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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

**THIRTY-SECOND MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting convened via Zoom at approximately 6:00 pm with Council President Kyla M. 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 nine (9) 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.

Next, the Mayor and City Councilmembers provided their reports regarding events and happenings since the last meeting and made announcements regarding upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Sydnor noted that the following Proclamations had been issued by his Office:

- Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- National Economic Development Week
- National Police Week
- Bike to Work Day
- Kids to Parks Day
- National Public Works Week

Agenda Item No. 4 was the following Mayoral Appointment:

- The Honorable Michael R. Leszcz Board of Pension Trustees 05/12/25-05/12/29

Councilman Kole made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Mills seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 5 was the General Public Hearing. President Clark opened the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:34 pm. The first person signed up to speak was Melanie Dzwonchyk- 511 Montgomery Street Laurel, Maryland 20707. Mrs. Dzwonchyk noted that she was a Board Member for the Laurel Independent and thanked the Mayor and City Council for restoring the advertising funding for the Laurel Independent to \$50,512. Next, Kit Slack- Executive Director, Streetcar Suburbs, Hyattsville, Maryland also thanked the Mayor and City Council for increasing the funding allocated for the Laurel Independent advertising for FY2026. Ms. Slack noted that the paper was a non-profit organization. Next, Joe Murchison- 15808 Kerr Road Laurel, Maryland, also a Board member for the Laurel Independent, thanked the Mayor and City Council for reconsidering the advertising funding. The following people also spoke and reiterated a similar sentiment of the speakers before them:

- Michael McLaughlin- 1013 Eighth Street Laurel, Maryland 20707
- Allison Farmer- 407 Laurel Avenue Laurel, Maryland 20707
- Jimmy Rogers- 303 Sandy Spring Road Laurel, Maryland 20707
- Karen Lubieniecki- 421 Prince George Street Laurel, Maryland 20707
- Sarah Mark- Melbourne Drive Laurel, Maryland

There was no one else signed up to speak and President Clark closed the General Public Hearing at 6:54 pm.

Agenda Item No. 6 was a Bid Recommendation LA25-008- Independence Day Fireworks- 2025- Laurel 4th of July Committee. Carreen Koubek and Eddie Souder representing the City of Laurel Fourth of July Committee, presented the bid recommending the bid for a three (3) year contract be awarded to Fantastic Fireworks of Maryland Line, Maryland in the amount of \$108,500.00. On motion by Councilman Kole, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, and carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present, the Council approved the bid as recommended.

Agenda Item No. 7 was a Bid Recommendation- Replacement of Granville Gude Park Lake Fountains- Department of Parks and Recreation. Director Bill Bailey presented the bid recommending that it be awarded to R.L. Thompson Electric of Laurel, Maryland in the amount of \$76,408.00. Councilman Simmons made a motion to approve the bid as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mills and carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 8 was a Bid Recommendation for Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 1 Engineering Services- Department of Public Works. Acting Director Tommy Helms presented the request, recommending that it be awarded to EBA Engineering in the amount of \$246,159.00. Councilman Kole made a motion to approve the bid as recommended. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Next, Department of Public Works Acting Director, Tommy Helms presented the bid recommendation for Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 2 Engineering Services recommending it be awarded to KCI Technologies in the amount of \$299,708.00. Councilman Kole

made a motion to approve the bid as recommended. Councilman Mills seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

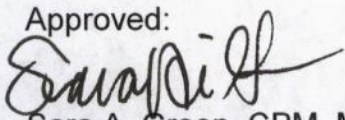
Agenda Item No. 10 was a Fleet Acquisition to purchase a Grapple Truck- Department of Public Works. Tommy Helms, Acting Director, Department of Public Works presented the bid noting that the recommendation was to purchase the Grapple Truck that the City had been leasing for the past five (5) years and that the vehicle was still in very good condition. The recommendation was to purchase the vehicle for the remaining purchase price in the amount of \$134,000.00. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase as recommended. Councilman Kole seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Charter Resolution No. 181- A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending, Rearranging and Renumbering Article 600 "Registrations and Elections", Section 601- "Voters and Registration"; Section 602- "Election of Mayor and Councilmembers"; Section 603 "Ward Boundaries"; Section 604- "Polling Places"; Section 605- "Voting Procedures"; Section 606- "Same Day Registration"; Section 607 "Vote-By-Mail-Ballots"; Section 608- "Electioneering"; Section 609 "Election Equipment and Sample Ballots"; Section 610- Compliance With Eligibility Requirements, Attendance, Recall, Disqualification and Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 611- "Recall of Elected Official"; Section 612- "Grounds for Recall of Elected Official"; Section 613- "Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 614- "Referenda"; Section 615- "Advisory Referenda"; Section 616- Adoption and Incorporation of State Law Provisions"; Section 617- Extraordinary Powers- Civil Emergency." Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk presented the proposed Charter Amendment noting that the edits discussed by the Mayor and City Council at the April 28, 2025 meeting had been made and could be found on pages 13 and 14 of the draft Charter Amendment document. President Clark opened the public hearing on the item at 7:19 pm. There was no one signed up to speak, and the public hearing was closed at 7:19 pm. Councilman Simmons made a motion to approve Charter Amendment No.181 was presented. Councilman Mills seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmember present. Mayor Sydnor concurred with the vote.

The last agenda item was Introduction and First Public Hearing on 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. Department of Budget and Personnel Services Director, S. Michele Saylor, gave a brief overview of the proposed FY2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the changes that were reviewed at the Work Session the same evening at 5:00 pm. President Clark opened the public hearing on the item at 7:34 pm. There was no one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed at 7:34 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Date:

may 28, 2025

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Thirty-Second Regular Meeting

Mayor and City Council

Monday, May 12, 2025 (Revised 05/12/2025)

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.

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 – Kyla M. Clark, President
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
3. Report of the Mayor and City Council
4. Mayoral Appointment
 - The Honorable Michael R. Leszcz Board of Pension Trustees 05/12/25-05/12/29
5. General Public Hearing
6. Bid Recommendation- LA25-008- Independence Day Fireworks- 2025- Laurel 4th of July Committee
7. Bid Recommendation- Replacement of Granville Gude Park Lake Fountains- Department of Parks and Recreation
8. Bid Recommendation- Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 1 Engineering Services- Department of Public Works

9. Bid Recommendation- Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 2 Engineering Services- Department of Public Works
10. Fleet Acquisition- Grapple Truck- Department of Public Works
11. **Second Public Hearing with Possible Action** on Charter Resolution No. 181- A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending, Rearranging and Renumbering Article 600 "Registrations and Elections", Section 601- "Voters and Registration"; Section 602- "Election of Mayor and Councilmembers"; Section 603 "Ward Boundaries"; Section 604- "Polling Places"; Section 605- "Voting Procedures"; Section 606- "Same Day Registration"; Section 607 "Vote-By-Mail-Ballots"; Section 608- "Electioneering"; Section 609 "Election Equipment and Sample Ballots"; Section 610- Compliance With Eligibility Requirements, Attendance, Recall, Disqualification and Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 611- "Recall of Elected Official"; Section 612- "Grounds for Recall of Elected Official"; Section 613- "Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 614- "Referenda"; Section 615- "Advisory Referenda"; Section 616- Adoption and Incorporation of State Law Provisions"; Section 617- Extraordinary Powers- Civil Emergency."
12. Introduction and First Public Hearing on 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
13. Adjournment

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

May 12, 2025 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Meeting Ended: 7:35 pm

Members of the Public: 9

Staff Attendance:

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

Roll Call

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

Agenda Item No. 4- Mayoral Appointment

• The Honorable Michael R. Leszcz Board of Pension Trustees 05/12/2025-05/12/2029
2nd Councilman Mills 1st Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Johnson

yes Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

Agenda Item No. 5- General Public Hearing

Open: 6:30pm Closed: 6:54pm

Speakers:

See sign up sheet

Agenda Item No. 6- Bid Recommendation- LA25-008- Independence Day Fireworks- 2025 Laurel 4th of July Committee

yes Councilman Mills 1st Councilman Kole 2nd Councilwoman Johnson

yes Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

**Agenda Item No. 7- Bid Recommendation- Replacement of Granville Gude Park Lake Fountains-
Department of Parks and Recreation**

2nd Councilman Mills yes Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Johnson

1st Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

**Agenda Item No. 8- Bid Recommendation- Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 1-
Engineering Services- Department of Public Works**

yes Councilman Mills 1st Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Johnson

2nd Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

**Agenda Item No. 9- Bid Recommendation- Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 2-
Engineering Services- Department of Public Works**

2nd Councilman Mills 1st Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Johnson

yes Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

Agenda Item No. 10- Fleet Acquisition- Grapple Truck- Department of Public Works

yes Councilman Mills 2nd Councilman Kole 1st Councilwoman Johnson

yes Councilman Simmons yes President Clark

Agenda Item No. 11- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Charter Amendment Resolution No. 181- A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending, Rearranging and Renumbering Article 600 "Registrations and Elections", Section 601- "Voters and Registration"; Section 602- "Election of Mayor and Councilmembers"; Section 603- "Ward Boundaries"; Section 604- "Polling Places"; Section 605- "Voting Procedures"; Section 606- "Same Day Registration"; Section 607 "Vote-By-Mail-Ballots"; Section 608- "Electioneering"; Section 609 "Election Equipment and Sample Ballots"; Section 610- Compliance With Eligibility Requirements, Attendance, Recall, Disqualification and Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 611- "Recall of Elected Official"; Section 612- "Grounds for Recall of Elected Official"; Section 613- "Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 614- "Referenda"; Section 615- "Advisory Referenda"; Section 616- Adoption and Incorporation of State Law Provisions"; Section 617- Extraordinary Powers- Civil Emergency."

Public Hearing Open: 7:19pm Closed: 7:19pm

Speakers: NONE

2nd Councilman Mills yes Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Johnson
1st Councilman Simmons yes President Clark yes Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 12- Introduction and First Public Hearing on 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

Public Hearing Open: 7:34pm Closed: 7:34pm

Speakers: None.

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND
8103 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707

Thirty-second Meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025 (Virtual Meeting)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
Melanie Dzwonchyk	511 Montgomery Street	melaniedzwonchyk@gmail.com	5
Kit Slack- Street Car News	Hyattsville, MD	kit@streetcarsuburbs.news	5
Joe Murchison	15808 Kerr Road	Joe@streetcarsuburbs.news	5
Michael McLaughlin	1013 8 th Street	Mjmac5@verizon.net	5
Alison Farmer	407 Laurel Avenue	benjaminandalison@gmail.com	5
Jimmy Rogers	303 Sandy Spring Road	magicscientist@gmail.com	5
Karen Lubieniecki	421 Prince George Street	karenlub2@gmail.com	5
Sarah Mark	melbourne drive	sarahtree@outlook.com	5

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2025-23

Whereas, the City of Laurel proudly recognizes May as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, honoring the history, culture, and contributions of individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in our community and across the nation; and

Whereas, the AAPI community encompasses a vast and diverse population, representing over 50 countries and ethnic groups, each contributing unique traditions, languages, and values that enrich the American experience; and

Whereas, throughout American history, AAPI individuals have played vital roles in every aspect of society—including business, science, education, government, medicine, literature, arts, and the armed forces—despite facing systemic discrimination, exclusion, and hardship; and

Whereas, the City of Laurel recognizes the importance of promoting equity, inclusion, and understanding among all communities, and is committed to celebrating the cultural diversity that strengthens our city; and

Whereas, this month serves as an opportunity to honor the achievements, leadership, and resilience of the AAPI community, and to acknowledge their ongoing contributions to the fabric of our society;

Now, therefore, I, Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor of the City of Laurel, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, as

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Laurel and encourage all residents to reflect on the invaluable impact of AAPI communities and to participate in educational and cultural events that foster appreciation, unity, and respect.

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2025-25

WHEREAS: Created by the International Economic Development Council in 2016, the goal of Economic Development Week (EDW) is to increase awareness for local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and increase the quality of life in communities everywhere; and

WHEREAS: Economic Development is about improving the economic wellbeing of our community by improving the quality of life for our residents by attracting new businesses to the community, supporting our current businesses, and ensuring there is a tax base to provide essential services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Economic and Community Development continues to come up with innovative ways to promote economic development and assist the business community during these times; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Council of Laurel and the Department of Economic and Community Development reaffirm our dedication to our local businesses by continuing to promote economic recovery and development in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, MAY 11 - 17, 2025, as

NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the City of Laurel and urge all Laurel citizens to join with us to recognize and reaffirm the importance of business development.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2025-26

WHEREAS: In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS: Our law enforcement personnel are dedicated to the communities they serve, working tirelessly to transform neighborhoods, despite facing daily threats, public safety officers embrace innovative approaches to improving and upholding the rule of law; and

WHEREAS: Our officers put their lives on the line to protect ours, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice, one death is too many, and every death is an unfathomable loss to the officer's family, colleagues, and community. The service of all who have worn the badge will never be forgotten; and

Now, therefore, I, Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor of the City of Laurel, do hereby proclaim May 11 through May 17, 2025, as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in the City of Laurel and invite and encourage all citizens to greet and thank all the officers who serve our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2025-27

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness, reduced commuting and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 12th is National Bike to Work Week, which promotes bicycling as a viable means of transportation to and from work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025, AS

BIKE TO WORK DAY

in the City of Laurel and urge all our citizens to ride a bike to and from work if it is safe to do so and enjoy fresh air and the contributions to the environment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2025-28

WHEREAS: May 17, 2025, is the fifteenth Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

WHEREAS: National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS: It is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in Park attendance over the last decades; and

WHEREAS: We should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes, mellitus, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS: National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS: National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025, AS

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

in the City of Laurel and invite and encourage all citizens to participate and explore the outdoors, making time to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state, or national park. The parks are yours!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

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PROCLAMATION 2025-30

Whereas: Public Works provides for the maintenance and construction of the City facilities and protects the health and safety of the community; and

Whereas: Public works maintains 58.6 miles of streets and their accompanying sidewalks, curb and gutter, and trees throughout the City with an ongoing program of inspection and repair; and

Whereas: The activities and responsibilities of the Department of Public Works include administration, street maintenance, refuse collection and disposal, recycling, traffic safety, tree management, snow removal and automotive maintenance; and

Whereas: The efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff the Public Works Department is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

Now, therefore, I, Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor of the City of Laurel, do hereby proclaim May 18 through May 25, 2025, as

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

in the City of Laurel and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the challenges involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, comfort, and safety.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor".

Keith R. Sydnor

Mayor

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						LINE ITEM	REVISED LINE	NET		PROPOSED	REVISED DEPT TOTALS
1											
2						REVISIONS	ITEM TOTAL	REVISIONS		FY2026	FY2026-MAY 12, 2025
3		<u>DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</u>									
4		201 - CITY COUNCIL						2,000		\$113,109	\$115,109
5		201-52704				1,000	2,000				
6		201-52705				1,000	2,000				
7											
8		205 - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL								232,642	232,642
9		210 - MAYOR								666,392	666,392
10		215 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR								637,427	637,427
11		220 - ELECTIONS								88,090	88,090
12		225 - BUDGET & PERSONNEL SVCS								1,313,593	1,313,593
13		235 - COMMUNICATIONS								769,918	769,918
14		240 - ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEV								935,642	935,642
15		244 - SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS								80,527	80,527
16		250 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY								2,967,093	2,967,093
17		270 - COMMUNITY PROMOTION						(2,000)		159,299	157,299
18		270-52061 LAUREL INDEPENDENT				26,512	50,512				
19		270-52621 STEM				(12,000)	61,987				
20		270-52622 TOWNE CTR CONCERTS				(13,512)	25,000				
21		270-52804 VETERANS BREAKFAST				(1,000)	13,500				
22		270-52804 PRIDE EVENT				(1,000)					
23		270-52804 JUNETEENTH				(1,000)					
24											
25		280 - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE								951,880	951,880
26		281 - JOSEPH R. ROBISON - LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER								195,918	195,918
27		284 - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY								151,927	151,927
28		285 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER								199,513	199,513
29		286 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CENTER								124,252	124,252
30		287 - LAUREL MUSEUM								19,045	19,045
31		288 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE								37,850	37,850
32		289 - MAIN ST. POOL MAINTENANC								91,320	91,320
33		290 - LPD FACILITY								332,598	332,598
34		291 - GREENVIEW DR REC COMPLEX								53,355	53,355
35		292 - P&R MAINTENANCE FACILITY								52,020	52,020
36		293 - GUDE HOUSE								83,991	83,991
37		294 - CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTSERVICE CENTER-MAINTENANCE								301,298	301,298
38		301 - POLICE								14,176,939	14,176,939

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						LINE ITEM	REVISED LINE	NET		PROPOSED	REVISED DEPT TOTALS
1											
39		320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV								903,149	903,149
40		325 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT								711,345	711,345
41		326 - HUMAN SERVICES-CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER-PRGMS							GRANT	521,550	521,550
42		401 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN								724,913	724,913
43		410 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE								1,214,348	1,214,348
44		415 - WASTE COLLECTION								1,358,292	1,358,292
45		420 - RECYCLING								587,391	587,391
46		425 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS MAINT								1,144,792	1,144,792
47		430 - SNOW REMOVAL								186,155	186,155
48		435 - STREET LIGHTING								278,970	278,970
49		440 - ENGINEERING&TECH SERVICES								263,873	263,873
50		445 - TRAFFIC ENGINEERING								194,804	194,804
51		450 - TREE MANAGEMENT								98,992	98,992
52		501 - PARKS & RECREATION ADMIN								920,642	920,642
53		505 - RECREATION								542,926	542,926
54		510 - MAIN ST POOL PROGRAMS								330,813	330,813
55		515 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER								341,459	341,459
56		520 - GREENVIEW DR PROGRAMS								109,878	109,878
57		525 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CTR PROG								219,522	219,522
58		530 - HUMAN SERVICES-LAUREL HELPING HANDS								252,689	252,689
59		535 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE PROGRAMS								32,827	32,827
60		550 - SENIOR SERVICES								282,535	282,535
61		650 - PRINCIPAL								1,226,027	1,226,027
62		651 - INTEREST								435,347	435,347
63		652 - RETIREMENT								2,548,030	2,548,030
64		654 - PROPERTY INSURANCE								625,764	625,764
65		655 - BONDING INSURANCE								29,600	29,600
66		656 - EMPLOYEE INSURANCE								4,569,615	4,569,615
67		657 - MISC FINANCIAL USES								403,582	403,582
68		658 - SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT								350,000	350,000
69		659 - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROG								0	0
70		810 - EMPLOYEE TRAINING								149,535	149,535
71		820 - EMPLOYEE TUITION								16,955	16,955
72										\$46,311,958	\$46,311,958

PROPOSED RETIREE DISCRETIONARY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

Discretionary COLA – A discretionary COLA will not require a change to the retirement plans, or approval of the Board of Trustees. The monthly retirement benefit will increase by the associated rate and continue, but there will not be an annual, compounding increase.

7.30% - Retired from the City of Laurel between January 1, 1994 to December 31, 2004

13 Police Plan and 12 Employee Plan

3.65% - Retired from the City of Laurel between January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2014

25 Police Plan and 22 Employee Plan

A separate ordinance codifying the Discretionary COLA will need to be adopted separate from the budget ordinance. Once codified, the City is committed to the funding necessary even if that requires obtaining financing: funding will not become the responsibility of the retirement plans.

Funding by the City is required as follows:

	RETIREE COLA 5-YEAR AMORTIZATION
FY2026	\$150,000
FY2027	\$156,000
FY2028	\$161,000
FY2029	\$167,000
FY2030	\$173,000
TOTAL FUNDING	\$807,000

Sara Green

From: Carol Relitz <carol40love@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:35 PM
To: Clerk to the City Council
Subject: Re: Support the Laurel Independent

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Thank you so much.... Carol

On Mon, May 12, 2025 at 1:48 PM Clerk to the City Council <clerk@laurel.md.us> wrote:

Hello Ms. Relitz,

I have sent your email to the Councilmembers.

Thank you,

Maria Morales

Administrative Assistant II

City of Laurel

Office of the Clerk/Office of the City Council

Joseph R Robison - Municipal Center

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From: Carol Relitz <carol40love@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 1:21 PM
To: Clerk to the City Council <clerk@laurel.md.us>
Subject: Support the Laurel Independent

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Please add my name in support of the Laurel Independent. I am so sorry I cannot attend this evening and I do realize that if I could, mine would be an additional voice. Right now, the Laurel Independent is needed...

- Rewarding to read factual news
- Information about saving our environment
- Local news and the calendar keeps me and my neighbors informed.
- I am a senior who enjoys holding a newspaper and cutting out and saving many of the articles.
- My husband and I installed all the birdhouses at Granville Gude Park and Riverfront Park. The newspaper at that time was a tremendous help.

Thank you.... Carol

Carol Relitz

7321 Birdcherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707

H 410-813-2715 C 260-602-0889 Carol40Love@gmail.com

ARMED FORCES DAY - May 17, 2025 - Why is the flag patch backwards? Why do Sailors wear bell-bottoms? Most important - Why is Armed Forces Day Important? Support our military! All at www.CCC-CultivatingCommunityConnections.net

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CHRISTINE M. JOHNSON
At-Large

JAMES KOLE
First Ward

ADRIAN G. SIMMONS
First Ward

KYLA M. CLARK
Second Ward

JEFFREY W. MILLS
Second Ward

Council meets second and fourth
Mondays of each month.



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Mayor

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City Administrator

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Acting Deputy City Administrator

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Thirty-Second Regular Meeting

Mayor and City Council

Monday, May 12, 2025 (Revised 05/12/2025)

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.

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 – Kyla M. Clark, President
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
3. Report of the Mayor and City Council
4. Mayoral Appointment
 - The Honorable Michael R. Leszcz Board of Pension Trustees 05/12/25-05/12/29
5. General Public Hearing
6. Bid Recommendation- LA25-008- Independence Day Fireworks- 2025- Laurel 4th of July Committee
7. Bid Recommendation- Replacement of Granville Gude Park Lake Fountains- Department of Parks and Recreation
8. Bid Recommendation- Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 1 Engineering Services- Department of Public Works

9. Bid Recommendation- Van Dusen Road Improvement Project- Phase 2 Engineering Services- Department of Public Works
10. Fleet Acquisition- Grapple Truck- Department of Public Works
11. **Second Public Hearing with Possible Action** on Charter Resolution No. 181- A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending, Rearranging and Renumbering Article 600 "Registrations and Elections", Section 601- "Voters and Registration"; Section 602- "Election of Mayor and Councilmembers"; Section 603 "Ward Boundaries"; Section 604- "Polling Places"; Section 605- "Voting Procedures"; Section 606- "Same Day Registration"; Section 607 "Vote-By-Mail-Ballots"; Section 608- "Electioneering"; Section 609 "Election Equipment and Sample Ballots"; Section 610- Compliance With Eligibility Requirements, Attendance, Recall, Disqualification and Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 611- "Recall of Elected Official"; Section 612- "Grounds for Recall of Elected Official"; Section 613- "Suspension of Elected Officials"; Section 614- "Referenda"; Section 615- "Advisory Referenda"; Section 616- Adoption and Incorporation of State Law Provisions"; Section 617- Extraordinary Powers- Civil Emergency."
12. Introduction and First Public Hearing on 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
13. Adjournment



CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Phone: 301-725-5300 ext. 2125 • Fax: 301-725-6831

Item 5.

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

April 28, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyla Clark, Council President
Laurel City Councilmembers
FROM: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor *KRD*
SUBJ: Mayoral Reappointment

I plan to make the following reappointment at the May 12, 2025, Mayor and City Council meeting.

REAPPOINTMENT

The Honorable Michael Leszcz Board of Trustees 05/12/25 – 05/12/29

I look forward to your confirmation of this reappointment.

ec: Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk



LAUREL 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

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<http://www.laurel4th.org> • email – fourthofjuly@laurel.md.us

April 3, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
President Kyla Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator *Pulley*

From: Carreen Koubek, Co-Chair, Laurel 4th of July Committee
Eddie Souder, Fireworks Chair, Laurel 4th of July Committee

Subject: LA 25-008, Independence Day Fireworks (Optional Light/Drone Show)

The Laurel 4th of July Committee is requesting approval to award the contract for Independence Day Fireworks (LA 25-008).

Project Scope:

The Laurel 4th of July Committee requested bids for a three-year contract to organize a fireworks display lasting over 30 minutes for the Independence Day Celebration.

Bid Results:

The Laurel 4th of July Committee aimed to incorporate a drone show into the festivities. However, when the Committee released #LA-003 request bids for a hybrid show, but no responses were received. The Committee then re-released the Request for Proposal (s), with the light/drone show as optional.

The Laurel 4th of July Committee received one (1) submission from Fantastic Fireworks. A bid opening was conducted on March 21, 2025, in the Budget and Personnel Office. The submitted bid by Fantastic Fireworks was for a three-year (3) contract, as follows:

2025: July 5 th	Cost: \$35,500
2026: July 4 th	Cost: \$36,500
2027: July 3 rd	Cost: \$36,500
TOTAL: \$108,500	



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Funding:

Funding for this project comes from various sources, including fundraisers organized by the Committee, contributions from individuals and businesses, and a grant from the City under the Community Promotions budget, specifically for Special Events.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council accept the contract for three years (3) from Fantastic Fireworks of Maryland Line, MD, and have the company undertake the Independence Day Fireworks Show in the amount of \$108,500. Fantastic Fireworks was awarded the last three (3) year contract.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Carreen Koubek, Co-Chair, at 301-725-5300, extension 2109.

Reviewed:

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

4/18/2025

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Item 8.

13910 Laurel Lakes Avenue • Laurel, Maryland 20707 (301) 725-7800

<http://www.cityoflaurel.org> • email – parks@laurel.md.us

April 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla M. Clark, MBA
Laurel City Councilmembers

VIA: Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator *TM*

FROM: Bill Bailey, Director, Parks and Recreation *B.B.*

SUBJECT: Granville Gude Lake Fountains

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to replace the three fountains at Granville Gude Park: one in Lake 1, the other two located in Lake 2.

Project Scope:

Currently only one of the three fountains is operable. The fountains were last replaced in 2005. Fountains enhance water quality through aeration and oxygenation, circulation and nutrient distribution, sediment control, temperature regulation and algae control.

Using an app, we will be able to select from four different lighting patterns. These new programable fountains lights will complement our newly installed path lighting and banner system around the lake and further enhance the aesthetics of the park.

Bid Results:

The Department of Parks and Recreation reached out to previous electrical contractors and listed it on the City's website and received 3 bids which are as follows.

J.M. Mullen. 1825 Generals Highway Annapolis, MD 21401	\$206,000.00
Hartman Electric, LLC 808 Runkles Terr. Essex, MD 21221	\$98,000.00
R.L. Thompson 106 Lafayette Ave. Laurel, MD 20707	\$76,408.00

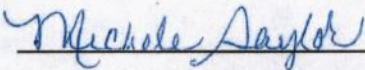
Funding:

Funding for this project is provided in the FY2025 Adopted CIP - Park Improvement Projects.

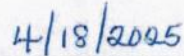
Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council award the proposal to supply labor and material to install new lake fountains with lights at Granville Gude Park to R.L. Thompson of Laurel, Maryland for a cost of \$76,408.00 and provide for a contingency of 10% for an additional \$7,640.80 for an overall total of \$84,048.80.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 301-725-5300, extension 2233.

Reviewed:

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



Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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March 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla M. Clark, MBA
Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Timothy Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator *[Signature]*

FROM: Thomas Helms, Acting Director of Public Works

SUBJ: Approval Request – Van Dusen Road Improvement Project – Phase 1
Engineering Services

The Department of Public Works is seeking approval to obtain Engineering Services for the design to resurface the roadway that is currently aging on Van Dusen Road from Contee Road to Cherry Lane. This service includes designing pedestrian bus pads, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, sidewalk widening, guard rail installation, storm water management, sediment control, construction of new medians, and traffic signal reconstruction.

Bidding Results

The Department of Public Works requested a pricing proposal from (3) of the city's on-call consulting firms for this project. The Engineering bidding results the City received are as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • EBA Engineering | \$246,159.00 |
| • KCI Technologies | \$262,744.00 |
| • Century Engineering | \$312,611.00 |

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the project be awarded to EBA Engineering, based on their submitted proposal in the amount of **\$246,159.00**.



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Funding:

Funding is available through the Adopted FY2025 Capital Improvement Program Van Dusen Road Improvements.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Thomas Helms at (301) 725-0088, Extension 3205.

Reviewed:



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

4/18/2025

Date

CC: Christian L. Pulley, City Administrator



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March 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Kyla M. Clark, MBA
Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Timothy Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator *THM*

FROM: Thomas Helms, Acting Director of Public Works

SUBJ: Approval Request – Van Dusen Road Improvement Project – Phase 2
Engineering Services

The Department of Public Works is seeking approval to obtain Engineering Services for the design to resurface the roadway that is currently aging on Van Dusen Road from Cherry Lane to Route 198. The service includes designing pedestrian bus pads, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, sidewalk widening, guard rail Installation, storm water management, sediment control, construction of new medians, and traffic signal reconstruction.

Bidding Results

The Department of Public Works requested a pricing proposal from (3) of the city's on-call consulting firms for this project. The Engineering bidding results the City received are as follows:

• KCI Technologies	\$299,708.00
• EBA Engineering	\$326,308.00
• Century Engineering	\$481,705.00

Recommendation

It is recommended that the project be awarded to KCI Technologies, based on their submitted proposal in the amount of **\$299,708.00**.



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Funding:

Funding is available through the Adopted FY2025 Capital Improvement Program Van Dusen Road Improvements.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Thomas Helms at (301) 725-0088, Extension 3205.

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor

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

4/18/2025

Date

CC: Christian L. Pulley, City Administrator



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April 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
 Council President Kyla M. Clark, MBA
 Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Timothy Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator *[Signature]*

From: Thomas Helms, Acting Director of Public Works

Subject: Bid Recommendation - Grapple Truck

The current 5-year lease for the City's grapple truck has concluded.

Background:

- **Leased Vehicle:** A grapple truck was leased in June 2020 for 5 years. Total lease payments made: \$172,500.86.
 - **Purchase Option:** The remaining purchase price for the leased vehicle is \$134,000.00.
 - **Vehicle Condition:** The vehicle has 1,332 engine hours and 9,556 miles. A recent DOT inspection by a Cummins dealership reported the vehicle to be in "very good condition" with no identified issues.
 - **New Vehicle Cost:** A new grapple truck is estimated to cost \$225,000.00.
- All Roads Trucks –**
- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Baltimore, Md | \$215,000.00 |
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Infrastructure Solutions Group –

Mechanicsville, Va	\$228,040.52
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Financial Summary:

When factoring the total of the payments made for the 5-year lease and the purchase, the total investment in a grapple truck is as follows:

- **Purchase Existing:** \$306,500.86
- **Purchase New:** \$387,500.86 or \$400,541.38, respectively



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Funding:

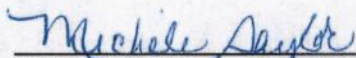
Funding for this equipment is provided in the FY2025 Adopted CIP - Fleet Replacement Program.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the City purchase the existing leased grapple truck. The vehicle's low engine hours, mileage, and "very good" condition, combined with the significantly lower total cost, make it the most financially practical option.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Thomas Helms, Acting Director at 301-725-0088, extension 3205.

Reviewed:



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

4/18/2025

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 181 (Revised 05/06/2025)

A CHARTER RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND AMENDING, REARRANGING AND RENUMBERING ARTICLE 600 "REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS", SECTION 601- "VOTERS AND REGISTRATION"; SECTION 602- "ELECTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS"; SECTION 603 "WARD BOUNDARIES"; SECTION 604- "POLLING PLACES"; SECTION 605- "VOTING PROCEDURES"; SECTION 606- "SAME DAY REGISTRATION"; SECTION 607 "VOTE-BY-MAIL- BALLOTS"; SECTION 608- "ELECTIONEERING"; SECTION 609 "ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND SAMPLE BALLOTS"; SECTION 610- COMPLIANCE WITH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, ATTENDANCE, RECALL, DISQUALIFICATION AND SUSPENSION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS"; SECTION 611- "RECALL OF ELECTED OFFICIAL"; SECTION 612- "GROUNDS FOR RECALL OF ELECTED OFFICIAL"; SECTION 613- "SUSPENSION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS"; SECTION 614- "REFERENDA"; SECTION 615- "ADVISORY REFERENDA"; SECTION 616- ADOPTION AND INCORPORATION OF STATE LAW PROVISIONS"; SECTION 617- EXTRAORDINARY POWERS- CIVIL EMERGENCY".

Sponsored by the President, at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland adopted Charter Resolution No. 172 on January 11, 2021 that repealed and replaced Article 600 "Registrations and Elections", in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Election Supervisors completed a comprehensive review of the City of Laurel Election laws and proposed amendments including rearranging sections, renumbering sections, and substantive changes to sections of Article 600 and; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Election Supervisors drafted the proposed amendments and forwarded them along with a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council dated December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council agree with the amendments as proposed by the Board of Election Supervisors; and

ARTICLE 600. - REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 601. - Voters and registration.

All voters shall register in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of Prince George's County, Maryland and the State of Maryland. Every person who is registered with the Prince George's County Board of Elections and who is a resident of the City of Laurel shall be entitled to vote in all eCity elections.

Sec. 602. - Election of mMayor and eCouncilmembers.

~~(a)The City shall be governed by a duly qualified and elected Mayor and five (5) duly qualified and elected Councilmembers, all of whom shall be elected by voters. No persons shall be eligible to hold office as Mayor or Councilmembers except those who, upon the day of election, shall be citizens of the United States, registered voters and residents of Laurel, and, in the case of candidates for either ward, a resident of the ward for which seek election.~~

~~(a**b**)~~Election of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall occur at a general election which shall be held on the first Tuesday of the month of November 2019, and on the same date every two (2) years thereafter for all five (5) eCouncilmembers and every four (4) years thereafter for the eOffice of Mayor. Of the five (5) eCouncilmembers, there shall be two (2) eCouncilmembers elected from each of the two (2) wards, and one (1) eCouncilmember who shall be elected from the City as an at-large member of the City Council. Other than the eCouncilmember elected to the office of at-large-eCouncilmember, eCouncilmembers seeking office in either of the two (2) wards shall at all times be domiciled in and a resident of the respective ward for which the eCouncilmembers shall seek or hold office. All registered voters may cast votes for the eOffice of Mayor and eCouncilmember at-large. Only registered voters residing in one (1) of the two (2) wards may vote for candidates seeking the office of eCouncilmember for the ward in which the voter resides.

~~(b**e**)~~The elected Mayor and members of the City Council shall be sworn in at the second regular meeting of the City Council following any election.

~~(c**d**)~~The Mayor and Councilmembers shall, throughout the entirety of their respective terms of office and any extension thereof, comply with all qualifications necessary for candidacy, including residency requirements and prohibitions on conflict of interest. Failure of any public official to maintain and retain all qualifications for candidacy of office shall cause a forfeiture of their respective offices.

Sec. 603. - Ward bBoundaries.

(a) The said City of Laurel shall be, for election purposes, divided into two (2) wards as follows:

Ward No. 1. The first ward shall embrace all of the Ceity lying northerly of the following boundary: Eastbound along Maryland Route 198 (Gorman Avenue) from its intersection with the westerly most boundary of the Ceity to its intersection with Van Dusen Road; thence southerly along Van Dusen Road to its intersection with Crow's Branch; thence easterly along Crow's Branch to its intersection with Harrison Drive; thence northeasterly along Harrison Drive to its

intersection with White Way; thence northwesterly 52.09± feet to the northwest property line of Lot 49 (AKA 1047 Harrison Dr.), Block "J," Fairlawn Subdivision; thence northeasterly 95.86± feet along the northwest property line of Lot 49; thence 8.3± feet along the northwest property line of Lot 48; thence northeasterly 1,314.348± feet along the rear property lines of Lots 48 through 27 (AKA 1003 Harrison Dr.), Block "J," Fairlawn Subdivision; thence southeasterly 114.2± feet along the northeast property line of Lot 27 to Harrison Drive; thence easterly along Montrose Avenue to its intersection with Eight Street; thence northeasterly along Eight Street to its intersection with Crow's Branch; thence easterly along Crows Branch to its intersection with Washington Boulevard (U.S. Route 1, Southbound); thence southerly along the aforesaid Washington Boulevard (Baltimore/Washington Boulevard) to its intersection with Cherry Lane; thence running with the existing Ceity boundary to the easterly most boundary of the Ceity at the Prince George's County-Anne Arundel boundary line.

Ward No. 2. The second ward shall embrace all of the eCity lying southerly of the boundary line of Ward No. 1.

(b) The eCity eCouncil shall, not less than once after the publication of each decennial census of the population of the United States, evaluate the wards of the eCity to ensure that the representation is reasonably equal, and shall have the power to change boundaries thereof. The effective date of any change of boundaries shall be determined by the eCity eCouncil.

Sec. 604. - Polling pPlaces.

There shall be no less than one polling place in each of the City's two wards. In the event that the Mayor and City Council shall determine that for the convenience of the public, because of necessity, emergent circumstances, or to comply with any regulations, ordinances, laws, or other statutes, that it is advisable or necessary to designate additional or alternate polling places in either or both wards, then they may by resolution provide for additional polling places. In such event the Mayor and City Council shall identify the geographic boundaries of any additional polling place, as applicable. The Mayor shall appoint such additional judges of the election as may be necessary.

Sec. 605. - Voting pProcedures.

(a) *Voting in Elections—Types.* The City shall permit ~~qualified~~ voters to cast ballots in Elections for public office, on any question, proposition, for recall, referenda, or in any special election using procedures and processes set forth in the Charter and this Chapter under procedures promulgated by the Board.

(b) *Voting Places, Procedures, and Hours.*

(1) *Election Day.* Voting in Elections at designated polling places shall occur on Election Days beginning at 7:00 a.m. and shall continue until 8:00 p.m. of the same, except that the Board shall permit any ~~qualified~~ voter who shall be in line to vote at a polling place at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

(2) *Early Voting.*

~~(A)~~**(a)** The City Council or Board may provide for one or more early voting days in any election. Early voting for any election whether for public office or for any ballot question, proposition, or referendum submitted to ~~qualified~~ voters shall be scheduled on dates and times established by resolution of the Mayor and City Council, with voting to be held at the Joseph R. Robison Laurel City Municipal Center and any other location determined in the resolution. Resolutions permitting early voting shall be adopted by the Mayor and City Council not later than May 31 in any year of a general election or less than sixty (60) days prior to any special election.

~~(B)~~**(b)** No Early Voting Day shall be held more than fifteen (15) days prior to the Election Day.

~~(C)~~ **(c)** Polls shall be opened to ~~qualified~~ voters on designated early voting days at such times and places as may be designated by the Board. Polls shall be open for a minimum of eight (8) hours per day if early voting shall be conducted on a Saturday and at least four (4) hours if early voting is to be conducted on any other day of the week.

~~(d) Write-In Ballots. In all elections, a registered and qualified voter may cast a ballot by writing in the name of a candidate for public office, and said ballot shall be counted, provided that the ballot clearly and legibly identifies a candidate who meets and has satisfied all of the qualifications for public office within five (5) business days of the canvass.~~

Sec. 606. Same day registration.

~~*The City of Laurel Board of Election Supervisor shall allow for Same Day Registration for residents that live in the City of Laurel Corporate Boundaries. Those wishing to exercise their right to Same Day Registration for City Elections shall adhere to the following: (1) bringing a document showing proof of residency, Maryland driver's license, identification card with your current address, paycheck stub, bank statement, utility bill.*Once the Chief Election Judge determines you are a resident of the City and qualified to register, you will be permitted to vote in the election.~~

Sec. 6076- Vote by Mail~~(3) Absentee Ballots.~~

~~(A)~~ **(a)** Any ~~qualified~~ voter of the City may vote as by mail ~~an absentee voter~~ in any election.

~~(B)~~ **(b)** The ~~b~~Board shall be responsible for preparing and making available such forms for ~~absentee~~ Vote by Mail ballots as the Board deems necessary to permit voters to cast an ~~absentee~~ Vote by Mail ballot, including applications, affidavits, appointments of duly authorized agents and envelopes, to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the ~~absentee~~ Vote by Mail ballot.

~~(C)~~ **(c)** A ~~qualified~~ voter shall submit an application to the Board for an ~~absentee~~ Vote by Mail voting ballot. The application shall be made in writing and signed

by the applicant, voter or, if the applicant ~~voter~~ is unable to sign the application, shall bear the mark of the applicant voter and the signature of two (2) competent witnesses.

(d) Applications for ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballots must ~~shall~~ be presented to the Board not later than 5:00 ~~12:00~~ p.m. on the day ~~Tuesday that is seven (7) days~~ before any Election, ~~excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays.~~ Applications may be submitted by mail or delivered in person by the voter or the applicant's voter's duly authorized agent or by any other manner as may be approved by the Board of Election Supervisors. A voter may designate a duly authorized agent by any signed writing to ~~the~~that effect or if the applicant ~~voter~~ is unable to sign the designation, then the application shall bear the applicant's voter's mark and the signature of two (2) witnesses.

(e) A person who appears at the Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center by 12:00 pm the day before Election Day and who produces a government issued photo ID reflecting their name and address and who is a registered voter who has not previously been issued a Vote by Mail ballot for the same election, will be given a Vote by Mail ballot.

~~(D)~~ (f) The Board shall review the application for ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot and shall reject any application if:

- (i) The application is not filed before the applicable deadline;
- (ii) The application is missing any of the information required by the Board as set forth in the application form;
- (iii) The applicant is not eligible to vote;
- (iv) The Board ~~voter~~ had ~~has already been~~ previously received a request for an application approved for an ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot, ~~from the applicant;~~
- (v) The applicant ~~has~~ already cast a ballot on an early voting day.

~~(E)~~ (g) The Board shall issue an ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot unless the Board in its discretion is unanimous in its decision to reject the application. In the event that an application is rejected by the Board, the Board shall forthwith notify the applicant that the application was rejected.

~~(F)~~ (h) Voters who have applied for, received, and thereafter submitted an ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot to the Board may not cast a ballot at any polling place.

~~(G)~~ (i) Other than as described in subsection ~~(3)(C)~~ ~~(c)~~ of this subsection, no person submitting an ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot may cast a vote using an ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot issued by the Board to another person.

~~(H)~~ (j) The Board shall not open or unfold any ~~absentee~~ **Vote by Mail** ballot received at any time prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day and then

only at the commencement of the canvass of the election. Absentee **Vote by Mail** ballot applications and absentee **Vote by Mail** ballots returned shall be separated from all other ballot types and election materials.

~~(I)~~ **(k)** The canvass of the absentee **Vote by Mail** ballots shall be conducted by ward, ~~in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 602 of the Charter.~~

~~(J)~~ **(l)** Prior to opening any absentee **Vote by Mail** ballot, the Board shall inspect the ballot to determine whether the forms have been completed, including the oath or affirmation; that the voter is entitled to vote; and that the voter had not already cast a ballot in the election.

~~(K)~~ **(m)** In the event that the Board concludes that the absentee **Vote by Mail** ballot envelope satisfies all of the criteria set forth in subsection ~~(J)~~ **(l)** above, the Board shall open the ballot envelope and separate the envelope from the ballot.

~~(L)~~ **(n)** The Board may only reject an absentee **Vote by Mail** ballot upon a unanimous vote of the entire Board if:

- (i) The ballot was not received by the Board prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day;
- (ii) The voter's oath was not sufficiently executed;
- (iii) There is more than one ballot in the ballot envelope;
- (iv) The ballot was not cast by a person eligible to vote;
- (v) The voter has voted at the polls prior to the review of the absentee **Vote by Mail** ballot;
- (vi) The ballot contained votes for candidates in excess of the maximum number of votes permissible in a given race, in which event only the race for which there is an over vote shall be excluded;
- (vii) The ballot contains extraneous marks which does not permit the Board to clearly determine the voter's intent for that race;
- (viii) The Board has received multiple absentee **Vote by Mail** ballots on behalf of the voter, in which event only the earliest absentee **Vote by Mail** ballot received shall be counted.

Sec. 607- Write-In Ballots

~~(d)~~ *Write-In Ballots.* In all elections, a ~~registered and qualified~~ voter may cast a ballot by writing in the name of a candidate for public office, and said ballot shall be counted, provided that the ballot clearly and legibly identifies a candidate who meets **and has satisfied** all of the qualifications for public office **within five (5) business days of the canvass.**

Sec. 608- Provisional Ballots

~~(e) Provisional Ballots.~~

(a1) An individual is eligible to cast a provisional a ballot if:

~~(A)~~ **(1a)** The individual declares in written affirmation under oath submitted with the submission of the provisional ballot that the individual is a registered voter in Prince George's County, Maryland and the City of Laurel and is eligible to vote in the election; and

~~(B)~~ **(b2)** The individual's name does not appear on the City's election register or list of voters; ~~or~~

~~(c3)~~ an election official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; or

(d4) the individual does not have the necessary identification.

(b2) Application for Provisional Ballot.

~~(A)~~ **(1a)** Before an individual may cast a provisional ballot, the individual shall:

(i) Complete and sign the provisional ballot application approved by the Board; and

(ii) Provide a copy of a current and valid Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card, student, employee, or military ID, U.S. passport; and

(iii) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with the voter's name and current address (the same address shall be written on the provisional ballot application). Current shall mean that the document is dated within three (3) months of the election.

(iv) an individual who does not have the necessary identification required under this subsection shall be required to sign an acknowledgement that in order for their provisional ballot to count, they must submit the required identification to the City of Laurel Board of Election Supervisors not later than 4pm on the first Thursday after election day.

~~(ii) (iv) Be given a data sheet setting forth the process by which the individual may obtain information on whether the provisional ballot was counted or not and the reasons, therefore.~~

(c3) Procedure.

~~(A)~~ **(1a)** An **individual who is eligible under subsection (a4) of this section** ~~eligible voter~~ who completes an application for a provisional ballot shall be issued and may submit a provisional ballot at a polling place on Election Day or any location and date designated for early voting.

~~(B)(2b)~~ When submitted, a provisional ballot shall either be placed in a sealed envelope and secured in a locked box designated exclusively for provisional ballots, or otherwise stored in an electronic format, all at the direction of the Board.

(3e) An individual who submits a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection (c)(1) shall be given a data sheet setting forth the process by which the individual may obtain information on whether the provisional ballot was counted or not and the reasons therefore.

~~(d4)~~ Canvass of Provisional Ballots.

~~(A) (1a)~~ The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the handling and canvassing of provisional ballots.

~~(B)(2b)~~ Envelopes containing provisional ballots shall not be opened until the Board has approved the provisional ballot application applicable to that ballot.

~~(C) (3e)~~ The Board may not reject a provisional ballot except upon a unanimous vote.

~~(D)(4d)~~ The Board shall reject a provisional ballot if:

- (i) The individual is not qualified to vote in a City election;
- (ii) The individual failed to sign the oath or affirmation on the provisional ballot application;
- (iii) The individual cast more than one (1) ballot in the same election;
- (iv) The provisional ballot is marked by an identifying mark that is clearly evident and which can be used to establish the identity of the individual submitting the provisional ballot.
- ~~(v) The Board shall establish a system that permits individuals who have submitted provisional ballots to determine whether the provisional ballot was accepted and counted.~~

Sec. 6069. - Same Dday Registration.

~~(aA)~~ The City of Laurel Board of Election Supervisors shall allow for Same Day Registration for residents that live in the City of Laurel Corporate Boundaries. Those wishing to exercise their right to Same Day Registration for City Elections shall adhere to the following: ~~(1) bringing a document showing proof of residency, Maryland driver's license, identification card with your current address, paycheck stub, bank statement, utility bill.~~

(1) Provide a copy of a current and valid Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card, student, employee, or military ID, U.S. passport; and

(2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with the voter's name and current address (the same address shall be written on the voter registration application). Current shall mean that the document is dated within three (3) months of the election.

(3) Once the Chief Election Judge determines you **that the voter is** are a resident of the City, and qualified to register, **and is at the correct polling location**, you **the voter** will be permitted to vote in the election **using a provisional ballot**.

(4) In the event that the voter is not at the correct polling location, the Chief Election Judge will provide the voter with directions including the address and a map indicating the proper polling location and direct the voter to the proper polling location to complete the proper provisional ballot.

Sec. 607. - ~~Vote-by-mail ballots.~~

~~(a) Any person qualified to vote in any election may use a Vote-by-Mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of this article.~~

~~(b) The Board of Elections Supervisors is authorized and permitted by this section, to allow for a Vote by Mail in City of Laurel elections.~~

~~(c) These procedures will be established by the Board of Election Supervisors.~~

~~(d) No Vote-by-Mail ballot, completed or otherwise, shall be handled or delivered by a candidate or any individual volunteering or working for a candidate, except for their own ballot or that of their immediate family member or a member of their household.~~

Sec. 60810. - Electioneering.

(a) *General Conduct of Election Day Activities.* The Board shall be responsible for and have authority to control all activities conducted in connection with elections.

(b) *Authority of Election Judges.* At each polling place, each of the duly appointed election judges shall be vested with authority to keep and maintain the peace. In addition, the election judges shall have the authority to cause any person to be arrested for: any breach of the peace; any breach of election laws of the City; for interference with the progress of an election, the canvass of the ballots, or the ascertainment and transcription of the votes recorded on voting machines or ballots cast. The election judges shall have the authority to request and direct officers of the Laurel City Police Department or any state or federal law enforcement agency, as needed, to assist in the enforcement of the election laws of the City.

Sec. 60911 - Election eEquipment and sSample bBallots.

(a) The Board shall be responsible for the selection and procurement of all voting equipment, forms, ballot styles, and all other material necessary for the conduct of elections. The Board shall be responsible for preparing and publishing an official sample ballot not less than eight (8) days before ~~Election~~ **Early Voting** Day. The official sample ballot shall be published in a newspaper published in the City. In addition, the Board shall ensure that sample ballots shall be posted in several locations in each of the polling places.

(b) The City shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the conduct of City elections from monies budgeted in the City's operating budget.

Sec. 64012 - Compliance with ~~e~~Eligibility ~~r~~Requirements, ~~a~~Attendance, ~~r~~Recall, ~~d~~Disqualification and ~~s~~Suspension of ~~e~~Elected ~~e~~Officials.

(a) Eligibility.

(1) The Mayor and all Councilmembers shall retain and maintain throughout their respective terms of office all the qualifications necessary for their election, and their failure to retain and maintain all such qualifications shall ipso facto cause a forfeiture of their respective offices.

(2) Conflicts of Interest. Neither the Mayor nor any ~~of~~ Councilmember shall hold any other office with the City during their respective terms of office, neither shall they, directly or indirectly through the medium or agency of other persons, enter into any contract(s) with the City.

(b) Attendance Required.

(1) The Mayor and/or any Councilmember(s) may be removed from office as a result of extended absenteeism, which is defined as missing in excess of fifty (50) percent of each of the City Council's regular and special legislative meetings ~~and meetings of the committee(s) of the whole~~ in any calendar year. The Mayor, acting independently, or three (3) Councilmembers shall have the authority to convene a public hearing on the issue of the extended absenteeism by the Mayor and/or any Councilmember.

(2) After a public hearing on the issue of the extended absenteeism of the Mayor and/or any Councilmember(s) ~~pursuant to Section 608~~ the Mayor and/or Councilmember may be removed from office as a result of such extended absenteeism by an affirmative vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the voting members ~~of~~ comprised of the Mayor and ~~e~~Councilmembers.

Sec. 64413 - Recall of ~~e~~Elected ~~e~~Official.

(1) The ~~m~~Mayor or an **At-Large** ~~e~~City ~~e~~Councilmember may be recalled and removed from office in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) A petition signed by at least twenty (20) percent of the registered ~~and qualified~~ voters of the ~~e~~City must be presented to the ~~m~~Mayor and ~~e~~City ~~e~~Council at a

regular eCity eCouncil meeting confirming the request ~~stating a desire to have~~ the named elected official subjected to a reaffirmation recall by a vote of the qualified Ceity electorate. A petition shall contain the name of only one elected eCity eOfficial. The ~~qualified~~ registered voters signing such petition shall sign the same as their names appear on the city's Prince George's County Voter Registration List for the City ~~election records~~ and under each signature shall be typed or printed each ~~petitioner's~~ registered voter's name, current address and approximate length of residence in the eCity. At the bottom of each page of the petition, the individual circulating the petition shall sign the same and make an affidavit before a notary public that he or she circulated the petition and saw each individual whose name appears thereon sign the same in his or her presence.

(b) The petition shall state specifically the justification for recall of the ~~m~~Mayor or, as the case may be, an At-Large City eCouncilmember, for one or more of the reasons set forth in section 6143.

(c) Upon receipt of a petition, the ~~m~~Mayor and eCouncil shall forthwith refer the petition to the ~~b~~Board of eElection sSupervisors for the eCity for verification of the appropriate number of ~~qualified~~ registered voters' signatures and addresses. The ~~b~~Board of eElection sSupervisors shall return such petition with its written findings as to required voters' signatures and addresses by certification to the ~~m~~Mayor and eCouncil at its next regular meeting; and at that meeting, if the petition is authenticated and certified by the ~~b~~Board, the ~~m~~Mayor and eCity eCouncil shall announce that: (1) wWithin thirty (30) days from that eCity eCouncil meeting, a public hearing will be held on the petition, and that (2) within forty-five (45) days from the eCity eCouncil meeting at which the certification of the ~~b~~Board of eElection sSupervisors was received, a special election shall be held in order to allow all ~~qualified~~ registered voters of the eCity to vote on the petition for recall.

(d) The voting ballot will contain the official's name and the choice of "reaffirm" or "remove." In order for the official to be removed, a majority of those voting must vote "remove."

(e) The voting shall be conducted in the same manner as prescribed herein for general eCity elections; and, if removal results, the vacancy will be filled as provided in section 319 for a eCouncilmember or section 356 for the ~~m~~Mayor.

(2) Recall of Ward-Elected City Councilmember

A City Councilmember that was elected to serve one of the two City voting wards may be recalled and removed from office in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) A petition signed by at least twenty (20) percent of the registered and qualified voters of the Ward that the Councilmember was elected to represent must be presented to the Mayor and City Council at a regular City Council meeting confirming the request to have the named elected official subjected to a recall by a vote of the City electorate. A petition shall contain the name of only one elected City Official. The registered voters signing such petition shall sign the same as their names appear on the Prince

George's County Voter Registration List for the City and under each signature shall be typed or printed each registered voter's name, current address and approximate length of residence in the City. At the bottom of each page of the petition, the individual circulating the petition shall sign the same and make an affidavit before a notary public that he or she circulated the petition and saw each individual whose name appears thereon sign the same in his or her presence.

(b) The petition shall state specifically the justification for recall of the Councilmember, for one or more of the reasons set forth in Section 614.

(c) Upon receipt of a petition, the Mayor and Council shall forthwith refer the petition to the Board of Election Supervisors for the City for verification of the appropriate number of registered voters' signatures and addresses. The Board of Election Supervisors shall return such petition with its written findings as to required voters' signatures and addresses by certification to the Mayor and Council at its next regular meeting; and at that meeting, if the petition is authenticated and certified by the Board, the Mayor and City Council shall announce that: (1) within thirty (30) days from that City Council meeting, a public hearing will be held on the petition, and that (2) within forty-five (45) days from the City Council meeting at which the certification of the Board of Election Supervisors was received, a special election shall be held in order to allow all registered voters of the City to vote on the petition for recall.

(d) The voting ballot will contain the official's name and the choice of "reaffirm" or "remove." In order for the official to be removed, a majority of those voting must vote "remove."

(e) The voting shall be conducted in the same manner as prescribed herein for general City elections; and, if removal results, the vacancy will be filled as provided in Section 319 for a Councilmember.

Sec. 614 - Grounds for Recall of Elected Official.

The justification for the recall of the Mayor or a Councilmember shall only be for one or more of the following:

- (a) Failure to uphold the oath of office;
- (b) Conviction of a criminal offense of a felony category and/or a crime of moral turpitude;
- (c) Engaging in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude, fraud, deceit or intentional material misrepresentation;
- (d) Engaging in conduct involving mismanagement or misappropriation of public funds, a gross abuse of public authority, misconduct in office, or a substantial and specific danger to public health, safety or welfare;

- (e) The coercion of any eCity employee into taking an illegal or improper action or taking any retaliatory action against any eCity employee because of that employee's disclosure of information relating to illegal and improper action in eCity government;
- (f) The inability to properly perform public duties due to a permanent or chronic physical or mental ailment or other incapacitating defect;
- (g) Gross negligence or incompetence in the performance of public duties;
- (h) Engaging in personal conduct injurious to the reputation and well-being of the government of the ~~the~~ Ceity and its citizens; or
- (i) Failing or refusing to perform, or acting contrary to, an official duty or obligation imposed by the Charter or duly enacted law or ordinance.

Sec. 64315. - Suspension or removal of eElected officials.

~~Any elected official who is charged with a crime which is a felony or which is related to his or her public duties shall be immediately suspended. Any elected official who enters a plea of guilty, including an Alford plea, or a plea of nolo contendere, or is found guilty of said charge(s) shall be removed from office. In the event that a conviction of guilt is at any later time vacated, reversed, or otherwise stricken, the elected official shall be reinstated for the balance of the term, if any, with all compensation and benefits restored.~~

Mayor Sydnor Requested Language:

(a) Suspension Due to Incarceration and Non-Attendance

Any elected official who, due to incarceration while awaiting trial, is absent from fifty percent (50%) or more of official City business meetings—including regular, special, or emergency meetings—within any rolling six-month period shall be suspended from office until the legal matter is resolved.

(b) Removal Upon Criminal Conviction

Any elected official who is found guilty of a felony offense or of any crime directly related to his or her official duties shall be immediately removed from office upon the entry of judgment.

(c) Reinstatement Following Reversal of Conviction

In the event that a conviction resulting in removal or suspension is later vacated, reversed, or otherwise nullified, the elected official shall be reinstated to office for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, with full restoration of all compensation, benefits, and privileges previously held.

(d) Removal for Extended Absenteeism

The Mayor and/or any Councilmember(s) may be removed from office as a result of extended absenteeism, defined as missing in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the City Council's regular and special legislative meetings within any calendar year.

(e) Public Hearing on Absenteeism

The Mayor, acting independently, or any three (3) Councilmembers shall have the authority to convene a public hearing to address extended absenteeism by the Mayor or any Councilmember. The elected official in question shall receive notice and be given the opportunity to respond before any decision is rendered.

~~Any elected official found guilty of any crime which is a felony, or which is related to his or her public duties, shall be immediately suspended. In the event that the verdict or conviction of guilt is affirmed entered by any tribunal having jurisdiction over the elected official, then the elected official shall be removed from office. In the event that a plea of not guilty has been entered and is at any later time is vacated, reversed, or otherwise stricken the elected official shall be removed from office. In the event that a plea of guilty has been entered and is at any later time is vacated, reversed, or otherwise stricken, the elected official shall be reinstated for the balance of the term, if any, with all compensation and benefits restored.~~

Sec. 64416. - Referenda.

(a) The citizens of the City shall have the right to petition to referendum any ordinance adopted by the City, pursuant to the procedures set forth in this section, except that ~~no~~ an ordinance shall not be subject to referendum if said ordinance ~~that~~:

- (1) Imposes any tax or its equivalent;
- (2) Appropriates funds for current expenses of the City;
- (3) Establishes or revises boundaries for wards determined and used for election purposes;
- (4) Amends a zoning map; or
- (5) ~~Which~~ E expressly provides that the ordinance shall not be subject to a referendum.

(b) Upon the adoption of the capital improvement program, any new project not previously contained in the capital improvement program, and any additions

constituting an enlargement of a project shall be subject to referendum, pursuant to the procedures contained in this section. Once a project has been approved by referendum, that portion of a subsequent enabling act or bond issue authorization ordinance relating to the project shall not be subject ~~et to~~ **to** referendum, and if a bond enabling ordinance including the ~~perfect~~ **project** and identifying it is approved by referendum, that portion of any subsequent bond issue authorization ordinance relating to the project shall not be subject to referendum.

(c) Except as provided herein, an ordinance shall be submitted to a referendum of the voters upon petition of twenty (20) percent of the **eligible registered** ~~qualified~~ voters of the City. Such petition shall be filed with the ~~board~~ **Board of** ~~e~~**Election s**~~Supervisors~~ of the City of Laurel within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the ordinance becomes law. If such a petition is filed, the ~~ordinance~~ **ordinance** to be referred shall not take effect until thirty (30) calendar days after its approval by a majority of the ~~qualified~~ **eligible** voters of the ~~e~~**City** voting thereon at the next ensuing regular ~~e~~**City** election, or any special election for that purpose. ~~The~~ **the** determination of whether a special election will be held **shall** ~~to be~~ at the discretion of the ~~e~~**City** ~~e~~**Council**.

(d) An emergency ordinance shall remain in force from the date it becomes effective according to its terms, notwithstanding the filing of ~~such a~~ petition **for referendum**, but shall stand repealed thirty (30) calendar days after having been rejected by a majority of the ~~qualified~~ voters of the ~~e~~**City** voting thereon.

(e) A petition for referendum may consist of several papers, but each paper shall contain the text or a fair summary of the ordinance being petitioned upon; and there shall be attached to each such paper an affidavit of the person procuring the signatures thereon **attesting on the basis of personal knowledge**, that ~~to the said person's own personal knowledge~~ each signature thereon is genuine and bona fide, and that, to the best of ~~his~~ **the affiant's** ~~or her~~ knowledge, information, and belief, the signers are ~~qualified~~ **registered** voters of the City of Laurel, ~~as set opposite their names~~. A minor variation in the signature of a petitioner between ~~his or her signature~~ **a petitioner's name** on a petition and that **contained in** the voter registration records shall not invalidate the signature. The invalidation of one signature on a referendum petition shall not serve to invalidate any other signature on the petition.

(f) Each petitioner shall include ~~his or her~~ **their** address and the date of ~~his or her~~ **their** signature opposite ~~his or her~~ **their** printed or typed name. The ~~b~~**B**oard of ~~e~~**E**lection ~~s~~**S**upervisors shall verify the qualification of said petitioners.

Sec. 64517. - Advisory rReferenda.

(a) The Mayor and City Council, by resolution, may direct that an advisory referendum of **the** voters be undertaken on questions set forth in said resolution. Any questions put to referenda shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election. The results of such referenda shall not be binding on the City in any way, but shall be for advisory purposes, only. Any resolution of the Mayor and the City Council shall be adopted at least sixty (60) days prior to the next general election in order to allow adequate time for the question to be placed on the ballot.

(b) Upon passage of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council, the Board shall place all questions contained in the resolution on the official ballot and provide for the posting and dissemination of the ballot questions in suitable places and on all voting machines. The Board shall certify the results of the referenda on all questions appearing on the ballot in the same manner provided for certification of election results.

Sec. 61618. - Adoption and incorporation of sState law provisions.

Unless otherwise specifically set forth to the contrary in the Charter or Code, the Charter shall be read and construed to incorporate, adopt, and enact the provisions of Title 16, "Offenses and Penalties" of the Election Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in its current version or as later amended, as the same apply to any illegal conduct committed in connection with or during the course of an election, or as a result of any illegal interference with election procedures and processes.

Sec. 61719. - Extraordinary powers—Civil emergency.

In the case of a declared civil emergency or other civil disaster where any date contained in this Article or Chapter 600 of the Code cannot be met because of such civil emergency or civil disaster, the Board shall establish such reasonable dates and accommodations for compliance with any filing deadlines, submission of reports, or any other deadline that may apply to a required filing or submission required herein. The Board may also change the designated Election Day based on a civil emergency or civil disaster. In no event shall the rescheduled date for any postponed election be sooner than thirty (30) days from the date of the declared end of the civil emergency or civil disaster. During any postponement of elections, public officials shall remain in office unless and until their successors are duly qualified and elected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Laurel's Charter Article 600 "Registrations and Elections", is hereby amended as follows:

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of adoption of this Charter Resolution is the ____ day of ____, 2025, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City as herein adopted, shall be and become effective on the ____ day of ____, 2025 unless on or before the ____ day of ____, 2025, a Petition for Referendum on this Charter Resolution is filed in writing with the Mayor or City Administrator, pursuant to the provision of Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective on the ____ day of ____, 2025.

PASSED this ____ day of ____, 2025.

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has held work sessions and appropriate public hearings on such proposed budget, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have agreed upon the FY2026 General Operating Budget and FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, including the reauthorization of prior year funds, as summarized below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the following General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

PROPOSED FY2026

REVENUE SUBCATEGORY DESCRIPTION

4010 - R/E TAX REVENUE	\$30,001,060
4030 - PERSONAL PROP TAX	1,345,000
4040 - PERSONAL PROP-INT/PENTALTY	40,000
4050 - LOCAL TAXES	4,850,000
4060 - OTHER LOCAL TAXES	1,979,771
4110 - LICENSES	756,350
4130 - PERMITS	334,975
4210 - FEDERAL GRANTS	23,000
4230 - STATE GRANTS	780,792
4250 - COUNTY GRANTS	448,362
4310 - GENERAL GOV'T SERVICE CH	150,797
4340 - SANITATION SERVICE CHGS	176,000
4350 - SERVICE CHARGE-HEALTH	10,000
4370 - FACILITY RENTALS	163,890
4411 - SWIMMING POOL FEES	135,010
4413 - RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	83,500
4415 - P&R ACTIVITY FEES	89,500
4417 - P&R CONCESSION FEES	25,000

4430 - SENIOR PROGRAM FEES	16,500
4620 - POLICE FINES	2,780,600
4630 - CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	12,250
4710 - INVESTMENT INTEREST	199,500
4720 - RENTAL INCOME	18,963
4730 - CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	600
4740 - SALE OF PROPERTY	14,500
4750 - MISC REFUNDS AND REBATES	86,780
4761 - POLICE ACCT RECEIPTS	45,000
4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	487,474
4840 - FUND TRANSFER	1,256,784
TOTAL	\$46,311,958

**PROPOSED
FY2026**

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

201 - CITY COUNCIL	\$115,109
205 - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL	232,642
210 - MAYOR	666,392
215 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR	637,427
220 - ELECTIONS	88,090
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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
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TOTAL FACILITY PROJECT REAUTH	\$4,353,962

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LAFAYETTE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS	31,622
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MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS	124,265

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NON-DESTRUCTIVE PAVEMENT EVALUATION	4,586
SARATOGA AVENUE	32,648
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT/REPAIR	254,905
STANLEY PLACE	121,661
STREET LIGHT AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS	64,185
TRAFFIC & PARKING ANALYSIS	100,368
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
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STAGGERS RD	128,000
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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 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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CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has held work sessions and appropriate public hearings on such proposed budget, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have agreed upon the FY2026 General Operating Budget and FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, including the reauthorization of prior year funds, as summarized below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the following General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

PROPOSED FY2026

REVENUE SUBCATEGORY DESCRIPTION

4010 - R/E TAX REVENUE	\$30,001,060
4030 - PERSONAL PROP TAX	1,345,000
4040 - PERSONAL PROP-INT/PENTALTY	40,000
4050 - LOCAL TAXES	4,850,000
4060 - OTHER LOCAL TAXES	1,979,771
4110 - LICENSES	756,350
4130 - PERMITS	334,975
4210 - FEDERAL GRANTS	23,000
4230 - STATE GRANTS	780,792
4250 - COUNTY GRANTS	381,362
4310 - GENERAL GOV'T SERVICE CH	150,797
4340 - SANITATION SERVICE CHGS	176,000
4350 - SERVICE CHARGE-HEALTH	10,000
4370 - FACILITY RENTALS	163,890
4411 - SWIMMING POOL FEES	135,010
4413 - RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	83,500
4415 - P&R ACTIVITY FEES	89,500
4417 - P&R CONCESSION FEES	25,000
4430 - SENIOR PROGRAM FEES	16,500

4620 - POLICE FINES	2,780,600
4630 - CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	12,250
4710 - INVESTMENT INTEREST	199,500
4720 - RENTAL INCOME	18,963
4730 - CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	600
4740 - SALE OF PROPERTY	14,500
4750 - MISC REFUNDS AND REBATES	86,780
4761 - POLICE ACCT RECEIPTS	45,000
4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	487,474
4840 - FUND TRANSFER	1,256,784
TOTAL	\$46,244,958

**PROPOSED
FY2026**

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

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CITY OF LAUREL PROPOSED BUDGET/CIP FY2026

