



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

Councilman Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [ID 19-3882](#) August 20, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 082019](#)

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

- B. [ID 19-3896](#) Budget Hearing Minutes 082619

Attachments: [Budget Hearing Minutes FY 2019 Ending 2020](#)
[Budget Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet 082619](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Budget Hearing 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 Stacy Comegys, 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:

- 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 19-3878](#)

Consider adopting an Order to set a date of October 8, 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) Harvey Lang, overgrown property at 624 W 12th St., PPIN 11957, WD 2
- b) Harvey Hull, overgrown property at 1114 Clark St., PPIN 13465, WD 2
- c) Pace Property Investments, overgrown property at N/E Corner of Masonite & Ash, PPIN 14191, WD 5
- d) Empire Investments, overgrown property at 711 Royal St., PPIN 8400, WD 6
- e) Mitchell Asmar, overgrown properties at 100' ROW 14th to 15th Avenue .8 acres, PPIN 34319, WD 2
- 103 Walters Ave., PPIN 11003, WD 5
- Vac Lot ROW between 9th & 8th Ave., PPIN 34320, WD 6
- f) Mae Clark, overgrown property at 911 Tulip Ave., PPIN 14184, WD 1
- g) Parker McCurley, overgrown property at 1519 Woodlawn Dr., PPIN 10255, WD 1
- h) James Wilson-REM: Stephanie Evans, overgrown property at 13 Woodlawn Dr., PPIN 14390, WD 7
- i) MAS Properties, overgrown property at 21 Woodlawn Dr., PPIN 14387, WD 7
- j) L & E Properties, overgrown property at 1134 Capitol St., PPIN 13167, WD 7
- k) Hartfield Corp., overgrown property at 1131 Capitol St., PPIN 13141, WD 7
- l) Ammiedell Andrews Est. % Rudolph Andrews, overgrown property at 503 E 19th St., PPIN 9432, WD 4
- m) M & R Farms of Meridian, overgrown property at 1516 N 3rd Ave., PPIN 9690, WD 4

Attachments: [sets for October 8 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, seconded by Council President Tony Thaxton, 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 Vice President 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 19-3880](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 1223 Simmons St., which is owned by Mychal Jefferson, to determine whether 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 7

Attachments: [1223 Simmons Street](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

B. [ID 19-3881](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 1115 Wilson Ave., which is owned by Parker McCurley, to determine whether 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 7

Attachments: [1115 Wilson Ave](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

C. [ID 19-3884](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 1320 N 5th Ave., which is owned by Kaja Holdings LLC, to determine whether 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 2

Attachments: [1320 N 5TH AVE](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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 19-3885](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on September 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 213 S Pine St., which is owned by USDA Rural Housing Service, to determine whether 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: [213 S Pine St](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, seconded by Councilperson Anthony Page, that the Resolution to Conduct 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

B. CITIZENS HEARING**C. CITIZENS FORUM****4. POLICY AGENDA****A. [ID 19-3895](#)**

Consider adopting a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi (The “City”), approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds of the City, in one or more series, in the principal amount of not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000), in the aggregate, to raise money for the purpose of refinancing all or a portion of the City’s equipment lease purchase agreement No. 001543-1 dated as of August 30, 2017; and for other related purposes as authorized under Mississippi Code Ann. Sections 31-27-1 et seq., or Sections 31-15-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time, including paying for the cost of such borrowing; and for related purposes.

Attachments: [Laurel MS \\$3000000 GO Bonds \(2019\) \(205874\)- REFUNDING BOND](#)

[Laurel GO Refunding Bonds 2019 - City MA \(IRMA\) Disclosure Eng Ltr \(9.3.19\)ButlerSnow 49102596v1](#)

[Laurel MS \\$3000000 GO Ref Bonds \(2019\) \(208682\) - Engagment LetterButlerSnow 49079183v1](#)

[Laurel GO G-17 Disclosure](#)

[Laurel GO IRMA Rep letter](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

B. [ID 19-3886](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing alternate signatures for documents related to implementation of the AmeriCorps program for 2019-2020.

Attachments: [AmeriCorps2019RESAuthorizeAlternateSignatures](#)
[AmeriCorps2019RESAuthorizeAlternateSignatures.ExhibitA](#)
[AmeriCorps2019RESAuthorizeAlternateSignatures.ExhibitB](#)
[Executed Document LAUREL Plays Contractual Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

C. [ID 19-3887](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, to sign an Eighth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Suez Water Environmental Services, Inc. as Amended and Restated.

Attachments: [Resolution-Authorizing Mayor Johnny Magee to Sign an Eighth Amendment with Suez Laurel MS Eight Amendment August 21 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:

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

D. [ID 19-3890](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to advertise for construction of the 2019 Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation CDBG Project.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Stacy 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

E. [ID 19-3888](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the Tax Assessment Rolls from the County.

Attachments: [Order to accept assessment rolls from County DOC082719-08272019084954](#)

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

F. [ID 19-3889](#)

Consider adopting an Order to levy the tax milage for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020.

Attachments: [Order 2020 tax levy adoption DOC082719-08272019085005](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

G. [ID 19-3891](#)

Consider adopting an Order adopting a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

Attachments: [Order - FY2020 budget](#)
[Copy of PUBLISH BUDGET 2020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

H. [ID 19-3897](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving travel expenses for Mayor Johnny Magee and Councilman Tony Wheat to the City Building Exchange in New Orleans, LA, October 9-11, 2019.

Attachments: [ORDTravCityBuildingExchangeNOLA2019](#)
[ORDTravCityBuildingExchangeNOLA2019.EXHIBITA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Travares 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

I. [ID 19-3877](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing purchase of tasers and body cameras from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the Laurel Police Department.

Attachments: [ORDAuthorizeAgreementLPDTaserBodyCamLease2019](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementLPDTaserBodyCamLease2019ExhibitA](#)
[ORDAuthorizeAgreementLPDTaserBodyCamLease2019ExhibitB](#)

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

J. [ID 19-3894](#)

Consider adopting an Order allowing the Laurel Police Department to update inventory of duty handguns.

Attachments: [ORDApproveLPDHandGunTradeIn2019](#)
[ORDApproveLPDHandGunTradeIn2019.ExhibitA](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson George Carmichael, 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 19-3892](#)

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

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Order September 03, 2019](#)
[Budget Amendment List September 03, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

L. [ID 19-3883](#)

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

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to John Corriere, located at 207 Masonite Dr., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$195.00 WD 5
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to John Corriere, located at 118 Bay St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 5
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to John Corriere, located at 111 Bay St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$160.00 WD 5
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Lynx Investments LLC, located at 911 N Joe Wheeler Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$115.00 WD 5
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to Par Land & Timber Investments, located at W of 311 W 24th St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$300.00 WD 4
- F. Cleaning of property assessed to Shamon Woulard, located at 1503 N Meridian Ave. aka Susie B Ruffin, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$245.00 WD 5
- G. Cleaning of property assessed to Long Land Investments Inc., located at Corner Lot at 15th St. & 3rd Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$245.00 WD 4
- H. Cleaning of property assessed to Global Premier Asset Management LLC, located at 930 S 14th Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$665.00 WD 1
- I. Cleaning of property assessed to Boliva & Deborah Cherry, located at 237 Stephens Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$155.00 WD 1
- J. Cleaning of property assessed to Ben & Sandra Council, located at 7 Pine Lake Dr., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$195.00 WD 1
- K. Cleaning of property assessed to Oak Field LLC, located at lot E of 1219 Simmons St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$135.00 WD 7
- L. Cleaning of property assessed to Jermaine Newell, located at 2125 Center Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$235.00 WD 7
- M. Cleaning of property assessed to Pearline Anderson, located at 1153 Capitol St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$195.00 WD 7
- N. Cleaning of property assessed to L & E Properties LLC % John Holder, located at 2119 Center Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$330.00 WD 7
- O. ASBESTOS TESTING ONLY of property assessed to Empire Investments 3 LLC, located at 711 Royal St., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$222.00 WD 6

Attachments: [ASSESSMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 3
backup assessment 09031920190822_13390773](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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: 7 - Jason Capers, Tony Wheat, Tony Thaxton, George Carmichael, Travares Comegys, Stacy Comegys and Anthony Page

M. [ID 19-3898](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions. (amendment #3).

Attachments: [order authorizing mayor to sign 9-2019
MS STATE RENTAL AGREEMENT \(NEW\) FEB 2017
CIT NOA](#)

A motion was made by Vice President 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

5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-3879](#)**

Consider adopting an Order to ratify approval of the notice of September 12, 2019 Zoning public hearing.

Attachments: [PHZ0919](#)

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

B. [ID 19-3893](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

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

[WARRANT SEPTEMBER 03 2019.pdf](#)

[CLAIMS DOCKET SEPTEMBER 03 2019.pdf](#)

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:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION