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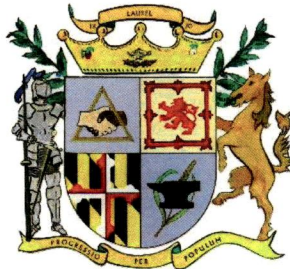
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Council meets second and fourth
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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

KEITH R. SYDNOR
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**FIFTH REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting convened via Zoom 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 were present. There were two (2) 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, Chrissy Cornwell, Director, Department of Emergency Management, Chief Russell E. Hamill, III, LPD, Crystal Hypolite, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, 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, Tommy Helms, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works, Mark Plazinski, Deputy Chief of Police, Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor, and Larry Taub, Esquire, Legal Counsel.

Agenda Item No. 3 was approval of the following minutes:

- December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
- January 7, 2026 Special Meeting
- January 7, 2026 Work Session

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

Agenda Item No. 4 was Report of the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Councilmembers provided their reports regarding events and happenings since the last meeting and made announcements regarding upcoming meetings and events.

Agenda Item No. 5 Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments:

Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments

Appointments:

Francesca Valencia	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/28
Matthew Nabinger	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/29
Melissa Mawyer	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/29
The Honorable Christine M. Johnson	CAC for Seniors Residents and Persons with Disabilities	01/12/26-01/12/28

Reappointments:

Inka Patel	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/29
Davonia Bryant	Education Advisory Committee	01/12/26-01/12/28

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

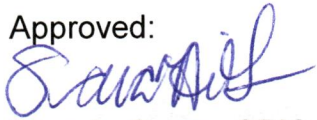
The next agenda item was the General Public Hearing. President Smith opened the General Public Hearing at 6:20 pm. There was no one who signed up to speak. President Smith closed the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:20 pm.

Agenda Item No. 7 was a Bid Recommendation for Ten (10) Additional Axon Fleet 3 Systems for Police Vehicles- Department of Information Technology. James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology presented the bid recommending that it be awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona in the amount of \$103,357.40. Councilwoman Clark made a motion to approve the bid as presented. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 8 was the Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2052- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend Laurel City Code, Chapter 11, "Planning and Development, "Article III, "Affordable Housing Program," Section 11-53, "For Sale Affordable Housing" to Update and Supplement the For Sale Housing Requirements and Providing for an Effective Date. President Smith read the title into the record for the first reading. Larry N. Taub, Legal Counsel, noted that he did not have anything to add to what he presented at the 5:00 pm Work Session. President Smith opened the Public Hearing on the item at 6:27 pm. Signed up to speak was Edward C. Gibbs, Jr., Esquire, 1300 Caraway Court Suite 102 Largo, Maryland 20774, representing Pulte Homes. Mr. Gibbs noted that his client was in favor of the draft ordinance as presented that evening. There was no one else who signed up to speak. President Smith closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 pm and noted that the item would be on the agenda for the second public hearing with possible action scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:29 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Date: February 9, 2026

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

January 12, 2026 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Meeting Ended: 6:29PM

Members of the Public: 1

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

Tommy Helms, Assistant Director
DPW

Roll Call

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

Agenda Item No. 3- Approval of Minutes:

- December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
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- January 7, 2026 Work Session

1st Councilman Mills yes Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Clark

2nd Councilman Simmons yes President Smith

Agenda Item No. 4.- Report of the Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item No. 5- Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments

Appointments:

Francesca Valencia	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/28
Matthew Nabinger	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/29
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The Honorable Christine M. Johnson	CAC for Seniors Residents and Persons with Disabilities	01/12/26-01/12/28

Reappointments:

Inka Patel	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/29
Davonia Bryant	Education Advisory Committee	01/12/26-01/12/28

yes Councilman Mills 2nd Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Clark

1st Councilman Simmons yes President Smith

Agenda Item No. 6- General Public Hearing

Public Hearing Open: 6:20pm Closed: 6:20pm

Speakers: None.

Agenda Item No. 7- Bid Recommendation- 10 Additional Axon Fleet 3 Systems for Police Vehicles- Department of Information Technology

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

Agenda Item No. 8- Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2052- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend Laurel City Code, Chapter 11, "Planning and Development, "Article III, "Affordable Housing Program," Section 11-53, "For Sale Affordable Housing" to Update and Supplement the For Sale Housing Requirements and Providing for an Effective Date

Public Hearing Open: 6:27pm Closed: 6:29pm

Speakers: Edward C. Gibbs, Esquire on behalf of Pulte Homes.
In favor of proposed ordinance.

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Fifth Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026
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 – Brencis D. Smith, Council President
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
3. Approval of Minutes
 - December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - January 7, 2026 Special Meeting
 - January 7, 2026 Work Session
4. Report of the Mayor and City Council
5. Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments

Appointments:

Francesca Valencia	Arts Council	01/12/26-01/12/28
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6. General Public Hearing
7. Bid Recommendation- 10 Additional Axon Fleet 3 Systems for Police Vehicles- Department of Information Technology
8. Introduction and First Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2052- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend Laurel City Code, Chapter 11, "Planning and Development, "Article III, "Affordable Housing Program," Section 11-53, "For Sale Affordable Housing" to Update and Supplement the For Sale Housing Requirements and Providing for an Effective Date
9. Adjournment



CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 5.

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

January 7, 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 January 12, 2026, Mayor and City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Francesca Valencia	Arts Council	1/12/26 – 1/12/28
Matthew Nabinger	Arts Council	1/12/26 – 1/12/29
Melissa Mawyer	Arts Council	1/12/26 – 1/12/29
Christine Johnson	CAC for Senior Residents and Persons with Disabilities	1/12/26 – 1/12/28

REAPPOINTMENTS

Inka Patel	Arts Council	01/12/26 – 01/12/29
Davonia Bryant	Education Advisory Committee	01/12/26 – 01/12/28

I look forward to your confirmation of these appointments and reappointments.



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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January 8, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor
 Brencis D. Smith, Council President
 City Council Members

VIA: Nekesa Matlock, Deputy City Administrator

FROM: James A. Cornwell-Shiel, Chief Information Officer

SUBJ: **Bid Recommendation – 10 Additional Axon Fleet 3 Systems**

In December 2023 the Laurel Police Department entered a 5-year contract with Axon for their Fleet 3 camera system. The Fleet 3 system links with our officers' tasers, body cameras, and various in-car system (sirens, speed monitors, crash sensors, etc) to ensure that every angle of police interactions is recorded for safety and transparency.

The Police Department is completing the replacement of their patrol vehicles this Spring, and 10 additional Axon Fleet 3 systems are required to outfit the full contingent of patrol vehicles. The contract for these 10 new Fleet 3 systems will be co-termed with the remaining 3 years of our existing 5-year Axon Fleet 3 contract.

SPECIFICATIONS:

The contract includes Axon's Technology Assurance Plan, covering maintenance, support, and upgrades to new hardware during the contract period (if applicable). The contract also includes licensing for secure, unlimited cloud video evidence storage and retention for each camera. The cloud evidence storage includes critical chain of custody audit reporting as well as simple video redaction, export, and sharing mechanisms for proper and secure evidence handling, transfer, and retrieval.

FUNDING:

This purchase will be co-termed with the remaining 3 years of our existing 5-year Axon Fleet 3 contract. The total cost is \$103,357.40, under Sourcewell Contract #010720-AXN. Funding is provided in the adopted FY2026 CIP Information Technology Project - IT Police Technology. The vendor is Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Council award a 3-year co-termed addition to the existing Axon Fleet 3 contract to Axon Enterprise for the Sourcewell contract price of \$103,357.40.

Bid Recommendation – 10 Additional Axon Fleet 3 Systems
January 8, 2026
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Item 7.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at extension 2240.

Reviewed for funding:

S. Michele Saylor

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

1/9/2026

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator
Sara A. Green, CMC, Clerk to the City Council



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

Item 8.

ORDINANCE NO. 2052 (As of 01/08/2026)

Sara Green- City Clerk added/edited language

Larry Taub- Added Language

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMEND LAUREL CITY CODE, CHAPTER 11, "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT," ARTICLE III, "AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM," SECTION 11-53, "FOR SALE AFFORDABLE HOUSING" TO UPDATE AND SUPPLEMENT THE FOR SALE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to promote for sale affordable housing in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council originally provided provisions to establish for sale affordable housing in the City with the passage of Ordinance No. 2018 on October 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council has determined that it is necessary to clarify some of the existing provisions of Laurel City Code Section 11-53. For sale affordable housing, that were established in Ordinance No. 2018, and to provide additional provisions to Section 11-53 to ensure that the City is achieving its housing goals and meeting the needs of those who cannot afford market rate housing; and

WHEREAS, the original intent of the Mayor and City Council in approving Ordinance No. 2018, specifically, regarding the calculation of the base sales price of the units, was that the sales price of each for sale affordable dwelling unit be at least thirty percent (30%) less than the base price of the comparable models of the market rate dwelling units within said development or subdivision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the Laurel City Code, Chapter 11, "Planning and Development," Article III, "Affordable Housing Program," Section 11-53, "For sale affordable housing," is hereby amended as follows:

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Sec.11-53. For ~~S~~ale ~~A~~affordable ~~H~~ousing.

- a. For residential developments that include a minimum of ~~twenty (20)~~twenty (20)~~thirty (30)~~thirty (30)~~forty (40)~~forty (40)~~fifty (50)~~fifty (50) single-family detached, townhouse, and/or condominium dwelling units (with condominiums being created either in a townhouse or a multi-family building), and also residential portions of mixed-use developments that include the same type and minimum number of dwelling units, eight (8) percent of the total number of dwelling units (with any fractional amount rounded up) shall be developed, built, and sold as affordable housing. If the development is constructed in phases, each phase of the development shall include its proportionate share of affordable units, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the City's Department of Economic and Community Development.

i. The sole exception to Subsection a. above shall be any residential development within the City that is zoned M-X-T, includes more than 250 dwelling units as described above, and which had a Final Site and Landscape Plan approved by the City's Planning Commission during Calendar Year 2025, for which a minimum of six percent (6%) of the total for sale residential units shall be developed, built and sold as affordable housing, as otherwise set forth within this Section.

- b. Eligibility for any affordable dwelling unit shall be a household income of no greater than eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Income ("AMI") for Prince George's County ~~no greater than sixty (60) percent of the median income in Prince George's County~~, adjusted for household size, as determined annually by the Federal Housing and Urban Development measure for the "Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area" ~~Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development~~.

- c. The affordable sales price of each required affordable dwelling unit shall ~~not exceed thirty (30) percent~~ be at least thirty percent (30%) below the established market-rate sales price of a dwelling unit of the same or similar model type. For example, if the market-rate sales price of a particular model dwelling unit within a development is five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), the affordable sales price for the comparable model dwelling unit shall be no more than three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000). ~~median price of each similar unit type in the development at the time a~~

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~~contract for any such affordable unit is entered into.~~

- d. Affordable dwelling units shall be interspersed throughout the development, and the location of all lots to contain an affordable unit shall be shown on the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for the development and approved through that process. No lot containing an affordable unit shall be adjacent to a lot containing any other affordable unit, although any lot upon which an affordable unit is constructed may be located directly across a street from another lot containing an affordable unit, or may back directly upon a lot containing another affordable unit across rear yards or common areas.
- e. All affordable units must be at least 80% of the size of the smallest base model of market unit rates within the same development (based on interior square footage). Additionally, no affordable unit shall be located on a lot that is significantly smaller or shaped much differently (as determined by the Planning Commission) from lots upon which market rate units are located within the development.
- f. The exterior of each affordable unit shall be similar in architecture, materials, color, and all other exterior design features from those of market rate units, within the development, so that they are virtually indistinguishable visually from the market rate units.
- g. The number of bedrooms and bathrooms within each affordable unit shall be no less than the number of bedrooms and bathrooms in the smallest base model of the market rate units within the development. The residents of each affordable unit shall have full and equal access to all amenities within the development as do the residents of each market rate unit.
- h. No affordable unit may be used for rental purposes during the covenant period described in paragraph (i) below.
- i. ~~as a rental unit.~~ All affordable dwelling units in a development shall remain so for a period of thirty (30) years ~~in perpetuity~~, and this shall be reflected in a declaration of covenants, consistent with the requirements set forth within Subsection k, below, and said declaration that shall run with the land and shall bind the applicant, and as signee, mortgagee, subsequent purchasers,

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or any of their successors or assigns, and said declaration of covenants shall be recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland. Should the affordable dwelling unit be resold within the 30-year period, the sale price shall be constrained to no greater than the purchase price plus an adjustment for inflation subsequent to purchase date.

- j. i. Certificates of occupancy for at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of affordable units within a development shall be issued prior to the issuance of more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the certificates of occupancy for the total number of market rate units within any development; and
 - ii. Certificates of occupancy for one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of affordable units within a development shall be issued prior to issuance of more than ninety percent (90%) of the certificates of occupancy for the total number of market rate units within the development.
- k. Prior to the recordation of the final plat for any development (or prior to the first final plat, if more than one), the owner of the property shall sign and have recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, a covenant to run with the land, to assure that: (1) each affordable unit within the development shall remain affordable (as described herein and as may be amended from time to time) for a period of thirty (30) years; (2) any resale of the affordable unit will be subject to the covenants, restrictions and other provisions related to affordable units within the City Code at the time of the resale; (3) should any affordable unit(s) be age-restricted, a covenant shall be recorded among the land records for Prince George's County to have any such affordable unit remain age-restricted for a period of thirty (30) years; any such age-restricted affordable units shall be purchased only by individuals who meet the Federal HUD requirements for age restrictions in place at the time of the sale, and shall otherwise be subject to all covenants, restrictions and other provisions related to affordable units within the City Code; and (4) any refinancing of the affordable unit may not be for more than it is allowed to be sold for under section (i).

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

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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

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

January 12, 2026- Regular Meeting

	Name	Address	Agenda Item
1.	Edward C. Gibbs, Jr. Esq.	1300 Caraway Court, Ste 102 Largo, MD 20774	Item 8. Ordinance No. 2052

City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2026 - 01**

WHEREAS: The City of Laurel recognizes Marcus Colbert dedicated his life to serving the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS: his ultimate sacrifice in the line of his duties has a left a lasting impression on our City and its residents; and

WHEREAS: his selfless acts of kindness and compassion inspired countless individuals. His smile and his willingness to help people, earned him a special place in the hearts of many; and

WHEREAS: his strong work ethic enhanced and/or improved the Laurel community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 9, 2026, as

MARCUS COLBERT DAY

in the City of Laurel and encourage all citizens to join us to recognize and celebrate the dedication and memory of Marcus Colbert.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2026 - 02

WHEREAS: *January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a presidentially designated observance designed to educate the public about human trafficking and the role they can play in preventing and responding to human trafficking; and*

WHEREAS: *Around the world, human trafficking has stripped nearly 25 million people of their safety, dignity, and liberty — disproportionately affecting historically underserved and marginalized communities; and*

WHEREAS: *During National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we reaffirm our commitment to ending this inhumane and immoral practice in all its forms. And as we bring perpetrators to justice, we renew our pledge to help survivors recover and rebuild their lives; and*

WHEREAS: *By wearing blue, the international color of human trafficking awareness, you're stating your commitment to bringing this heinous crime out of the shadows; and*

WHEREAS: *We all have an important role to play in preventing human trafficking and protecting victims. I encourage the City of Laurel to learn more about the signs of human trafficking and share the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888) — an important resource to report a tip or ask for help; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 11, 2026, as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Laurel and call upon the community to recognize the vital role we play in combating human trafficking and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities aimed at preventing all forms of human trafficking.

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

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION

2026 – 03

Whereas, the 11th Annual Toy Drive, organized by the Laurel Fire Department, Laurel Rescue Squad, and Laurel Police Department, in partnership with AMVets and other community organizations successfully brought together members of our community to spread holiday cheer and provide support to children and families in need throughout Laurel, Maryland; and

Whereas, through the combined efforts of these dedicated departments and AMVets, along with the invaluable assistance of volunteers who generously donated their time, a truck was filled with toys and essential items to brighten the holiday season for children in the Laurel community; and

Whereas, the event benefited children and families who may be facing financial hardships, ensuring that they experienced the joy of the holiday season, while also strengthening the bonds of our community; and

Whereas, the Laurel Fire Department, Laurel Rescue Squad, Laurel Police Department, continue to demonstrate a deep commitment to service and community by providing support to those in need, especially during the holiday season; and

Whereas, this annual event has become a cherished tradition, symbolizing the generosity, unity, and spirit of giving that defines the City of Laurel, Maryland.

Now, therefore, I, Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor of the City of Laurel, do hereby commend and extend heartfelt gratitude to the Laurel Fire Department, Laurel Rescue Squad, Laurel Police Department, AMVets, and all volunteers involved for their selfless contributions in making the 11th Annual Toy Drive a success, and for continuing to foster a spirit of giving and community in Laurel, Maryland.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor", is written over the printed name and title.

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**