

## CITY COUNCIL

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## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road  
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### FIRST REGULAR MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025 7:00 PM IN-PERSON MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened in-person in the Council Chamber of the Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center at approximately 7:02 pm with Ms. Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk presiding. There were approximately thirty-five (35) members of the public in attendance.

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

Agenda Item No. 3 was the Oath of Office for the Laurel City Councilmembers'-Elect administered by Mayor Keith R. Sydnor to:

Brencis D. Smith	-	Councilmember, At-Large
James Kole	-	Councilmember, Ward 1
Adrian G. Simmons	-	Councilmember, Ward 1
Kyla M. Clark	-	Councilmember, Ward 2
Jeffrey W. Mills	-	Councilmember, Ward 2

Mayor Sydnor and the City Council took their seats at the dais.

Agenda Item No. 4 was the Nomination and Election of the Council President. Ms. Green opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Mills made motion to elect Councilwoman Kyla M. Clark as President. The motion failed to receive a second.

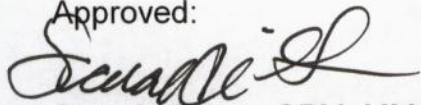
Ms. Green opened the floor for another nomination. Councilman Mills nominated himself for Council President. Ms. Green requested a second and when no response was received indicated that she would move on and asked if there was a third motion to nominate a Council President. Councilwoman Clark then said she would second the motion but if it were too late, she understood. Ms. Green stated that she had already indicated that the motion did not receive a second and had requested a new motion. Mayor Sydnor said that he didn't think it was too late to accept Councilwoman Clark's second. Ms. Green asked Ms. Anderson what her opinion was on the matter. Ms. Anderson indicated that it was okay to proceed with the second. Ms. Green stated that there was a motion and second to nominate Councilman Mills as President and called the roll. Councilman Mills voted "Yes", Councilwoman Clark voted "Yes", Councilman Kole voted "No", Councilman Smith voted "No", and Councilman Simmons voted "No". Therefore, the motion failed.

Ms. Green once again opened the floor for Nomination and Election of the Council President. Councilman Kole made a motion to nominate Councilman Smith as President. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion. The roll was called with Councilman Kole voting "Yes", Councilman Simmons voting "Yes", Councilwoman Clark and Councilman Mills abstaining from the vote and Councilman Smith voting "Yes".

Ms. Green turned the gavel over to President Smith. President Smith, Councilmembers, and Mayor Sydnor made closing statements.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC  
City Clerk

Date: *December 8, 2025*



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**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL**

8103 Sandy Spring Road  
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**First Regular Meeting**

**Monday, November 24, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Agenda**

**In-Person Meeting**

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

1. Call to Order – Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
3. Mayor Keith R. Sydnor to administer the Oath of Office to Laurel City Councilmembers-elect:

Brencis D. Smith	-	Councilmember, At-Large
James Kole	-	Councilmember, Ward 1
Adrian G. Simmons	-	Councilmember, Ward 1
Kyla M. Clark	-	Councilmember, Ward 2
Jeffrey W. Mills	-	Councilmember, Ward 2

4. Nomination and Election of Council President

- Selection of President Pro-tem

5. Remarks of the Mayor and City Council

6. Adjournment

# Mayor and City Council Voting Record

## First Meeting

November 24, 2025 6:00 pm

### In-Person

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Meeting Ended: 7:25pm

Members of the Public: 35

### Staff Attendance:

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

### Roll Call

☒ Councilwoman Clark ☒ Councilman Mills ☒ Councilman Kole  
☒ Councilman-Elect Smith ☒ Councilman Simmons ☒ Mayor Sydnor

Nomination and Election of Council President: Councilwoman Kyla Clark No Second made

1<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Clark 1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Mills        Councilman Kole

       Councilman Smith        Councilman Simmons

Selection of Council President Pro-tem: N/A

Nomination and Election of Council President: Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills

motion failed

2nd Councilwoman Clark 1st Councilman Mills N0 Councilman Kole

N0 Councilman Smith N0 Councilman Simmons

Selection of Council President Pro-tem: N/A

Nomination and Election of Council President: Councilman Brencis D. Smith

abstain Councilwoman Clark abstain Councilman Mills 1st Councilman Kole

yes Councilman Smith 2nd Councilman Simmons

Selection of Council President Pro-tem: Councilman Adrian G. Simmons