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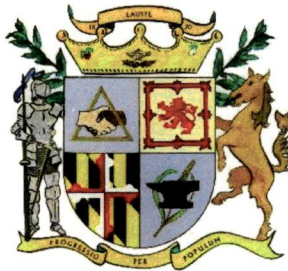
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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

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Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

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SEVENTEENTH MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026 6:00 PM IN-PERSON MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened in the Council Chamber of the Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center at approximately 6:00 pm with Council President Brencis D. Smith presiding. Councilwoman Kyla M. Clark, Councilman James Kole, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons, and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor present. There were approximately twenty-five (25) members of the public in attendance.

The following staff members were also present: Nekesa Matlock, Acting City Administrator, Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk, Crystal Hypolite, Chief of Staff, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Chief Russell E. Hamill, Marchelle LeBlanc, Director, Department of Human Services, Jay Meashey, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, 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, Tommy Helms, Acting Director, Department of Public Works, Lauren Thompson, Acting Director, Department of Emergency Management and Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor.

Mayor Sydnor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Agenda Item No. 4 was approval of the following minutes:

- June 1, 2026- Special Meeting
- June 3, 2026- Work Session
- June 8, 2026- Special Work Session
- June 8, 2026- Regular Meeting

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

Agenda Item No. 5 was a presentation by Executive Director Clark Mercer, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). Mr. Mercer provided a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the services and collaboration that COG provides for its membership and the region.

Agenda Item No. 6 was the Report of the Mayor and City Council. The 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 he had issued the following proclamations in June:

- LGBTQ+ Pride Month
- National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- Juneteenth
- Hometown Heroes
- National HIV Testing Day

Mayor Sydnor made a statement explaining a potential partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America and the City that would involve an agreement to allow the group to use a portion of the Laurel-Armory Anderson and Murphy Community Center located at 422 Montgomery Street for an after-school program for elementary school-aged children Monday-Friday in the afternoons. Mayor Sydnor explained that the program and use of the building were still being discussed between the City Administration, the Laurel Elementary School, and the Boys and Girls Club of America.

Agenda Item No. 7 was Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments.

Appointments

Krystle Nelson	Clergy Advisory Council	06/22/2026-06/22/2028
Dr. Starsha Sewell	Clergy Advisory Council	06/22/2026-06/22/2028
Megan Celestine	Multicultural Advisory Committee	06/22/2026-06/26/2028

Reappointments

Maria Gonzales-Jackson	Youth Services Commission	06/22/2026-06/22/2029
Karen Lubieniecki	Ethics Commission	06/22/2026-06/22/2029
Clyde Williams	Public Safety and Transportation	06/22/2026-06/22/2028

Councilman Kole made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments. Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 8 was the General Public Hearing. President Smith opened the public hearing at 6:50 pm. The first person who signed up to speak was Mr. Scott Lilienthal- 405 Fourth Street. Mr. Lilienthal said that he and many of his neighbors were interested in hearing more details about the proposed use of the Laurel-Armory Anderson and Murphy Community Center by the Boys and Girls Club of America and what that would mean for City residents who frequent it.

The next speaker was Mr. Wilbur Nicholson- Laurel Boys and Girls Club- 701 Montgomery Street. Mr. Nicholson stated that if the City was going to partner with the Boys and Girls Club of America, he felt that the City should give money to the Laurel Boys and Girls Club.

The last speaker was Ms. Jennifer Laskin, Esquire, West Laurel Resident. Ms. Laskin said that she was concerned about the potential program and partnership between the City and the Boys and Girls Club of America. Ms. Laskin was concerned with the potential displacement of senior programs within walking distance for many that were provided by the City at the Laurel-Armory Anderson and Murphy Community Center. Further, Ms. Laskin said that there were critiques of organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of America including that the organizations lack clear and uniform practices, safety concerns, and funding issues. Ms. Laskin thought that the community needed more information and public input was needed before the City entered into any agreements. There was no one else who signed up to speak. President Smith closed the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item No. 9 was the Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2056- An Ordinance Amending 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 Provide an Effective Date. S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, presented the proposed ordinance. A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Councilmembers regarding funding, eligibility requirements, disbursement of funds, and program details included in the budget amendment ordinance for Selborne House residents to assist in covering increased rent costs that were the result of the property recently changing ownership. City Solicitor Stephanie P. Anderson reminded the Council that what was before them was a budget amendment to approve the transfer of funds. The details of the program, eligibility requirements, etc. was not what was before Council for consideration. A brief discussion between the City Solicitor, Mayor, and City Councilmembers ensued regarding same. President Smith opened the public hearing on the item at 7:16 pm. There was no one who signed up to speak. President Smith closed the public hearing at 7:16 pm. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2056 as presented. Councilman Kole seconded the motion. Councilwoman Clark voted "No". Councilman Simmons voted "No" with explanation. President Smith voted "Yes". Mayor Sydnor concurred with the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 pm.

Approved:

Date: *September 14, 2026*



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

June 22, 2026 6:00 pm

In-Person Meeting

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Meeting Ended: 7:19pm

Members of the Public: 25

Staff Attendance:

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

Roll Call

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

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✓ Councilwoman Clark ✓ Councilman Kole 2nd Councilman Mills
1st Councilman Simmons ✓ President Smith

Agenda Item No. 6.- Report of the Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item No. 7- Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments

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2nd Councilwoman Clark 1st Councilman Kole yes Councilman Mills
yes Councilman Simmons yes President Smith

Agenda Item No. 8- General Public Hearing

Public Hearing Open: 6:50pm Closed: 7:00pm

Speakers: See attached speaker sign up sheet.

Agenda Item No. 9- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2056- An Ordinance Amending 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 Provide an Effective Date

opened Public Hearing at 7:16pm Closed public Hearing at 7:16pm.

1st Councilman Mills 2nd Councilman Kole NO Councilwoman Clark

NO Councilman Simmons yes President Smith Concur Mayor Sydnor

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

8103 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707

Seventeenth Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2026

6:00 pm

	✓ Scott Name Lilienthal	Address	Agenda Item
1.	Scott Lilienthal	405 4th St.	Armory
2.	Willbert Nicholson	201 Montgomery St	!! !!
3.	Jennifer Laskin	West Laurel 15502 Bond Mill Rd 20707	Armory
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Agenda
In-Person Meeting

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Those wishing to speak at the meeting may do so by signing the speaker sign-up sheet that will be available to the left of the door when entering the Council Chamber.

1. Call to Order – Brencis D. Smith, Council President
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
3. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
4. Approval of Minutes
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5. Presentation by Executive Director Clark Mercer, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)
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10. Adjournment



Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 7.

June 10, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brencis Smith, Council President
Laurel City Councilmembers
FROM: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor *KRS*
SUBJ: Mayoral Appointments/Reappointments

I plan to make the following appointments and reappointments at the June 22, 2026, Mayor and City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Krystle Nelson	Clergy Advisory Council	6/22/26 – 6/22/28
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I look forward to your confirmation of these appointments and reappointments.



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2056

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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 PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

WHEREAS, the FY2026 General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was adopted on May 28, 2025 through Ordinance No. 2041 and subsequently amended through Ordinance No. 2049, Ordinance No. 2051, and Ordinance No. 2053, and

WHEREAS, the affordability covenant for Selborne House is scheduled to expire in December 2027. To prevent the property from being converted to market-rate housing and potentially displacing 126 senior residents, Urban Atlantic Development, LLC purchased the property and committed to preserving it as senior housing, and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development approved a 7.5% rent increase on September 25, 2025; Urban Atlantic Development, LLC officially closed on the purchase of the property on March 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Urban Atlantic Development, LLC has stipulated it will need the rent increase to support building renovations, operational expenses, debt service, and other costs associated with maintaining and preserving the property, and

WHEREAS, the Administration would like to establish a temporary rental assistance program for eligible residents of Selborne House funded with a portion of the ARPA bank account accrued interest, and

WHEREAS, the City has two bank loans with PNC Bank, N.A. the Administration proposes to pay off by June 30, 2026 utilizing additional FY2026 revenues, expenditures savings and a portion of the Unassigned Fund Balance, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland are required to amend the FY2026 General Operating Budget and CIP to reflect these changes.

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

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

<u>GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET</u>	AMENDED ORD2053	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2056
<u>REVENUE SUBCATEGORY DESCRIPTION</u>			
4010 - R/E TAX REVENUE	30,001,060	500,000	30,501,060
4030 - PERSONAL PROP TAX	1,345,000		1,345,000
4040 - PERSONAL PROP-INT/PENTALTY	40,000		40,000
4050 - LOCAL TAXES	4,850,000		4,850,000
4060 - OTHER LOCAL TAXES	1,979,771		1,979,771
4110 - LICENSES	756,350		756,350
4130 - PERMITS	334,975		334,975
4210 - FEDERAL GRANTS	23,000		23,000
4230 - STATE GRANTS	824,778		824,778
4250 - COUNTY GRANTS	448,362		448,362
4310 - GENERAL GOV'T SERVICE CH	150,797		150,797
4340 - SANITATION SERVICE CHGS	176,000		176,000
4350 - SERVICE CHARGE-HEALTH	10,000		10,000
4370 - FACILITY RENTALS	163,890		163,890
4411 - SWIMMING POOL FEES	135,010		135,010
4413 - RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	83,500		83,500
4415 - P&R ACTIVITY FEES	89,500		89,500
4417 - P&R CONCESSION FEES	25,000		25,000
4430 - SENIOR PROGRAM FEES	16,500		16,500
4620 - POLICE FINES	2,780,600		2,780,600
4630 - CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	12,250		12,250
4710 - INVESTMENT INTEREST	199,500	151,800	351,300
4720 - RENTAL INCOME	18,963		18,963
4730 - CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	600		600
4740 - SALE OF PROPERTY	14,500		14,500
4750 - MISC REFUNDS AND REBATES	86,780		86,780
4761 - POLICE ACCT RECEIPTS	195,130	209,020	404,150
4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	487,474		487,474
4840 - FUND TRANSFER	6,956,784	660,876	7,617,660
	\$52,206,074	\$1,521,696	\$53,727,770

<u>DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</u>	AMENDED ORD2053	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2056
201 - CITY COUNCIL	115,109		115,109
205 - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL	232,642		232,642
210 - MAYOR	657,833		657,833
215 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR	638,427		638,427
220 - ELECTIONS	88,090		88,090
225 - BUDGET & PERSONNEL SVCS	1,313,593		1,313,593
235 - COMMUNICATIONS	783,860		783,860
240 - ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEV	930,642	151,800	1,082,442
244 - SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS	96,727		96,727
250 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,967,093		2,967,093
270 - COMMUNITY PROMOTION	151,916		151,916
280 - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	951,880		951,880
281 - JOSEPH R. ROBISON - LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER	195,918		195,918
284 - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY	151,927		151,927
285 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	199,513		199,513

286 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CENTER	124,252		124,252
287 - LAUREL MUSEUM	19,045		19,045
288 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE	37,850		37,850
289 - MAIN ST. POOL MAINTENANC	91,320		91,320
290 - LPD FACILITY	332,598		332,598
291 - GREENVIEW DR REC COMPLEX	53,355		53,355
292 - P&R MAINTENANCE FACILITY	52,020		52,020
293 - GUDE HOUSE	83,991		83,991
294 - CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULITSERVICE CENTER-MAINTENANCE	301,298		301,298
301 - POLICE	14,327,069		14,327,069
320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV	903,149		903,149
325 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	711,345		711,345
326 - HUMAN SERVICES-CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER-PRGMS	561,254		561,254
401 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN	724,913		724,913
410 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE	1,214,348		1,214,348
415 - WASTE COLLECTION	1,358,292		1,358,292
420 - RECYCLING	587,391		587,391
425 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS MAINT	1,144,792		1,144,792
430 - SNOW REMOVAL	186,155	(20,000)	166,155
435 - STREET LIGHTING	278,970		278,970
440 - ENGINEERING&TECH SERVICES	263,873		263,873
445 - TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	194,804		194,804
450 - TREE MANAGEMENT	98,992		98,992
501 - PARKS & RECREATION ADMIN	920,642		920,642
505 - RECREATION	542,926		542,926
510 - MAIN ST POOL PROGRAMS	330,813		330,813
515 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	341,459		341,459
520 - GREENVIEW DR PROGRAMS	109,878		109,878
525 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CTR PROG	219,522		219,522
530 - HUMAN SERVICES-LAUREL HELPING HANDS	239,771		239,771
535 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE PROGRAMS	32,827		32,827
550 - SENIOR SERVICES	282,535		282,535
650 - PRINCIPAL	1,226,027	1,634,896	2,860,923
651 - INTEREST	435,347	(170,000)	265,347
652 - RETIREMENT	2,548,030		2,548,030
654 - PROPERTY INSURANCE	625,764	(75,000)	550,764
655 - BONDING INSURANCE	29,600		29,600
656 - EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	4,569,615		4,569,615
657 - MISC FINANCIAL USES	6,103,582		6,103,582
658 - SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT	350,000		350,000
659 - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROG	0		0
810 - EMPLOYEE TRAINING	154,535		154,535
820 - EMPLOYEE TUITION	16,955		16,955
	\$52,206,074	\$1,521,696	\$53,727,770

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

	AMENDED ORD2053	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2056
TOTAL CIP	\$35,841,732	\$0	\$35,841,732

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

BRENCIS D. SMITH
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor