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**TWENTY-FIRST MEETING
SPECIAL
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The special meeting convened virtually via Zoom at approximately 6:00 pm with Council President James Kole presiding. Councilwoman Kyla Clark, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons, and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor were present. Absent were: Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson. 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, James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology, Danny Selby, Director, Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services, T'Amani Hamlett, Chief Building Official, Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services, Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor, and Lawrence N. Taub, Esquire, O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, P.A., Legal Counsel for the City of Laurel.

Agenda Item No. 3 was approval of Minutes from the October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting and the November 4, 2024 Work Session. Councilwoman Clark made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Councilman Mills seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Possible Adjournment to Closed Session Under the Open Meetings Act Provisions Section 3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding Property Standards and Section 3-305 (b) (13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular matter or proceeding or matter. Councilman Mills made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session that was seconded by Councilwoman Clark. Councilman Simmons and President Kole voted "Yes" in favor of the motion. President Kole read the following statement into the record prior to adjourning to Closed Session:

"November 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm

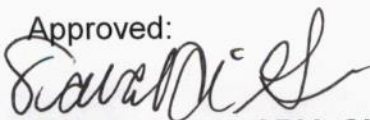
The following statement is made regarding the adjournment of the Mayor and City Council to Closed Session on this date:

This Special Meeting will be closed. The Authority for this Closed Session is contained in the Open Meetings Act General Provisions Section 3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding Property Standards and Section 3-305 (b) (13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular matter or proceeding or matter." See signed statement attached to minutes and labeled as "*Attachment A-November 13, 2024 Special Mayor and City Council of Laurel Meeting Minutes.*" James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology stayed on the Zoom Meeting to keep the Regular Session open to the public.

The following people left the Zoom Meeting and entered a separate Microsoft Teams Meeting for the Closed Session at approximately 6:05 pm: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor, Council President James Kole, Councilwoman Kyla Clark, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, 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, Danny Selby, Director, Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services, T'Amani Hamlett, Chief Building Official, Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services, Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor, and Lawrence N. Taub, Esquire, O'Malley, Miles, Nylan & Gilmore, P.A., Legal Counsel for the City of Laurel. The topic discussed during the Closed Session was regarding Property Standard Code Violations at the Tiers of Laurel Lakes Condominium Community. There were zero (0) votes and zero (0) actions taken during the Closed Session. The Closed Session ended at approximately 6:57 pm. All the attendees of the Closed Session returned to the Zoom open meeting and President Kole reconvened the meeting at approximately 6:58 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

Date: *November 25, 2024*

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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.

Contact the Clerk for Zoom information at clerk@laurel.md.us no later than 2:00 pm the day of the meeting.

1. Call to Order - James Kole, President
2. Roll Call - Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk
3. Approval of Minutes
 - October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - November 4, 2024 Work Session
4. Possible Adjournment to Closed Session Under the Open Meetings Act Provisions Section 3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding Property Standards and Section 3-305 (b) (13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular matter or proceeding or matter.
5. Adjournment

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Issued: November 7, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of Laurel will Possibly Adjourn to Closed Session during their Special Meeting on November 13, 2024 to be held virtually via Zoom at 6:00 pm. The Authority for this Closed Session is Contained in the Open Meetings Act General Provisions Section 3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding Property Standards and Section 3-305 (b) (13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular matter or proceeding or matter.

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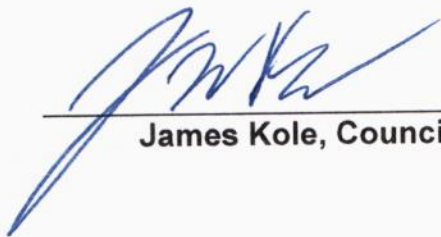
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EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT

November 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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 11/13/24
James Kole, Council President

Virtual

Members of the Public:

☒ S. Michele Saylor ☒ Danny Selby ☒ Natalie Williams ☒ Stephanie Anderson ☒ Mark Plazinski

Chief Building
 Official for AS

1st Councilwoman Clark absent Councilwoman Johnson
2nd Councilman Mills

Yes Councilman Simmons yes President Kole

Agenda Item No. 4- Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

2nd Councilwoman Clark absent Councilwoman Johnson 1st Councilman Mills

yes Councilman Simmons yes President Kole