



City of Laurel

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

5:30 PM

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: 2 - Mayor Johnny Magee and City Council Clerk Sharon King

Staff Absent: 1 - City Attorney Deidra Bassi

PRAYER

Councilperson Jason Capers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. [ID 19-4033](#) November 19, 2019

Attachments: [CoL Minutes of 111919](#)

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: 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 Anthony Page, that the Agenda be amended as follows:

Delete Agenda Item 3A2 (b)., Conduct a public hearing on property in need of cleaning; Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, 111 W. 16th Street.

Delete Agenda Item 4C., Consider adopting an Order accepting the bid on the Gibson's Building demolition.

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

2. PRESENTATION AGENDA

3. PUBLIC AGENDA

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SET PUBLIC HEARING

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilperson Anthony Page, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Comegys, 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 19-4027](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 725 Poplar Drive, which is owned by Royaleen Robinson % Brent Robinson, 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: [725 Poplar drive](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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

B. [ID 19-4028](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 111 W 16th Street, which is owned by Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, 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: [111 W 16th Street](#)

This Resolution to Conduct Hearing was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

C. [ID 19-4029](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 1830 N 1st Avenue, which is owned by Protax 04 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 4

Attachments: [1830 N 1ST AVE](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

D. [ID 19-4030](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2019 in regard to the property at 2009 N 5th Avenue, which is owned by JMD TAX 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 4

Attachments: [2009 N 5th Ave](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

B. CITIZENS HEARING

C. CITIZENS FORUM

President Thaxton recognized Rashawn McClendon, a member of the Spriggs Football League.
Mr. McClendon came before the Council to address issues within the league members. He stated that the money is being mishandled and also the kids need to have their uniforms and equipment updated.
President Thaxton and Councilman Tony Wheat, Budget Chair, stated to them that the Council has no authority to handle any issues within their league. They recommended that Mr. McClendon make an appointment with the Administration.

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4. POLICY AGENDA

A. [ID 19-4040](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the quote from Trustmark National Bank for the financing of a garbage truck and knuckleboom for the Sanitation Department.

Attachments: [Order - financing garbage truck 2019](#)

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

Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

B. [ID 19-4039](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution granting authority to award construction of the 2019 CDBG Water Tank Rehabilitation Project - Phase 1.

Attachments: [Resolution to Award Phase 1](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tony Wheat, 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

C. [ID 19-4034](#)

Consider adopting an Order accepting the bid on the Gibson Building demolition.

Attachments: [gibson demo order to accept bid 12-19](#)
[GIBSON DEMO BIDS](#)

This Order was deleted during Confirmation of Agenda

D. [ID 19-4035](#)

Consider adopting an Order authorizing Administration to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of city owned surplus properties located at 3 Marathon Drive.

Attachments: [order to advertise bid surplus property 3 Marathon Dr.](#)
[Surplus property bid form Marathon12-2019](#)
[NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY Marathon 12-19](#)

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:

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E. [ID 19-4032](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an application/acceptance to the Department of the Interior National Park Service for a grant to Historic Underrepresented Communities in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Attachments: [historic grant 50000 2019](#)
[historic grant20191122_08262510](#)

A motion was made by Vice President Jason Capers, 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

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F. [ID 19-4038](#)

Consider adopting an Order approving the travel the City Clerk, Mary Ann Hess to the annual valuation meeting of the Municipal Retirement System (PERS).

Attachments: [ORDER - Travel PERS](#)

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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G. [ID 19-4036](#)

Consider adopting an Order to approve certain budget amendments to FY 2020 budget.

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

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H. [ID 19-4037](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve Annual Bids effective January 01, 2020 - December 31, 2020 and Semi Annual Bids effective January 01, 2020 - June 30, 2020.

Attachments: [Resolution Annual & Semi Annual](#)
[Annual & Semi Annual Bids 2020 Tabulations](#)

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I. [ID 19-4026](#)

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

- A. DEMOLITION of property assessed to Joe Pierce, located at 2432 N 1st Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$7042.10 WD 4
- B. Cleaning of property assessed to Tasha L. Brown, located at 623 E Kingston Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 185.00 WD 5
- C. Cleaning of property assessed to Lynx Investments LLC, located at 911 North Joe Wheeler Ave., Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 185.00 WD 5
- D. Cleaning of property assessed to Stratford Investments LLC, located at 518 Monroe Street, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 205.00 WD 6
- E. Cleaning of property assessed to David Ransfer, located at S of 604 Sandy T. Gavin, Total Cost including \$75 administrative fee \$ 205.00 WD 6

Attachments: [ASSESSMENT FOR DECEMBER 3 2019](#)
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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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5. ROUTINE AGENDA**A. [ID 19-4031](#)**

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

Attachments: [PHZ1119](#)

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:

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Absent: 1 - George Carmichael

B. [ID 19-4041](#)

Consider adopting a Resolution to approve the claims docket.

Attachments: [CLAIMS DOCKET RESOLUTION ONLY.docx](#)
[WARRANT DECEMBER 03 2019.pdf](#)
[CLAIMS DOCKET DECEMBER 03 2019.pdf](#)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION