



City of Laurel

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Special Call Meeting Minutes City Council

Friday, January 11, 2019

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 Stacy Comegys

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3493](#) December 18, 2018

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 121818](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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:** 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 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

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. [ID 18-3490](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on January 11, 2019 in regard to the property at 2216 Center Ave, which is owned by H L & C-Jones LLC, to determine whether or not the property is in such a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community. WARD 7

Attachments: [2216 Center Ave](#)

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 Faye Jackson, 30 Country Club Drive. Mrs. Jackson came before the Council to express her feelings about the statutes in the downtown area. She stated she had been approached by many black citizens about the statutes, feeling as though they are symbols of slaves and they were very offensive. She stated she spoke with majority of the Councilmembers to express her concerns and others. Mrs. Jackson stated she was told by the Councilmembers that this was a call of the Mayor’s and she ended her remarks by asking the Mayor to please consider the feelings of his people.

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President Thaxton recognized Amy Gluker, owner of the business located at 312 Front Street. Mrs. Gluker came before the Council to voice her concerns regarding the statutes located downtown. She stated she see no signs of racism within the statutes. She also stated that it was a great idea and enhances the downtown area.

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President Thaxton recognized Chad Edwards of 92 Chippewah Street. Mr. Edwards came before the Council to express his concerns regarding the statutes in the downtown area. He stated that he was embarrassed to hear that racism was a factor in the placement of the statutes. He also stated that the statutes have been placed in several parts of the world with no comments, concerns or feelings of signs of racism but as soon as they were placed in the hometown of the artist that owns them, the feelings of racism and images of slavery came about.

4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3494](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement as embodied in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 in relationship to federal funds distributed by the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Attachments: [RESMDOTTtitleVINon-DiscriminationAgreementAndAssurances2018](#)
[RESMDOTTtitleVINon-DiscriminationAgreement2018ExhibitA.doc](#)
[RESMDOTTtitleVINon-DiscriminationAssurances2018ExhibitB](#)

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:

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B. [ID 19-3492](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the request for Proposal offered by Pillars Design Studios, LLC for designing the Skate Park.

Attachments: [ORDER TO Accept RFP for Skatepark 1-19](#)
[RFP Skatepark](#)

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:

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C. [ID 19-3496](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Administration to advertise for Sealed Bids for the sale of city-owned Surplus Property.

Attachments: [order to advertise bid surplus properties 2018-19](#)
[Surplus property bid form 1-2019](#)
[NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY 1-2019](#)

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:

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D. [ID 19-3498](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving payment to Sample, Hicks and Associates, Inc. for the application preparation and administrative consulting services for the CDBG Public Facilities Project.

Attachments: [order - Sample Payment](#)
[DOC122818-12282018152127](#)

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:

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5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3497](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify the publication of a notice for January 10, 2019 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: [phz0119](#)

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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B. [ID 19-3495](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT JANUARY 11, 2019](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JANUARY 11 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION