



# City of Laurel

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

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Tuesday, June 18, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

**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

### PRAYER

Councilperson Tony Wheat

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-3730](#) June 4, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 060419](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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 George Carmichael, seconded by Vice President Travares Comegys, that that the agenda be amended as follows.

Delete Agenda Item 3A2., (e) Conduct a public hearing on property in need of cleaning. Jackie Holmes & Nettie Spicer, 1115 Lucas Street.

Add Agenda Item 4L., Resolution granting authority to execute the replacement Memorandum of Understanding of agreement for the Central Avenue Improvements Project.

Add Agenda Item 4M., Order accepting (8) eight gallons of paint from Sherwin Williams for Ward 6 Projects.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### 2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3722](#)

Presentation from Captain John Cochran and Captain Amanda Woods from the 106 Brigade Support Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard.

This Presentation was presented: President Thaxton introduced Captain Amanda Woods from the 106 Brigade Support Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard. Captain Woods apologized for the absence of Captain John Cochran, who had another engagement. Captain Woods came before the Council to make it known that there were stationed in Laurel. She offered contact information and let it be known if they were needed or desired to attend something of importance in Laurel, do not hesitate to make the request known and they would do their best to attend.

**B. [ID 19-3744](#)**

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY19](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

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

**C. [ID 19-3724](#)**

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

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 5548](#)

[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 May 2019. This report can be reviewed in the City Clerk's office.

**3. PUBLIC AGENDA****A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING**

A. [ID 19-3731](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of July 16, 2019 to conduct a public hearing on the following properties to determine whether or not they are in a state of uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community:

- a) Kimberly Smith, property in need of DEMOLITION at 2239 N 2nd Ave, PPIN 11753, WD 4
- b) Charles & Benny Reed, property in need of DEMOLITION at 121 E. Kinston St., PPIN 11386, WD 5
- c) Joanne Welborn, property in need of removal of trash/debri/furniture at 2033 Ellisville Blvd., PPIN 16204, WD 1
- d) Michael Dotson, overgrown property at 55 Oakcrest Dr., PPIN 9344, WD 1
- e) Global Premier Asset Management LLC, overgrown property at 930 S 14th Ave., PPIN 30640, WD 1
- f) Deborah & Bolivar Cherry, overgrown property at 237 Stephens Ave., PPIN 13534, WD 1
- g) Eunice & Robert Velez, overgrown property at 17 Sunset Road, PPIN 29868, WD 1
- h) John Holder, overgrown property at 2119 Center Ave., PPIN 14883, WD 7
- i) Jermaine Newell, overgrown property at 2125 Center Ave., PPIN 14885, WD 7
- j) Tilas Green, overgrown property at Lot E of 2412 Palmer Ave., PPIN 14930, WD 7
- k) Walter Barker, overgrown property at 2108 Palmer Ave., PPIN 14881, WD 7
- l) Pearline Anderson, overgrown property at 1153 Capital St., PPIN 13139, WD 7
- m) Jimmy Young, overgrown property at 1124 Churchton St., PPIN 13060, WD 7
- n) Stacy Holder, overgrown property at 3903 University Ave., PPIN 14992, WD 3
- o) MAS Properties LLC, overgrown property at 608 W 27th St., PPIN 13623, WD 3
- p) Prisock Properties Inc., overgrown property at 1516 N 3rd Ave., PPIN 9690, WD 4
- q) Long Land Investments, overgrown property at Corner Lot 15th St., & 3rd Ave., PPIN 9686, WD 4
- r) Trina Lawrence, overgrown property at 1912 N 3rd Ave., PPIN 10162, WD 4
- s) F & L Rental Properties LLC, overgrown property at 1916 N 3rd Ave., PPIN 10161, WD 4
- t) Cephus Hales, overgrown property at 608 Haddon St., PPIN 10914, WD 4
- u) Megan Hosey, overgrown property at 1908 Martin Luther King Ave., PPIN 9422, WD 4
- v) Judy Steed, overgrown property at 1512 N 4th Ave., PPIN 18850, WD 4
- w) Robert & Ellee Lee, overgrown property at Corner of 14th & 4th Ave., PPIN 11249, WD 4
- x) Natasha Middleton, overgrown property at 1906 N 5th Ave., PPIN 13431, WD 4
- y) Paul Sumrall Jr., overgrown property at 1605 N 5th Ave., PPIN 9667, WD 4
- z) Lanita House, overgrown property at 431 East Oak St., PPIN 11913, WD 5
- aa) John Corriere, overgrown property at 207 Masonite Dr., PPIN 14199, WD 5
- bb) John Corriere, overgrown property at 111 Bay St., PPIN 14205, WD 5
- cc) John Corriere, overgrown property at 118 Bay St., PPIN 14209, WD 5
- dd) Willie Jasper, overgrown property at 316 E 5th St., PPIN 14661, WD 5
- ee) Prisock Properties Inc., overgrown property at 606 Mississippi Ave., PPIN 14030, WD 5
- ff) Sandra Cooley, overgrown property at 803 E 7th St., PPIN 12739, WD 5
- gg) Ernest Wells, overgrown property at 1404 W 12th St., PPIN 10465, WD 6
- hh) Carol Beckman, overgrown property at Corner Lot of N 14th Ave & 3rd Street, PPIN 8930, WD 6

Attachments: [sets for July 16 2019](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson George Carmichael, that the Order to Set Hearings 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 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 19-3734](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2019 in regard to the property at 623 W 27th Street, which is owned by David Merrell Est., 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 3

Attachments: [623 W 27th street](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, 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 19-3735](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2019 in regard to the property at 124 W 19th Street, which is owned by Fredrick Lawrence ET AL, 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 4

**Attachments:** [124 W 19th St](#)

**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

**C. [ID 19-3736](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2019 in regard to the property at 2nd Lot E of 846 E 18th Street, which is owned by Lucille Wright Est., 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 4

**Attachments:** [2nd lot E of 846 E 18th st](#)

**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

**D. [ID 19-3737](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2019 in regard to the property at 904 S 14th Ave., which is owned by Squire Title Service LLC, 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 1

**Attachments:** [904 S 14th Ave](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Capers, 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

**E. [ID 19-3738](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2019 in regard to the property at 1115 Lucas Street, which is owned by Jackie Holmes & Nettie Spicer, 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 Lucas Street](#)

**This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda**

F. [ID 19-3739](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2019 in regard to the property at 2263 Palmer Ave., which is owned by Selvin Cox, 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: [2263 Palmer](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

**This was presented: President Thaxton recognized Elvin Ulmer, Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Ulmer came before the Council to announce that the City of Laurel had received an award from the STMA Certification. He applied for this a few months back and the city was granting the certification for the turf, grass etc. at the Sportsplex. Mr. Ulmer had the plaque present.**

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3666](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting reimbursement monies for basketball goals at Boston Park.

Attachments: [ORDER 2019](#)  
[INVOICE FOR BASKETBALL GOALS AT BOSTON PARK001](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, 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 19-3670](#)

Consider adopting an Order to accept a \$2,500.00 payment from Harrison Metal Masters for 2016 Dixie Youth World Series Corporate Sponsorship.

Attachments: [ORDER 2019](#)

**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

C. [ID 19-3702](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing Elvin Ulmer, Tim Barksdale and Tony Weekley to attend the 2019 Dixie Youth Baseball Majors, "O" Zone, and AAA World Series on August 2 - 8, 2019 in Ruston, LA.

Attachments: [ORDER 2019 DY WORLD SERIES #2](#)  
[DYB 2019 WORLD SERIES](#)

**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

**D. [ID 19-3740](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application to the USDA/Rural Development Agency for the Housing Preservation Grant.

**Attachments:** [USDAHousingPreservationGrant2019](#)  
[USDAHousingPreservationGrant2019.ExhibitA](#)

**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:**

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

**E. [ID 19-3733](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the purchase of a new Garbage Truck from Hol-Mac in the amount of \$175,529.00.

**Attachments:** [Garbage Truck Order](#)  
[INGRAM-06072019075232](#)  
[BURROUGH S-NEW WAY-06072019072621](#)  
[BURROUGHS - PAC MAC-06072019082826](#)  
[TRI STATE-06072019073449](#)  
[2019 Hol Mac-06072019110945](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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 19-3729](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving the request that Melicia Cooper be allowed to attend a training offered by the (MSCASA) Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault on June 25-26, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Flowood, MS.

**Attachments:** [2019 \(MSCASA\) MISSISSIPPI COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Travares 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

**G. [ID 19-3732](#)**

Consider adopting an Order approving meals, and hotel expenses for the Building Inspector, Eric Schrimshire to attend the National Flood Insurance Program in Pearl, MS on June 24-27, 2019.

**Attachments:** [eric travel order](#)  
[travel20190607\\_08281448](#)

**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

**H. [ID 19-3741](#)**

Consider adopting an Order confirming the appointment of Mrs. Peggy Hawkins to the Municipal Election Commission.

**Attachments:** [ORDAppMunicipalElectionCommissionHawkins2019](#)  
[Peggy Hawkins Bio](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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

**I. [ID 19-3728](#)**

Consider adopting an Order recognizing July 5, 2019 as a paid holiday for all full-time City of Laurel employees just as Governor Phil Bryant has proclaimed this date as a legal holiday for state employees.

**Attachments:** [Order approving Paid Holidays July 05, 2019](#)  
[July 5th Holiday\\_0008](#)

**A motion was made by Vice President Travares 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

**J. [ID 19-3743](#)**

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 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 19-3725](#)**

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

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Vera Quan, located at 1831 Congress Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$4493.00  
WD 1
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Joe Eades, located at 1246 Anderson Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$2405.20  
WD 1

**Attachments:** [assessments for june 18 2019](#)  
[BACKUP FOR 61819ASSESS20190604\\_10483388](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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 19-3746](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to execute the replacement Memorandum Of Agreement for the Central Avenue Improvements Project.

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

[107371 - Replacement MOA - Central Avenue Roundabout.pdf](#)

[Executed Document Replacement Memorandum of Understanding-Centr](#)

**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

**M. [ID 19-3747](#)**

Consider adopting an Order accepting (8) eight gallons of paint for projects in Ward 6.

**Attachments:** [ORDER ACCEPTING WARD 6 DONATIONS](#)

**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:**

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

**5. ROUTINE AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3742](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

**Attachments:** [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)

[WARRANT JUNE 18 2019.pdf](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET JUNE 18 2019.pdf](#)

**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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**