 in regard to the property at 1246 Anderson St, which is owned by Joe Eades, 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

**Attachments:** [conductjoeeades1246anderson](#)

**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

**F.** [ID 18-3160](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 17, 2018 in regard to the property at Lot on 18th St, which is owned by Gery 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 4

**Attachments:** [gerymarcombeloton18thst](#)

**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

**G.** [ID 18-3161](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 17, 2018 in regard to the property at 1640 Airport Drive, which is owned by Carol Beckman, 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

**Attachments:** [conductforcarolbeckman1640airport](#)

**This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda**

**H.** [ID 18-3162](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 17, 2018 in regard to the property at 1819 Airport Drive, which is owned by Georgia & Gregory Miller, 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

**Attachments:** [georgiamiller1819airportdr](#)

**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

**B. CITIZENS HEARING**

**C. CITIZENS FORUM**

**President Thaxton recognized Anthony Hudson, 2219 Center Avenue, Laurel, MS. Mr. Hudson came before the Council to ask that they consider adopting the Ordinance on decriminalization of marijuana. He stated that other cities in the state of MS has already addressed this issue and some have adopted said Ordinance.**

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**President Thaxton recognized Elvin Ulmer, Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Ulmer came before the Council and stated that the Americorps Program was funded and allocated to the City of Laurel and they will start recruiting on next month. He also stated that approximately 40 individuals will be hired.**

**4. POLICY AGENDA**

**A. [ID 18-3165](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving Holt & Associates to conduct the audit for the FY ending September 30, 2018 in accordance with the terms of the letter and authorize the Council President to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the City Council.

**Attachments:** [ORDER accepting Audit and Engagement Letter for Holt & Associates 2018](#)  
[Holt & Associates Letter 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:**

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

**B. [ID 18-3092](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting a donation to the Parks & Recreation Department to upgrade the Susan Boone Vincent Sportsplex soccer fields.

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

**A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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

**C. [ID 18-3147](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting a donation from the Coca-Cola Company for sponsorship of a youth's baseball team with the City of Laurel League.

**Attachments:** [ORDER DONATION](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

**D. [ID 18-3150](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for Elvin Ulmer and Tim Barksdale to travel to the 2018 Dixie Youth World Series in Lumberton, NC to submit World Series 2020 Bid.

**Attachments:** [ORDER 2020 DY WORLD SERIES](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

**E. [ID 18-3168](#)**

Consider adopting an Order allowing Nellie Satcher HR Director to attend the Phelps Dunbar 41st Conference in Biloxi, MS on August 8 - 10, 2018.

**Attachments:** [ORDER approving Phelps Dunbar travel for Satcher](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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

**F. [ID 18-3124](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing travel by members of the Laurel Fire Department to Holden, Louisiana for final inspection and delivery of the City's new ladder fire truck on July 23, 2018.

**Attachments:** [Council Order New Fire Truck 6-20-2018](#)

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

**G. [ID 18-3163](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute a Letter Agreement for Professional Services for design of the Central Avenue Improvements - 500 Block.

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION](#)  
[Letter Agreement](#)

**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:**

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

**H. [ID 18-3166](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of The Free State of Jones Skatepark Project.

**This Resolution was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda**

**I. [ID 18-3172](#)**

Consider adopting an Order ratifying the emergency order for repair of an eight-inch sewer main underneath the roadway at Melon Street between Walters Avenue and Kay Street

**Attachments:** [ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderSewerMainCaveInMelonStreetJuly2018.doc](#)  
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[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderSewerMainCaveInMelonStreetJuly2018ExhibitAEmail.pdf](#)  
[ORDRatifyEmergencyOrderSewerMainCave-InMelonStJuly2018ExhibitBEmergencyOrder.docm](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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:**

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

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 18-3167](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the Claims Docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)  
[WARRANT JULY 17 2018](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET JULY 17 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**