



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Vice President Jason Capers, Councilperson Tony Wheat, Council President Tony Thaxton, Councilperson Travares Comegys, Councilperson Stacy Comegys and Councilperson Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - Councilperson George Carmichael

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

PRAYER

Councilman Tony Thaxton

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 19-3799](#) July 2, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 070219](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Travares 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:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3775](#)

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

Attachments: [Cover Letter](#)

[BL Monthly Transaction Report - 9334](#)

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

B. [ID 19-3776](#)

Monthly Report of the Budget Certification.

Attachments: [CERTIFICATION FY19](#)

[SALESTAX 2019](#)

[TOURISMTAX 2019](#)

[REVENUE 2019](#)

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

3. PUBLIC AGENDA**A. PUBLIC HEARING****1. SET PUBLIC HEARING****A. [ID 19-3777](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of August 20, 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 uncleanness so as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.

- a) Susan Parker, overgrown property at 4026 Bullock Ave., PPIN 11810, WD 3
- b) Kale Farms LLC, overgrown property at Lot on W 25th St., PPIN 13742, WD 4
- c) Wu Fu Wua Wang, overgrown property at 1609 Congress St., PPIN 17237, WD 1
- d) Rossie McCormick, overgrown property at 2 Lots on Capitol St., PPIN 13170;13172, WD 7
- e) Barbara Williams, overgrown property at 2 Lots E of 1158 Walley St., PPIN 29756;13300, WD 7
- f) Boaz Tax Properties, overgrown property at 2216 Center Ave., PPIN 14898, WD 7
- g) Long Land Investments, overgrown property at S of 2216 Center Ave., PPIN 14872, WD 7
- h) Joseph Burroughs, overgrown property at 628 S Magnolia St., PPIN 30777, WD 7
- i) Long Land Investments, overgrown property at N of 2219 Center Ave., PPIN 14867, WD 7
- j) Two Landlords LLC, overgrown property at 522 Ellisville Blvd., PPIN 32488, WD 7
- k) Melissa Perrett, overgrown property at 2234 Palmer Ave., PPIN 14874, WD 7
- l) Lizzie Stewart, overgrown property at 2236 Palmer Ave., PPIN 14870, WD 7

Attachments: [set for August 20 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Order to Set Hearing be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the be conduct a public hearing. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

A. [ID 19-3779](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 930 S 14th Ave., which is owned by Global Premier Asset Management 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: [930 S 14TH AVE](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

B. [ID 19-3780](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 2125 Center Ave., which is owned by Jermaine Newell, 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: [2125 Center Ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

C. [ID 19-3781](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 1153 Capital St., which is owned by Pearline Anderson, 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: [1153 Capital St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

D. [ID 19-3782](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at Corner Lot 15th St., & 3rd Ave., which is owned by Long Land Investments, 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: [corner lot 15th st and 3rd ave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

E. [ID 19-3783](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 207 Masonite Dr., which is owned by John Corriere, 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 5

Attachments: [207 Masonite](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

F. [ID 19-3784](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 111 Bay St., which is owned by John Corriere, 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 5

Attachments: [111 Bay st](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

G. [ID 19-3785](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 118 Bay St., which is owned by John Corriere, 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 5

Attachments: [118 Bay st](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

H. [ID 19-3786](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 316 E 5th St., which is owned by Willie Jasper, 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 5

Attachments: [316 E 5th st](#)

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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

I. [ID 19-3787](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 606 Mississippi Ave., which is owned by Prisock Properties Inc., 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 5

Attachments: [606 Mississippi](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Travares Comegys, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

J. [ID 19-3788](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on July 16, 2019 in regard to the property at 803 E 7th St., which is owned by Sandra Cooley, 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 5

Attachments: [803 E 7th st](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

President Thaxton recognized Anthony Hudson, Laurel, MS. Mr. Hudson came before the Council to voice his concerns regarding the proposed annexation of the Pendorff area. He stated he checked the courts documents to see if it was mentioned that the children will be attending the Laurel School District. He also stated that this takes him back to the Windermere Subdivision's annexation where he recalls that Manuel Jones disagreed with the children of this area was not going to attend the Laurel City Schools. Mr. Hudson stated he was waiting to see what the NAACP was going to do about the situation of what he feels is segregation. He stated that the city officials are not trying to help answer any of the concerned situations. He also feels that the news media is not addressing these concerns.

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-3726](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the payment from Laurel Ford Lincoln-Kia for the 2016 Dixie Youth World Series Sponsorship.

Attachments: [ORDER 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Order be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

B. [ID 19-3774](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving Holt & Associates to conduct the audit for FY ending September 30, 2019 and authorizing the Council President to sign the engagement letter.

Attachments: [ORDER accepting Audit and Engagement Letter for Holt & Associates 2019](#)
[Holt & Associates Letter 071619 Executed](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

C. [ID 19-3773](#)

Consider adopting an Order requesting that Laurel Fire Department be allowed to purchase a ARFF truck for aircraft crash and/or oil well fires and authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, to sign the agreement with the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

Attachments: [Council Order Aff vehicle 7-1-2019](#)
[Mississippi Forestry Commission DoDFFP Cooperative Equipment Agreement](#)
[arff1](#)
[arff2](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

D. [ID 19-3789](#)

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

- a) Cleaning of property assessed to Joann Tucker, located at 205 18th Street E, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 4
- b) Cleaning of property assessed to Kevin Watson, located at Lot East of 142 W 18th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$180.00 WD 4
- c) Cleaning of property assessed to Jasmine Keys, located at 2112 N 3rd Ave, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 4
- d) Cleaning of property assessed to Hertherm Keys, located at 114 W 23rd Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$145.00 WD 4
- e) Cleaning of property assessed to Adair Asset Management LLC, located at 114 E 15th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 4
- f) Cleaning of property assessed to Lucille Wright Est., located at West of 835 E 18th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$165.00 WD 4
- g) Cleaning of property assessed to Warren Collins, located at 317 W 17th Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 4

Attachments: [assessments for july 16 2019](#)
[back up july 16 201920190709_15302420](#)

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:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

E. [ID 19-3790](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing application for a Mississippi Home Corporation grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction.

Attachments: [RESMSHomeCorpGrantApplication2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

F. [ID 19-3791](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing publication of Initial Public Hearing Notice for Application to Mississippi Home Corp for Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Homes.

Attachments: [RESMSHomeCorpGrant2019AdInitialPublicHearing](#)
[MSHomeCorpGrant2019PublicHearingNotice.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

G. [ID 19-3792](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing publication of requests for statements of qualifications for a professional grant preparer and grant administrative services for the FY2019 Mississippi Home Corp Grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction.

Attachments: [ResMSHomeCorpGrant2019RequestForQualificationsGrantAdministrativeServices](#)
[MSHomeCorpGrant2019RFPNoticeGrantAdministrativeServices.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

H. [ID 19-3793](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution adopting the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Policy Statement related to the Mississippi Home Corp. Grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction.

Attachments: [RESMSHomeCorpGrant2019MinorityAndWomenBusinessesPolicyStatement](#)
[MSHomeCorpGrant2019MBE-WBEPolicyStatement.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

I. [ID 19-3794](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution adopting an affirmative marketing plan related to the Mississippi Home Corporation Grant for Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction.

Attachments: [RESMSHomeCorpGrant2019AffirmativeMarketingPlan](#)
[MsHomeCorpGrant2019AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

J. [ID 19-3798](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution Directing The Sale And Award Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, Of The City Of Laurel, Mississippi, To Be Dated The Date Of Delivery Thereof, In The Principal Amount Of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)

Attachments: [Laurel MS Go Bond Project \(2019\) \(205874\) - Sales Resolution \(for July 16 2019 Meeting\)ButlerSnow 48365415v2](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares Comegys, seconded by Vice President Jason Capers, that the Resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote the President declared the motion carried by the results as follows:

Yea: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-3778](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT JULY 16 2019.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET JULY 16 2019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson 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: 6 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

EXECUTIVE SESSION