



# City of Laurel

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## Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

5:30 PM

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 Tony Wheat

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3571](#) February 19, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 021919](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, that the be 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 3A1.(c) Consider adopting an Order to set a hearing on April 2, 2019 on the property of Edith J. Wade, (demo) 2007 Ellisville Blvd.

Add Agenda Item 4J. Consider adopting an Order allowing Yolanda Powe to attend the 2019 (MMVCA) MS Mosquito & Vector in Jackson, MS on March 13-14, 2019.

Add Agenda Item 4K., Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Administration to enter into an agreement with Granicus to provide Council meeting software.

Add Agenda Item 4L., Consider adopting a Resolution approving the first amendment lease agreement for the Sportsplex LED sign.

- 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

A. [ID 19-3572](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of April 2, 2019 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) % ET AL Hollis Musgrove, property in need of DEMOLITION at 1538 Margaret Dr., PPIN 16122, WD 7
- b) Perkins Swistak Inc., property in need of DEMOLITION at 3621 Audubon Drive, PPIN 15012, WD 3
- c) Edith J. Wade, property in need of DEMOLITION at 2007 Ellisville Blvd., PPIN 16199, WD 7
- d) L & E Properties, property in need of DEMOLITION at 2119 Center Ave., PPIN 14883, WD 7
- e) Henriola Weems % Deborah Crosby, property in need of DEMOLITION at 1922 Tulip Dr., PPIN 14185, WD 1
- f) Joe Pierce, property in need of DEMOLITION at 2432 N 1st Ave., PPIN 15252, WD 4

Attachments: [sets for March 5 2019](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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

**President Thaxton recognized Mrs. Miranda Beard of 66 Clairmont Circle. Mrs. Beard came before the Council to express her concerns of the condition of the streets in her neighborhood. She stated that she was concerned about the property values, the safety of the children playing and people rejecting to buy in the area because of the appearance and conditions of the streets. She asked could the funds being used to patch the streets, be used to pave instead.**

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3573](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a Gift of 65 American Flags from Mississippi Chapter 173 of Woodmen Life Insurance Fraternal Society and Authorize Reimbursement for 65 Flag Poles.

Attachments: [ORDAcceptDonationAmericanFlagsWoodmenLifeCo.2019](#)

**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 19-3563](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the proposal of Sample, Hicks, & Associates, Inc., for administrative services related to FY2019-FY2020 Community Development Block Grants.

Attachments: [CDBGGeneralFY2019-FY2020RESApproveAdministrativeServiceSample Hicks](#)

**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

**C.** [ID 19-3564](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the proposal of Neel Schaffer, Inc., for engineering services related to FY2019 and FY2020 Community Development Block Grants.

**Attachments:** [CDBGGeneralFY2019-FY2020RESApproveEngineeringServiceNeelSchaffer](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

**D.** [ID 19-3580](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Administration to hire Phelps Dunbar LLP of Jackson, MS to assist with the updating and revising of The City of Laurel's Personnel Rules and Regulations Handbook.

**Attachments:** [Order - Revising Personnel Handbook](#)  
[City of Laurel- Handbook Review Quote](#)

**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 19-3578](#)

Consider approving the First reading of an Ordinance adding a certain section to the Laurel Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, "Housing and Property Maintenance, *Article I, Division 1, Section 11-15 "Temporary Parking for the Resident Disabled.*

**Attachments:** [amendment to chapt 11 parking for disabled](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Travares Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Ordinance be approved on first 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

**F.** [ID 19-3575](#)

Consider adopting the First reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #1415-2002, #1497-2007, #1527-2008, #1542-2009, #1569-2010, #1583-2011, #1595-2012, #1603-2013, #1616-2014, #1624-2016, #1655-2017, and #1676-2018 from Chapter 25, "Water", of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article IV. "Rates and Charges", Section 25-53: Water Rates.

**Attachments:** [ordinance - water 19](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Ordinance be approved on first 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

**G. [ID 19-3576](#)**

Consider adopting the First reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 675-1973, 1422-2002, 1528-2008, 1541-2009, 1568-2010, 1584-2011, 1594-2012, 1604-2013, 1615-2014, 1635-2016, 1656-2017 AND 1677-2018 from Chapter 20, “Sewers”, of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article 1, “Sewer Connections: Section 20-11: Sewer Rate.

**Attachments:** [ordinance - sewer 19](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, that the Ordinance be approved on first 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

**H. [ID 19-3574](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing removal of a lien from tax assessment against property at 1015 N 2nd Avenue.

**Attachments:** [recind order 1015 N 2nd ave](#)  
[back up 1015N2ND 20190225\\_09183584](#)

**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

**I. [ID 19-3577](#)**

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 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

**J. [ID 19-3582](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Yolanda Powe be allowed to attend the 2019 (MMVCA) Mississippi Mosquito & Vector in Jackson, MS on March 13-14, 2019.

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

**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

**K. [ID 19-3584](#)**

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Administration to enter into an agreement with Granicus to provide Council Meeting software.

**Attachments:** [ORDAuthorizeAgreementGranicus2019](#)  
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementGranicus2019ExhibitA](#)

**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

**L. [ID 19-3585](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution approving first amendment to amended lease agreement for the Sportsplex LED sign.

**Attachments:** [RESApprovingFirstAmendmenttoAmendedLeaseAgreementSportsplex Sign2019](#)  
[RESApprovingFirstAmendmenttoAmendedLeaseAgreementSportsplex Sign2019ExhibitA](#)

**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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**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3579](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

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

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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**