



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, September 18, 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 Stacy Comegys

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 18-3325](#) September 4, 2018

**Attachments:** [CoL Minutes of 090418](#)

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

A. [ID 18-3304](#)

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

**Attachments:** [cover letter](#)  
[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 0035](#)  
[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 August 2018. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

**B. [ID 18-3316](#)**

Monthly Report for the Budget Certification issued for the month of August, 2018.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY18](#)

[SALESTAX 2018](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2018](#)

[REVENUE 2018](#)

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 18-3307](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of October 16, 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) V W Properties LLC, overgrown property at 807 N 8th Ave., PPIN 11628, WD 6
- b) Charles Jordan Sr., overgrown property at 2804 Old Amy Road, PPIN 13932, WD 2
- c) WAJ LLC, overgrown property at 1111 S 17th Ave., PPIN 14110, WD 1
- d) Sinecure Inv. LLC., overgrown property at 1112 S 17th Ave., PPIN 14107, WD 1
- e) Tiffani Jones, overgrown property at 32 Oakcrest Dr., PPIN 9381, WD 1
- f) Mitchell Asmar Jr., overgrown property at 806 S 16th Ave., PPIN 16139, WD 1
- g) Mitchell Asmar Jr., overgrown property at 828 S 16th Ave., PPIN 29878, WD 1
- h) Deborah Burrell, overgrown property at 2256 Queensburg Ave., PPIN 11102, WD 7
- i) Rossie McCormick, overgrown property at Capitol & Palmer, PPIN 13170,16297,13171, 13172, WD 7
- j) Marshall Mason Sr., overgrown property at 1155 Simmons St., PPIN 13100, WD 7
- k) Parker McCurley, overgrown property at 2028 Airport Dr., PPIN 16093, WD 7

Attachments: [sets for october 16 2018](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 Jason Capers, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, to conduct a public hearings. 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 18-3308](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 18, 2018 in regard to the property at 1115 McConkey St, which is owned by Acre Land Acquisition, 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: [1115 Mcconkey st](#)

**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. [ID 18-3309](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 18, 2018 in regard to the property at South of 77 Bay Circle, which is owned by Kenneth Keyes, 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 2

Attachments: [South of 77 Bay Circle](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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 18-3310](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution for DEMOLITION of property known as 1103 Wilson Ave, which belongs to Carol Beckman, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. WD 7

Attachments: [1103 Wilson Ave](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution to demolish, 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 18-3311](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution for DEMOLITION of property known as 1831 Congress St., which belongs to Vera Quan, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. WD 1

Attachments: [1831 Congress St](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the Resolution to demolish, 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 18-3312](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution for DEMOLITION of property known as 1935 N 1st Ave., which belongs to Stephanie & Byron Green, said property in its present condition being a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the community. This property contains 3 Buildings in need of demolition. WD 4

Attachments: [1935 N 1st Ave](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that the Resolution to demolish, 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 18-3296](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting a donation to the B.E. Murph Center for Seniors.

**Attachments:** [ORDER](#)  
[CHECK 09851](#)

**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

**B. [ID 18-3306](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the City Clerk's travel to the Mississippi City/County Management Association Annual Conference in D'Iberville, Mississippi on November 8-9, 2018.

**Attachments:** [order - travel MCCMA D'Iberville](#)

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

**C. [ID 18-3314](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, meals, hotel and registration expenses for Judy Denham, the Planning & Zoning Coordinator, to attend the City Building Exchange conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 24-26, 2018.

**Attachments:** [judy travel october 2018](#)  
[travelbackupjudy20180910 09373813](#)

**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

**D. [ID 18-3315](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving travel, hotel, meals and registration expenses for Lorenzo Anderson/Public Works Director to attend the 2018 APWA Fall Conference in Gulfport, MS on October 17-19, 2018.

**Attachments:** [ORDER1](#)

**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

**E. [ID 18-3305](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving a quote on financing a new Vactor 2100 Plus PD / Western Star Vacuum Truck for the Sewer Department.

**Attachments:** [order - financing vac truck](#)  
[DOC090718-09072018104751](#)

**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. [ID 18-3302](#)**

Consider adopting an Order re-appointing several members to the City Planning Commission.

**Attachments:** [ORDAppPlanningCommissionGroup2018](#)

**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

**G. [ID 18-3303](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that the Laurel Police Department be allowed to accept donations for National Night Out.

**Attachments:** [NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME 2018](#)  
[2018 Night Out Against Crime Donations](#)

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

**H. [ID 18-3319](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to declare surplus property.

**Attachments:** [Order - Surplus 9-18-2018](#)  
[Disposal List 9-18-2018](#)

**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

**I. [ID 18-3317](#)**

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

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment Order September 18, 2018](#)  
[Budget Amendment List September 18, 2018](#)

**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

**J. [ID 18-3320](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to advertise for property insurance for the year 2018-19.

**Attachments:** [order - adv for bids - property insurance 2018-19](#)  
[2018 insurance bid for llc](#)

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

**K. [ID 18-3313](#)**

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

a) Cleaning of property belonging to Viking Investments LLC, located at 2605 N 6th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administration fee \$130.00 WD 3

**Attachments:** [assessmentsforseptember182018](#)  
[backupassessmentsept18201820180907\\_16340818](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 18-3318](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)  
[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 18 2018](#)  
[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 18 2018](#)

**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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**