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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

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**BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
5:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The budget work session convened via Zoom at approximately 5:00 pm with Council President Kyla M. Clark presiding. Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson, Councilman James Kole, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons, and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor were present. Councilman Jeffrey Mills was initially not present but was unknowingly in the virtual waiting room sometime after 5:00 pm. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

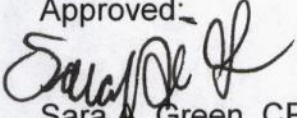
The following staff members were also present: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator, Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Monta L. Burrough, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, Chrissy Cornwell, Director, Department of Emergency Management, Chief Russell E. Hamill, III, LPD, Tommy Helms, Acting Director, Department of Public Works, Marchelle LeBlanc, Director, Department of Human Services, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology, Natalie Williams, Director, Department of Communications, Deputy Chief Mark Plazinski, and Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Ordinance No. 2041- An Ordinance Adopting the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to Levy Property Taxes; and to Authorize the Collection of Such Taxes. President Clark noted that there had been adjustments made to the proposed FY2026 budget by Mayor Sydnor following the May 7, 2025 budget work session. Director S. Michele Saylor, Department of Budget and Personnel Services provided an overview of the changes that Mayor Sydnor had made to the proposed budget following comments and concerns received from the City Council particularly concerning the advertisement funding for the Laurel Independent Newspaper which he increased from the previously proposed amount of \$24,000 to \$50,512. Additionally, slight adjustments to increase two of the Council accounts were made. The Councilmembers thanked Mayor Sydnor for

listening to their concerns and increasing the amount of advertising funding for the Laurel Independent. The Council agreed to move the item forward to the May 12, 2025 regular meeting at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Date:

May 28, 2025

Mayor and City Council Attendance Record

Budget Work Session

May 12, 2025 5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 5:00pm

Meeting Ended: 5:15pm Members of the Public: 2

✓ Christian L Pulley ✓ Bill Bailey ✓ Monta Burrough ✓ Chrissy Cornwell ✓ Chief Russell Hamill
✓ James Cornwell-Shiel ✓ Marchelle LeBlanc ✓ Tim Miller ✓ S. Michele Saylor ✓ Danny Selby
✓ Natalie Williams ✓ Stephanie Anderson ✓ Mark Plazinski

Mayor and Councilmembers Attendance

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

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Note earlier time

Agenda

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3. Adjournment



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

Item 2.

ORDINANCE NO. 2041 (MAY 12, 2025)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND TO LEVY PROPERTY TAXES; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES

Sponsored by the City Council President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor has presented the City Council with his proposed budget, and

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4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	487,474
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**PROPOSED
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301 - POLICE	14,176,939
320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV	903,149
325 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	711,345
326 - HUMAN SERVICES-CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER-PRGMS	521,550
401 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN	724,913
410 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE	1,214,348

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415 - WASTE COLLECTION	1,358,292
420 - RECYCLING	587,391
425 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS MAINT	1,144,792
430 - SNOW REMOVAL	186,155
435 - STREET LIGHTING	278,970
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654 - PROPERTY INSURANCE	625,764
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<u>FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</u> <u>FUNDING REAUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>RE-AUTHORIZATION</u> <u>BALANCE</u>
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS	163,477
FACILITY SURVEYS	7,560
FLEET EQUIPMENT	3,102,764
HAZARD MITIGATION	3,942,663
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	1,676,417
LPD LEASED VEHICLES	854,796
LPD TECHNOLOGY	760,000

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MASTER PLAN UPDATE	25,000
RECORD ARCHIVING-DIGITAL PROCESSING	1,139
RIVER MONITORING FLOOD ALERT SYSTEM	12,038
TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECT REAUTH	\$10,942,597

CITY HVAC SYSTEMS	\$2,465,000
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/MEETING ROOM 4 EQUIPMENT	7,690
ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS	117,568
FACILITY SECURITY IMPROVEMENT	25,418
CRAIG A. MOE - LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER	777,434
SWIMMING POOLS IMPROVEMENTS	15,813
MAJOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE	671,470
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY	125,671
7701 SANDY SPRING RD	147,898
TOTAL FACILITY PROJECT REAUTH	\$4,353,962

DAM RUINS	1,200,000
MEMORIALS	\$28,097
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RIVERFRONT PARK EXTENSION	304,306
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BOWIE ROAD/CSX PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS	28,841
BRIDGE REPAIRS	75,037
CARRIAGE HILL DRIVE	257,507
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CHERRY LANE IMPROVEMENTS	29,598
CITY-WIDE SIDEWALK PLACEMENT	37,474
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CYPRESS STREET IMPROVEMENTS	67,352
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EIGHTH STREET	314,930
EMERGENCY REPAIRS	71,300
FIRST STREET	179,745
INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY REPAIRS	24,617
LAFAYETTE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS	31,622
LAUREL BIKEWAY	18,890
MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS	124,265

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TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION	99,711
VAN DUSEN DAM MAINTENANCE	50,645
VAN DUSEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	2,706,156
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT REAUTH	\$5,054,477

TOTAL REAUTHORIZED FUNDS	\$22,173,034
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NEW CIP FUNDING

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$598,499
LPD VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS	280,757
MAJOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE	170,000
ANDERSON'S CORNER PARK PROJECT	150,000
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS	83,582
SIDEWALKS	125,000
CURB & GUTTER	25,000
NEW SIDEWALK PLACEMENT	75,000
SNOWDEN PLACE	134,000
STAGGERS RD	128,000
WARD ST	196,000
NORTHVIEW COURT	74,000
VAN DUSEN RD (PT.1)	400,000
VAN DUSEN DAM	140,000
TOTAL NEW CIP FUNDING	\$2,579,838

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the taxes are hereby levied, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the rate of **\$.71** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessable real property at 100% full cash value, within the limits of the City of Laurel.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the taxes are hereby levied, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the rate of an additional **\$.03** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessable real property at 100% full cash value, within the limits of the City of Laurel Special Taxing Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five, and that a portion of those funds will be distributed to the local public transit provider and the remainder, if any, will be used in accordance with State law for infrastructure improvements within the districts.

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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, that the Director of Budget and Personnel Services of the City of Laurel is hereby authorized and directed to collect the taxes herein levied by this Ordinance.

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
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KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
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STAGGERS RD	128,000
WARD ST	196,000
NORTHVIEW COURT	74,000
VAN DUSEN RD (PT.1)	400,000
VAN DUSEN DAM	140,000
TOTAL NEW CIP FUNDING	\$2,576,256

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the taxes are hereby levied, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the rate of **\$.71** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessable real property at 100% full cash value, within the limits of the City of Laurel.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the taxes are hereby levied, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the rate of an additional **\$.03** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessable real property at 100% full cash value, within the limits of the City of Laurel Special Taxing Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five, and that a portion of those funds will be distributed to the local public transit provider and the remainder, if any, will be used in accordance with State law for infrastructure improvements within the districts.

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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, that the taxes are hereby levied, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the rate of \$1.69 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessable personal and mixed property within the limits of the City of Laurel.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, that the Director of Budget and Personnel Services of the City of Laurel is hereby authorized and directed to collect the taxes herein levied by this Ordinance.

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

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