



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

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:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

PRAYER

Councilman Anthony Page

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3528](#) January 22, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 012219](#)

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 Anthony Page, 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 2B., Shaquila Edwards presentation on Youth Obesity.

Delete Agenda Item 4K., Consider adopting an Order approving the request for the Yolanda Powe to attend the 2019 (MMVCA) Mississippi Mosquito & Vector in Jackson, MS on February 5-7, 2019.

Add Agenda Item 4R Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an extension of contract on sale of the Old Gibson's Property.

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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 19-3524](#)

Proclamation marking February 8th as Arbor Day.

Attachments: [Executed Proclamation Arbor Day](#)

This Presentation was presented

- B. [ID 19-3532](#)

Shaquila Edwards to make a presentation on Youth Obesity.

This Presentation was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

C. [ID 19-3540](#)

Mayor Johnny Magee's presentation of the State of the City Address.

Attachments: [State of City Address 2018](#)

This Presentation was presented

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

B. CITIZENS HEARING

A. [ID 19-3525](#)

Steven Griffin to speak and present the Mississippi Cannabis Freedom Act.

Attachments: [The Mississippi Cannabis Freedom Act](#)

President Thaxton introduced Mr. Steven Griffin of 50 Hoy Green Acres Circle, Laurel, MS. Mr. Griffin presented the following attached information to the Council.

C. CITIZENS FORUM

4. POLICY AGENDAA. [ID 19-3541](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request to advertise for bids for an Upgrade to Mississippi Avenue Lift Station Pump and Controls.

Attachments: [Order-Advertise for Bids for Upgrade of MS Avenue Lift Station Pump and Controls](#)

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

B. [ID 19-3539](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request for lease purchase of two (2) Single Axle Dump Chassis with Mounted Dump Body for the Sewer Lines Department.

Attachments: [Order-Approve Lease Purchase of Two \(2\) Dump Trucks](#)

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

C. [ID 19-3545](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution opposing Senate Bill No. 2684, an act to amend Section 17-17-305 MS Code 1972 to revise the definition of "Municipal Solid Waste" as used in the Mississippi Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Act.

Attachments: [RESOpposingSenateBillNo 2684SolidWasteManagementJanuary2019](#)
[RESOpposingSenateBillNo 2684SolidWasteManagementJanuary2019ExhibitA](#)

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

D. [ID 19-3523](#)

Consider adopting an Order confirming the appointment of Mrs. Nancy Breland to the Board of Trustees of the Laurel Municipal Separate School District.

Attachments: [ORDAppSchoolBoardBreland2019](#)
[ORDAppSchoolBoardBreland2019ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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 19-3544](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Mayor Magee to sign an agreement for the Skatepark Design Services.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementSkateparkPillarDesignStudios2019](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementSkateparkPillarDesignStudios2019ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy 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 19-3530](#)

Consider adopting an Order to update the definition of terms of an Interlocal Agreement between Jones County Fire Council and City of Laurel Fire Department.

Attachments: [ordinterlocalagreementfireprotection2010defineterms2019](#)
[ORDInterlocalAgreementFireProtection2010DefineTerms2019ExhibitA](#)

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

G. [ID 19-3526](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend Mississippi Home Corporation's Annual Affordable Housing Conference.

Attachments: [ORDTravHousingAffordableConferenceMarch2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy 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

H. [ID 19-3527](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee to attend the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development District's Annual Conference.

Attachments: [ORDTravMAPDD2019](#)

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 19-3537](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel for Mary Ann Hess and Kristal Jones to attend the 49th Annual Spring Conference of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association March 20-22, 2019 in Southaven, MS.

Attachments: [Order - Travel](#)
[2019 Spring Conference Agenda](#)

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

J. [ID 19-3531](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Melicia Cooper be allowed to attend the 2019 End Violence Against Women International Conference on April 21-April 25, 2019 in San Diego, California.

Attachments: [2019 END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONAL SAN DIEGO, CA](#)

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

K. [ID 19-3538](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request for the Yolanda Powe to attend the 2019 (MMVCA) Mississippi Mosquito & Vector in Jackson, MS on February 5-7, 2019.

Attachments: [2019 MSMVCA ANNUAL MEETING JACKSON, MS](#)

This Order was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

L. [ID 19-3529](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request of permission from the Laurel Fire Department to apply for the Walmart Foundation Community Grant program ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.

Attachments: [Council Order Apply Walmart Community Grant](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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

M. [ID 19-3534](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the request of permission from the Laurel Fire Department to apply for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant program ranging from \$15,000 - \$25,000.

Attachments: [Council Order Firehouse Subs grant](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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

N. [ID 19-3533](#)

Consider adopting the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending *Appendix III and Personnel Rules and Regulations; Chapter 7. Employee Benefits, Section 8-1 (C), Rest and Meal Breaks.*

Attachments: [ORDINANCEAmendPersonnelRegulations Rest & Meal Breaks 2-19 Second Reading](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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: 1685-2019

O. [ID 19-3536](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to reverse and refund the assessment on property known as 803 Kay Street, which is owned by Henrietta Phillips. WARD 5

Attachments: [803 Kay st recind assesment](#)
[803 KAY ST20190125 15342810](#)

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

P. [ID 19-3535](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing removal of a lien from tax assessment against property at 1213 N 3rd Avenue.

Attachments: [recind order 1213 N 3rd ave](#)
[1213 N 3rd ave20190125 14511139](#)

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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Q. [ID 19-3543](#)

Consider adopting Order to approve lot cleaning and Demolition assessment on the property belonging to James Wash, which is located at 907 ½ S 7th Ave. Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$3516.30 WD 6

Attachments: [907 HALF 7TH AVE DEMO ASSESSMENT](#)
[backup 907 half S 7th20190129 11291417](#)

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

R. [ID 19-3546](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an extension of contract on sale of the Old Gibson's Property.

Attachments: [RESSellGibsonPropertyDecember2018REVISED1-31-2019](#)
[RESSellGibsonPropertyDecember2018REVISED1-31-2019ExhibitA](#)

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:

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

5. ROUTINE AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3542](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT FEBRUARY 05 2019](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 05 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:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION