



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

PRAYER

- Present:** 7 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson George Carmichael, Councilperson Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page
- Staff:** 3 - Mayor Johnny Magee, City Attorney Deidra Bassi and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Councilman Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3554](#) February 5, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 020519](#)

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 Vice President Travares Comegys, that the agenda be amended as follows. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Add Agenda Item 2D., Presentation of Paving Project Award from Dunn Road Builders.

Add Agenda Item 4J., Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an application by the City of Laurel to the United States Tennis Association for a grant for reconstruction of tennis courts at Daphne Park.

Add Agenda Item 4K., Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application by the City of Laurel to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant under the Outdoor Recreation Program.

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

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

- A. [ID 19-3548](#)

Monthly Report of Privilege Taxes issued for the month of January 2019.

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 1147](#)

[New Business License List](#)

There came on before the City Council a report of privilege licenses that have been issued for the month of January 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

B. [ID 19-3555](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY18](#)
[SALESTAX 2019](#)
[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)
[REVENUE 2019](#)

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

C. [ID 19-3550](#)

Shaquila Edwards to make a presentation on Youth Obesity.

Attachments: [Youth Obesity Presentation](#)

This Presentation was presented by Shaquila Edwards.

D. [ID 19-3567](#)

Presentation of Paving Project Award from Dunn Road Builders.

This Presentation was presented by Dunn Road Builders representatives in the form of a plaque and map to Mayor Johnny Magee and the City of Laurel.

3. PUBLIC AGENDA**A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 19-3551](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of March 19, 2019 to conduct a public hearing in regard to dilapidated properties in need of DEMOLITION:

- a) Michael Roberts % Steven Roberts, property in need of DEMOLITION at 722 E. Elmo St., PPIN 10820, WD 4
- b) Sam Corriere Est.% John Corriere, property in need of DEMOLITION at 273 Front St., PPIN 14479, WD 6

Attachments: [sets for february 19 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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**B. CITIZENS HEARING****C. CITIZENS FORUM****4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3558](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution requesting Representative to co-sponsor legislation designating the I-14 Corridor to run to and through Jones County, Mississippi.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION re I-14 Corridor.docx](#)

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

B. [ID 19-3561](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an application/acceptance to the Mississippi Department of Archives & History for a grant under its Certified Local Government Grant Program.

Attachments: [hpc grant resolution](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 19-3557](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Magee to sign an attorney contract on behalf of the City for litigation against Cintas and authorizing Mayor to pursue litigation including signing the Complaint.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN ATTORNEY CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION REGARDING CINTAS.docx](#)
[2019 01 29 Cintas Class Action Engagement ltr - Laurel MS - DRAFT.docx](#)

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

D. [ID 19-3547](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel, meals, registration and hotel expenses for the elected officials and clerks to attend the Mississippi Municipal Annual Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 22-27, 2019.

Attachments: [ORDER approving MML travel 021919](#)
[MML Summer Conference Registration Form 021919](#)

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

E. [ID 19-3562](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve the travel for Sandra Hadley to attend the Workers Compensation workshop in Pearl MS on March 7, 2019.

Attachments: [ORDER approving Safety Coordinator travel 3-07-2019 to Pearl, MS](#)
[Back Up Sandra Hadley travel](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares 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:

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F. [ID 19-3560](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving reimbursement to Sheila Windham, Payroll Technician for mileage upon attending the Payroll Law Seminar in Gulfport, MS on January 18, 2019.

Attachments: [Order approving travel reimbursement](#)
[Back Up Sheila Windham travel](#)

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:

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G. [ID 19-3556](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2019 budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Order](#)
[Budget Amendment List](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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:

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H. [ID 19-3549](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to reverse and refund the assessment on property known as 823 N 13th Avenue, which is owned by Joseph Burroughs. WARD 6

Attachments: [823 N 13th ave refund recind](#)
[BACKUP 823 N 13TH20190206_14283744](#)

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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I. [ID 19-3552](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property belonging to Bolivar & Deborah Cherry, located at 237 Stephens Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$245.00 WD 1
- B. Cleaning of property belonging to H L & C-Jones LLC, located at 2216 Center Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 7

Attachments: [assessments for February 19 2019](#)
[backup 2191920190205_10144142](#)

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:

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J. [ID 19-3566](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an application by the City of Laurel to the United States Tennis Association for a grant for reconstruction of tennis courts at Daphne Park.

Attachments: [RESUSTAGrant2019DaphneParkTennisCourtsReconstruction](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, 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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K. [ID 19-3565](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application by the City of Laurel to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant under the Outdoor Recreation Program.

Attachments: [RESMSWildlifeFisheriesParksGrant2019DaphneParkTennisCourtsAut](#)
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[Executed document](#)
[RESMSWildlifeFisheriesandParksApplication2019](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Resolution 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 19-3553](#)

Consider adopting an Order to ratify the publication of notice of the hearing for the March 14, 2019 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: [phz0219](#)

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:

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B. [ID 19-3559](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY](#)
[WARRANT FEBRUARY 19 2019](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET FEBRUARY 19 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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