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WORK SESSION

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

6:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

The work session convened via Zoom at approximately 6:00 pm with Council President Kyla Clark presiding. Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson, Councilman James Kole, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor were present. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

The following staff members were also present: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator, Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk, Ana R. Navarro, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Chief Russell Hamill, LPD, Tim Miller, Director, Department of Public Works, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, Danny Selby, Director, Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services, Chrissy Cornwell, Director, Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management, Monta L. Burrough, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, Joyce Jackson, Deputy Director, Department of Communications, Lisa Woods, Deputy Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, Sam Braden, Deputy Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, and Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor.

Agenda Item No. 2 was a Bid Recommendation for First Street Improvements, Department of Public Works. Director Tim Miller, Department of Public Works presented the item recommending that it be awarded to SFMS, LLC., in the amount of \$61,000.00. The Council agreed to hear the item at the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item No. 3 was a Sole Source Purchase for the Ongoing Replacement of Existing Metal Halide/High-Pressure Sodium Street Lighting and Conversion to 150w LED Fixture Heads. Director Tim Miller, Department of Public Works presented the purchase request and recommended it be awarded to BGE, an Exelon Company, for a total of \$165,989.00. The Council agreed to consider the purchase at the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.

Next, Agenda Item No. 4 was a Bid Recommendation for Lafayette Avenue Improvements. Director Tim Miller, Department of Public Works presented the bid recommending it be awarded to VMP Construction Company in the amount of \$72,500.00. The Council agreed to consider the bid at the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5 was the extension of On-Call Engineering Service Contracts. Director Tim Miller, Department of Public Works presented the recommendation to extend the following contracts through July 1, 2025:

- EBA Engineering, Inc.
6100 Chevy Chase Drive Suite 200
Laurel, Maryland 20707
- Century Engineering, A Kleinfelder Company
10710 Gilroy Road
Hunt Valley, Maryland 21301
- KCI Technologies, Inc.
11830 West Market Place Suite F
Fulton, Maryland 20759

The Council agreed to hear the item at the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

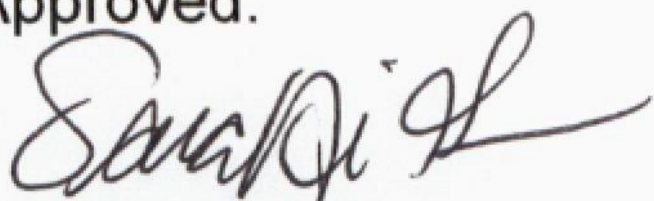
Agenda Item No. 6 was Resolution No. 5-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Creating the Master Plan Review Committee and Providing an Effective Date. Director Monta Burrough, Department of Economic and Community Development presented the proposed Resolution. The Council agreed to hold the First Public Hearing on the resolution at the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.

Next, Agenda Item No. 7 was Resolution No. 6-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Declaring a Temporary Moratorium Regarding the Processing of Zoning Matters within the City of Laurel, Maryland. Director Monta Burrough, Department of Economic and Community Development presented the proposed Resolution. The Council agreed to hold the First Public Hearing on the resolution at the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8 was Ordinance No. 2033- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the City of Laurel Police Retirement Plan to Extend the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and Providing an Effective Date. Director S. Michele Saylor, Department of Budget and Personnel Services provided a summary overview of the City's employee retirement and DROP program. Deputy Director, Lisa Woods, Department of Budget and Personnel Services presented Ordinance No. 2033 and 2034. Ordinance 2034 was An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the City of Laurel Employees' Retirement Plan to Extend the Deferred Retirement Option Plan and Providing an Effective Date. The Council agreed to hold the First Public Hearing on both ordinances at the December 9, 2024 regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.

Approved:



Date:

December 9, 2024

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Mayor and City Council Work Session

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Agenda

Virtual Meeting

Watch the meeting on Laurel TV streaming live in your web browser at <https://laurelvtv.org/watch-live> or locally Laurel TV can be found on Comcast Channel 996 (HD), 71 (SD) or Verizon FiOS Channel 12.

1. Call to Order – Kyla Clark, President
2. Bid Recommendation- First Street Improvements- Department of Public Works
3. Sole Source Purchase Recommendation- Ongoing City-wide Replacement of Existing Street Lighting Project- Department of Public Works
4. Bid Recommendation- Lafayette Avenue Improvements- Department of Public Works
5. Architectural and Engineering Firms Contract Continuation Recommendation- Department of Public Works
6. Resolution No. 5-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Creating the Master Plan Review Committee and Providing an Effective Date
7. Resolution No. 6-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Declaring a Temporary Moratorium Regarding the Processing of Zoning Matters within the City of Laurel, Maryland and Providing an Effective Date
8. Ordinance No. 2033- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the City of Laurel Police Retirement Plan to Extend the Deferred Retirement Option Plan.
9. Ordinance No. 2034- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the City of Laurel Employees Retirement Plan to Extend the Deferred Retirement Option Plan.
10. Adjournment

Mayor and City Council Attendance Record

Work Session

December 4, 2024 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Meeting Ended: 7:10 pm

Members of the Public: 0

☒ Christian L Pulley ☒ Joanne Barr ☒ Ana Navarro ☒ Bill Bailey ☒ Chrissy Cornwell ☒ Natalie Williams
☒ James Cornwell-Shiel ☒ Tim Miller ☒ Chief Russell Hamill ☒ S. Michele Saylor ☒ Danny Selby
☒ Stephanie Anderson ☒ Mark Plazinski ☒ Monta Burrough

Roll Call

☒ Councilman Simmons ☒ Councilwoman Johnson ☒ Councilman Mills
☒ Councilman Kole ☒ President Clark ☒ Mayor Sydnor



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November 14, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith Sydnor
 Council President James Kole
 Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JHB*
 From: Tim Miller, Director of Public Works
 Subject: Bid Recommendation - First Street Improvements

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for Construction Project LA 25-002, First Street Improvements.

Project Scope

This project includes the two-inch (2") milling and overlay, repair of concrete sidewalk, curb cut outfall swale, riprap, and concrete curbing, at First Street in the City of Laurel, Maryland.

Bid Results

At a sealed bid opening at 10:00 AM, on October 16, 2024, the City received a total of ten (10) bids for this project. The bids received ranging from lowest to highest are as follows as were read aloud:

1.	SFMS, LLC	\$55,458.30
2.	Calvert Ready Mix	\$58,166.90
3.	Chamberlain Contractors	\$68,360.00
4.	VMP Construction Co.	\$69,945.00
5.	Espina Paving, Inc.	\$70,774.00
6.	Alcoa Concrete & Masonry, Inc.	\$72,450.00
7.	Arthur Construction Co., Inc.	\$75,302.50
8.	E & R Services, Inc.	\$76,839.00
9.	Ross Contracting, Inc.	\$86,944.50
10.	Francis O. Day Co. Inc.	\$107,219.00

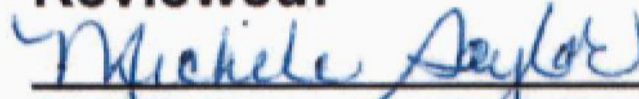
Funding

Funding for this project is provided for in the Adopted FY 2025 CIP - First Street Improvement Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the contract for this project be awarded to SFMS, LLC, a Certified Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and Small Business Enterprise (SBE), from Gaithersburg, Maryland, for their bid of \$55,458.30, with an additional contingency of \$5,541.70, for a total of \$61,000.00. SFMS, LLC. has previously completed projects for the City.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Timothy Miller, Director at 301-725-0088, extension 3206.

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor, Director

Department of Budget and Personnel Services

11/19/2024

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



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November 4, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President James Kole
Laurel City Councilmembers

THRU: Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator

FROM: Timothy Miller, Deputy Director, Public Works

SUBJ: Sole Source Purchase
Ongoing Replacement of Existing Metal Halide/High-Pressure Sodium
Street Lighting and conversion to 150w LED fixture heads.

This is to request the sole source purchase approval for the removal of 187 High Pressure Sodium pendant fixtures in the vicinity of the Villages of Wellington Development, Old Sandy Spring Road, Saratoga Avenue, Shannon Avenue and others. The 187 fixtures will be replaced with 100w and 150w LED Pendant and Colonial Fixtures total. Mapping of the exact fixtures in the scope of work are attached.

This is an ongoing project by the City of Laurel Department of Public works, reducing the number of High-Pressure Sodium and Metal Halide streetlights in the city, which consume more 4 times the energy and may only last 2 to 5 years with longer lasting (25 year expected life) 100w/150w LED fixtures.

The work will be performed by BGE's Division for Outdoor Lighting, BGE is the Public Utility Services provider for gas and electric services for the entire City of Laurel.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mayor and the City Council of Laurel approve this purchase from BGE, an Excelon Company, **for a total of** (Phase I \$95,310.00 and Phase II \$70,679.00) **\$165,989.00** for improvement of energy savings and sustainability at these locations.

Funding:

Funding for this project is provided through the FY 2025 CIP – Street Lighting and a \$25,650.00 Enclosure Grant from the Maryland Energy Administration.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Tim Miller, Director, at (301) 725-0088, extension 3206.

Reviewed for funding:

Michele Saylor

**S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services**

11/19/2024

Date

Enclosure:

BGE Phase I & II Pricing
BGE Lighting Map of the area of fixture replacement
MEA Streetlight and Outdoor Lighting Efficiency FY 24 Grant Program Agreement

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



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November 14, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith Sydnor
 Council President James Kole
 Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JHB*

From: Tim Miller, Director of Public Works

Subject: Bid Recommendation - Lafayette Avenue Improvements

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for Construction Project LA 25-004, Lafayette Avenue Improvements.

Project Scope

This project includes the two-inch (2") milling and overlay, replacement of thermoplastic stop bars, crosswalk and bike-lane symbols, on Lafayette Avenue in the City of Laurel, Maryland.

Bid Results

At a sealed bid opening at 10:00 AM, on October 16, 2024, the City received a total of ten (10) bids for this project. The bids received ranging from lowest to highest are as follows as were read aloud:

1.	VMP Construction Co.	\$65,940.00* MBE
2.	Calvert Ready Mix	\$65,505.00** Non-MBE
3.	SFMS, LLC	\$67,675.00
4.	E & R Services, Inc.	\$74,630.00
5.	Chamberlain Contracting, LLC	\$79,095.00
6.	Alcoa Concrete & Masonry	\$81,650.00
7.	Ross Contracting, Inc.	\$94,411.00
8.	Francis O. Day, Inc.	\$96,498.00
9.	Espina Paving, Inc.	\$98,575.00
10.	Arthur Construction Co. Inc.	\$99,037.50

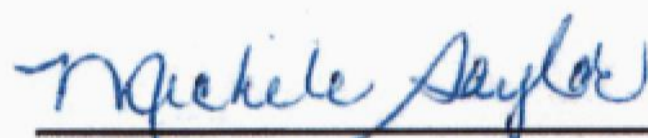
Funding

Funding for this project is provided in the Adopted FY 2025 CIP - Lafayette Avenue Improvement Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the contract for this project be awarded to VMP Construction Company, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and Small Business Enterprise (SBE), from Lanham, MD, 20706, for their bid of \$65,940.00, with an additional contingency of \$6,560.00, for a total of \$72,500.00. VMP. has previously completed projects for the City.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Timothy Miller, Director at 301-725-0088, extension 3206.

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services

11/19/2024

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



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November 18, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JHB*
FROM: Timothy Miller, Deputy Director, Public Works THM
SUBJ: On-Call Engineering Services

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval to extend the current, On-Call Engineering Contracts with the three firms listed below through July 1, 2025:

EBA Engineering, Inc.
6100 Chevy Chase Drive, Suite #200
Laurel, MD. 20707

Century Engineering, A Kleinfelder Company
10710 Gilroy Road
Hunt Valley, MD. 21031

KCI Technologies, Inc.
11830 West Market Place, Suite F
Fulton, MD. 20759

The continuance of these On-Call Contracts is critical to expending the remainder of the ARPA Funds, completing the FY2025 Capital Improvement Projects and utilizing firms already knowledgeable of City contracts and the City's methodology in designing, bidding and administering these projects. Having firms already knowledgeable in the City's processes will help ensure the completion of the remaining CIP Projects for FY2025.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the current On-Call Engineering firms be retained at their current rates and subject to the terms of conditions as described in their AIA Document B102-2017, Standard form of Agreement between Owner and Architect, as executed by the City and these firms back in November and December 2020.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Timothy Miller, Director at (301) 725-0088, extension 3206.

Cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2024

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND CREATING THE MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel is required per State law to review and update the City's Master Plan (Plan) at least once every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee to assist the City's Department of Economic and Community Development to ensure that the Plan addresses the City's vision for future development and economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Maryland, that a Master Plan Review Committee be and hereby is created, with duties as follows:

1. **Name.** The name of the Committee shall be the City of Laurel Master Plan Review Committee.
2. **Purpose and duties.** The Committee shall review the City's current Master Plan, including all of its elements, and make recommendations for revisions to the Plan.
3. **Membership.** The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members, at least seven (7) of which shall be City residents, one (1) shall be a City of Laurel Business Owner (irrespective of residency), and one (1) shall be a Public Safety/Emergency Management professional (irrespective of residency). One (1) non-voting member shall be a subject matter expert from the Laurel Police Department.

Requirements for Membership:

- a. Each member shall have an expressed interest in developing a vision for the future development in and growth of the City of Laurel.
- b. Each member shall be appointed and confirmed by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor shall appoint a Chairperson for the Committee.
- c. The Community Development Coordinator from the Department of Economic and Community Development shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee and shall keep records of Committee meetings. Meetings shall

be held at least monthly and shall be scheduled by the Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND DECLARING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF ZONING MATTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, Md. Land Use Code Ann., §3-301 "Plan revision" requires that at least once every 10 years, each planning commission review the comprehensive plan and, if necessary, revise or amend the comprehensive plan to include all of (1) the elements required under Subtitle 1, Title 3, Division I of the Land Use Article and (2) the visions outline in §1-201 of the Land Use Article; and

WHEREAS, Md. Land Use Code Ann., §3-303 "Periodic review; implementation," subsection (a) requires that at least once every 10 years a local jurisdiction, such as the City, ensure the implementation of the visions, the development regulations element, and the sensitive areas element of its master plan; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Master Plan in 1989 that was amended in 1997, eight years later; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2007, ten years later, adopted a Comprehensive Amendment to the City's Master Plan (See Ordinance No. 1572); and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2009, the City amended its Master Plan (See Ordinance No. 1647); and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2016, the City amended its most recent Master Plan (See Ordinance No. 1873); and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that it may take up to eighteen (18) months to conduct requisite reviews by City Staff, Planning Commission, and the City Council that will result in a revision of the City's Master Plan and a Comprehensive Rezoning Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the requirements of Md. Land Use Code Ann., §3-301 and §3-303, that the City review its master plans and enact necessary amendments before July 26, 2026, the City must now embark on the process of preparing a new Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that public hearings upon the proposed revisions will be held during 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that it would be prudent to place a reasonable moratorium upon the processing of zoning requests, special exception requests, and text amendments during the pendency and review of the new Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning Plan, and that said moratorium should thus begin on January 2, 2025 through October 31, 2025, a period of approximately ten (10) months from the adoption of the revised Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that said moratorium will allow the City an adequate period of time to complete its review and revision of the Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning Plan without requiring the review of and action upon zoning requests, special exception requests and text amendments, which could be in conflict with possible revisions to the City's Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning of the City; and

WHEREAS, said moratorium provides a reasonable balance between the rights of property owners and the statutory mandate to timely revise the Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is not intended to affect or include subdivision of properties in their current zone; site and landscape approvals of properties in their current zone; the issuance of permits for property in their current zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that a moratorium on the acceptance and processing of zoning requests, special exception requests and text amendments be and hereby is imposed from January 2, 2025 through October 31, 2025, until the adoption of the new Master Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning Plan.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED:

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2033

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMMEND THE CITY OF LAUREL POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN TO EXTEND THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland adopted Ordinance No. 1950 on November 25, 2019 that amended the City of Laurel Police Retirement Plan and extended the Deferred Retirement Option Plan to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland wishes to extend the availability of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP") effective as of January 1, 2025, for new DROP participants and postpone the expiration date of the DROP from December 31, 2024 until December 31, 2029; as set forth herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that The City of Laurel Employees Retirement Plan as amended and restated July 1, 2013 (the "Plan") be, and is hereby amended by the Sixth Amendment set forth in Attachment "A" hereto, which attachment is hereby adopted and approved, and is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY OF LAUREL POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN, AS
AMENDED AND RESTATED**

(EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013)

Pursuant to the rights reserved in Section 10.1 of The City of Laurel Police Retirement Plan, as Amended and Restated, effective July 1, 2013, the Plan is hereby amended effective as of January 1, 2025, to extend the availability of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP") for new DROP participants and postpone the expiration date of the DROP from December 31, 2024 until December 31, 2029. The changes in this Sixth Amendment are effective January 1, 2025.

1. Section 5.8 is revised to add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph therein:
 - Effective January 1, 2025, the DROP participation period will be extended until December 31, 2029.
2. Section 5.8(b)(1)(B) is deleted and replaced with the following:
 - Effective on and after January 1, 2025, the effective date of the commencement of the DROP participation period will be the 1st day of any month starting with January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029 which is on or after the date the requirements of Section 5.8(a) have been satisfied;
3. Section 5.8(c)(1)(D) is amended by the addition of the following language to the end thereof:
 - Effective January 1, 2025, the DROP participation period commencement date must be no later than December 1, 2029.
4. Section 5.8(c)(2) is amended by the addition of the following language to the end thereof:
 - Effective on and after January 1, 2025, Participants can elect to commence participation in the DROP effective as of January 1, 2025 or the first day of any month through December 31, 2029. No new Participants will be added to the DROP after December 31, 2029. However, individuals who are Participants in the DROP by December 31, 2029 will be permitted to remain in the DROP until the expiration of their DROP participation period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Sixth Amendment has been executed this ____ day of November, 2024.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
(A Municipal Corporation of the State of Maryland)

By: _____



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMMEND THE CITY OF LAUREL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN TO EXTEND THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland adopted Ordinance No. 1950 on November 25, 2019 that amended the City of Laurel Employees Retirement Plan and extended the Deferred Retirement Option Plan to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland wishes to extend the availability of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP") effective as of January 1, 2025, for new DROP participants and postpone the expiration date of the DROP from December 31, 2024 until December 31, 2029; as set forth herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that The City of Laurel Employees Retirement Plan as amended and restated July 1, 2013 (the "Plan") be, and is hereby amended by the Eighth Amendment set forth in Attachment "A" hereto, which attachment is hereby adopted and approved, and is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference

AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

**EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY OF LAUREL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN, AS
AMENDED AND RESTATED**

(EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013)

Pursuant to the rights reserved in Section 10.1 of The City of Laurel Employee Retirement Plan, as Amended and Restated, effective July 1, 2013, the Plan is hereby amended effective as of January 1, 2025, to extend the availability of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP") for new DROP participants and postpone the expiration date of the DROP from December 31, 2024 until December 31, 2029. The changes in this Eighth Amendment are effective January 1, 2025.

1. Section 5.8 is revised to add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph therein:
 - Effective January 1, 2025, the DROP participation period will be extended until December 31, 2029.
2. Section 5.8(b)(1)(B) is deleted and replaced with the following:
 - Effective on and after January 1, 2025, the effective date of the commencement of the DROP participation period will be the 1st day of any month starting with January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029 which is on or after the date the requirements of Section 5.8(a) have been satisfied;
3. Section 5.8(c)(1)(D) is amended by the addition of the following language to the end thereof:
 - Effective January 1, 2025, the DROP participation period commencement date must be no later than December 1, 2029.
4. Section 5.8(c)(2) is amended by the addition of the following language to the end thereof:
 - Effective on and after January 1, 2025, Participants can elect to commence participation in the DROP effective as of January 1, 2025 or the first day of any month through December 31, 2029. No new Participants will be added to the DROP after December 31, 2029. However, individuals who are Participants in the DROP by December 31, 2029 will be permitted to remain in the DROP until the expiration of their DROP participation period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Eighth Amendment has been executed this ____ day of November, 2024.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
(A Municipal Corporation of the State of Maryland)

By: _____

Underlining indicates new language added.

Strikethroughs indicate language deleted.

* * * Asterisks indicate intervening language and section unchanged.