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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
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NINTH MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 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 James Kole presiding. The roll was called with Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, and Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor present. Councilwoman Clark and Councilman Carl W. DeWalt had excused absences from the meeting.

The following staff members were also present: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator, Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk, Ana R. Navarro, MMC, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology, Chief Russell Hamill, LPD, Robert Love, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, Tim Miller, Director, Department of Public Works, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, Chrissy Cornwell, Director, Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management, Stephanie P. Anderson City Solicitor, and Deputy Chief Mark Plazinski, LPD. There were approximately eight (8) members of the public present.

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

- March 11, 2024 Work Session
- March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting
- March 25, 2024 Regular Meeting
- March 25, 2024 Closed Session
- April 1, 2024 Impasse Hearing Open Session
- April 1, 2024 Impasse Hearing Closed Session

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve all sets of minutes listed above. Councilman Mills seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

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 presented the following Proclamations:

- Second Chance Month- April 2024, presented to Mr. Michael Plummer
- Arbor Day- April 26, 2024, presented to Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
- Municipal Clerks Week- May 5 – May 11, 2024, presented to Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk
- Teacher Appreciation Week- May 6 – May 10, 2024
- National Economic Development Week- May 6 – May 10, 2024, presented to Robert Love, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development
- National Police Week- May 12 – May 18, 2024, presented to Chief Russell E. Hamill, III
- Bike to Work Day- May 17, 2024
- Kids to Park Day- May 18, 2024, presented to Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
- National Public Works Week- May 19 – May 25, 2024, presented to Tim Miller, Director, Department of Public Works

Agenda Item No. 5 was the introduction of Ms. Kyla Hanington and Renee Battle-Brooks, Executive Director, Prince George's County Office of Human Rights. Ms. Battle-Brooks provided an overview of the services and responsibilities of the Office of Human Rights.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Mayoral Appointments as follows:

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|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Amy Dunham | Parks and Recreation CAC | 04/22/2024-04/22/2027 |
| • Nancy Steinecke | Historic District Commission | 04/22/2024-04/22/2027 |

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mills and carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Next, President Kole opened the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:39 pm. The first person signed up to speak was Ms. Georgena Ifill, 8231 Northlake Court Laurel, Maryland 20707. Ms. Ifill said that she was happy to hear that the Department of Public Works had ratified their contract for collective bargaining. Ms. Ifill said that she was concerned that in the FY2023-2024 budget \$15,000 had been budgeted for Collective Bargaining Legal Counsel for the City and she wanted to know why it was decided to hire Jackson Lewis Law Firm to represent the City with the Department of Public Works contract when the City had not used the law firm in negotiating any of the City's FOP contracts. Further, Ms. Ifill said that she was concerned that the \$15,000 budgeted amount had been exceeded

and that she had contacted Director Michele Saylor's Office to request the total amount that had been paid to Jackson Lewis so far. Ms. Ifill said that she was aware that Larry Taub, former City Solicitor, was also in attendance at the negotiation meetings between the City and DPW so it seemed to her that the City was paying two lawyers to represent the City. President Kole thanked Ms. Ifill for her comments.

Next, Philip Nichols, 710 Montgomery Street Laurel, Maryland 20707 asked the Mayor and City Council for help regarding a neighborhood issue. Mr. Nichols said that he had to attend a public hearing to change the color of the shutters on his home because it was in the historic district, but the occupants of the building across from his home continued to hold large, disruptive parties and events late at night. He said that approximately a week before, the occupants held a repass for a popular entertainer that drew such a large crowd there was no parking in the area for at least two blocks and the noise from the event was so loud that an officer who responded said that they too could feel the ground vibrate from the noise, but the group was able to continue to hold the large events that would normally require permits, security, etc. Mr. Nichols said that the liquor board confirmed large amounts of alcohol being served at the event. He said that his neighbors were afraid to speak up and that something needed to be done about the matter.

Next, Mr. Michael Plummer, 3205 Ivey Wood Lane Laurel, Maryland 20724, had accepted the Second Chance proclamation earlier in the meeting and provided additional information regarding his personal history and getting a second chance. Mr. Plummer said that he managed schools in DC who had trouble with arrivals and departures and other issues. Ms. Kyoya Washington, 3205 Ivey Wood Lane Laurel, Maryland 20724, said that she also worked with schools like Mr. Plummer.

The General Public Hearing was closed at 6:48 pm.

Agenda Item No. 8 was the Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Resolution No. 2-2024, A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Creating a Multicultural Advisory Committee and Providing an Effective Date. President Kole read the title of the resolution into the record for the second reading. President Kole opened the public hearing at 6:49 pm. There was no one signed up to speak. The public hearing was closed at 6:50 pm. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-2024 as presented. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present. Mayor Sydnor concurred with the vote.

Agenda Item No. 9 was the Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2024 (Text Amendment No. 266), An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 20 "Land Development and Subdivision Regulations," to Update the Use Tables in Commercial, Industrial, and M-X-T Zones, to Update the Forest Conservation Article, to Update the Signs Section, and to Update the Definitions Section. President Kole read the title of the proposed ordinance into the record for the second reading. Robert Love, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development read into the record the legal procedures that were followed regarding the amendments. President Kole opened the public hearing on the item at 6:53 pm. There was no one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed at 6:53 pm. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024 as presented. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present. Mayor Sydnor concurred with the vote.

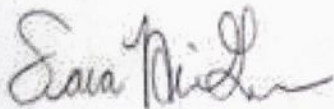
Agenda Item No. 10 was the Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2025, An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Chapter 18, "Building and Building Regulations," of the Laurel City Code, Article I thru XIII, Renumbering Sections and Providing an Effective Date. President Kole read the title into the record for the second reading. Danny Selby, Director, Department of the Fire Marshal and Personnel Services

provided a summary of the proposed ordinance. President Kole opened the public hearing at 6:55 pm. There was no one signed up to speak on the item. The public hearing was closed at 6:55 pm. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025 as presented. Councilman Mills seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present. Mayor Sydnor concurred with the vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:56 pm.

Approved:

Date: May 28, 2024

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AGENDA

IN-PERSON MEETING

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1. **Call to Order** - Council President James Kole
2. **Roll Call** - Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, Clerk
3. **Approval of Minutes**
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4. **Report of the Mayor and City Council**
5. **Introduction of Ms. Kyla Hanington, Prince George's County Office of Human Rights**
6. **Appointments:**

• Amy Dunham	Parks and Recreation CAC	04/22/2024-04/22/2027
• Nancy Steinecke	Historic District Commission	04/22/2024-04/22/2027
7. **General Public Hearing**

8. **Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Resolution No. 2-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Creating a Multicultural Advisory Committee and Providing an Effective Date**
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10. **Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2025- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Chapter 18, "Building and Building Regulations," of the Laurel City Code, Article I thru XIII, Renumbering Sections and Providing an Effective Date**
11. **Adjournment**

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

Monday, April 22, 2024 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting

IN PERSON

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Meeting Ended: 6:56 PM

Members of the Public: 8

Staff Attendance:

☒ Christian L Pulley ☒ Joanne Barr ☒ Ana Navarro ☒ Bill Bailey ☒ Joyce Jackson ☒ Chrissy Cornwell
☒ James Cornwell-Shiel ☒ Tim Miller ☒ Robert Love ☒ Chief Russell Hamill ☒ S. Michele Saylor
☒ Danny Selby ☒ Natalie Williams ☒ Stephanie Anderson ☒ Mark Plazinski

Roll Call

Absent Councilman DeWalt Present Councilwoman Johnson Present Councilman Mills

Absent Councilwoman Clark Present President Kole Present Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 4- Approval of Minutes

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absent Councilman DeWalt 1st Councilwoman Johnson 2nd Councilman Mills
absent Councilwoman Clark Yes President Kole

Agenda Item No. 7- Mayoral Appointments

- **Amy Dunham** **Parks and Recreation CAC** **04/22/2024-04/22/2027**
- **Nancy Steinecke** **Historic District Commission** **04/22/2024-04/22/2027**

absent Councilman DeWalt 1st Councilwoman Johnson 2nd Councilman Mills
absent Councilwoman Clark Yes President Kole

Agenda Item No. 8- General Public Hearing

Open: 6:39 PM Closed: 6:48 PM

Agenda Item No. 9- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Resolution No. 2-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Creating a Multicultural Advisory Committee and Providing an Effective Date

Open Public Hearing: 6:49 PM Close Public Hearing: 6:50 PM
absent Councilman DeWalt 2nd Councilwoman Johnson 1st Councilman Mills
absent Councilwoman Clark Yes President Kole Concur Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 10- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2024 (Text Amendment No. 266)- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 20 "Land Development and Subdivision Regulations," to Update the Use Tables in Commercial, Industrial, and M-X-T Zones, to Update the Forest Conservation Article, to Update the Signs Section, and to Update the Definitions Section

Open Public Hearing: 6:53 PM

Close Public Hearing: 6:53 PM

absent Councilman DeWalt

2nd Councilwoman Johnson

1st Councilman Mills

absent Councilwoman Clark

Yes President Kole

Concur Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 11- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2025- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Chapter 18, "Building and Building Regulations," of the Laurel City Code, Article I thru XIII, Renumbering Sections and Providing an Effective Date

Open Public Hearing: 6:55 PM

Close Public Hearing: 6:55 PM

absent Councilman DeWalt

1st Councilwoman Johnson

2nd Councilman Mills

absent Councilwoman Clark

Yes President Kole

Concur Mayor Sydnor

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

Ninth Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024

Agenda Item #

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City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024-25

WHEREAS: May 18, 2024, is the fourteenth 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 18, 2024, 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 black ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor".

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2024-23**

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 12 through May 18, 2024, 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 cursive script that reads "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024-21

WHEREAS: Teachers help to establish supportive, inclusive, and high-quality learning environments which provide students with the education and skills they need to secure meaningful jobs and brighter futures; and

WHEREAS: Teachers can have a profound influence on student learning and engagement, helping students to discover, develop, and realize their potential; and

WHEREAS: Teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling, and coaching students and performing community service; and

WHEREAS: Teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate that teachers are acknowledged and thanked for their continued dedication and commitment to the education of our students

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 6th – 10th, 2024, AS

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

in the City of Laurel and encourage citizens in the community to celebrate and express gratitude towards teachers.

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

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2023-16

WHEREAS: *The Arbor Day Holiday was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and*

WHEREAS: *Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and*

WHEREAS: *Laurel has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting opportunities; and*

WHEREAS: *The City of Laurel Tree Board will plant six American Sycamore trees at the Marcus Colbert Community Field*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 26, 2024, AS

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Laurel and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program.

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**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024-26

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 19 through May 25, 2024, 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.

Keith R. Sydnor

Mayor

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024-22

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 6th-10th, 2024, 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 black ink that reads "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2024-24**

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 13th 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 17, 2024, 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 black ink, reading "Keith R. Sydnor".

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024-20

WHEREAS: The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS: The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies... of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS: Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS: Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county, and international professional organizations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 5 THROUGH MAY 11, 2024, AS

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

in the City of Laurel and encourage all citizens to extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerks, Maryland Clerks, and Clerks around the world for the key services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024-18

WHEREAS: *This month, we acknowledge and support the ongoing efforts to reintegrate individuals who have served their sentences and are now endeavoring to make a positive comeback in society; and*

WHEREAS: *The path to reintegration can be fraught with significant challenges. Barriers to essential services such as housing, employment, and education can often impede the progress of those who are eager to contribute constructively to our community; and*

WHEREAS: *Second Chance Month is not only a time to advocate for the removal of these barriers but also a time to celebrate the potential within each individual who seeks a fresh start; and*

WHEREAS: *The City of Laurel is committed to breaking down these obstacles and fostering an environment where second chances are not just possible but are supported by concrete actions and community solidarity; and*

WHEREAS: *I invite each of you to join me in supporting Second Chance Month. Whether it's by providing job opportunities, mentorship, or simply extending kindness and understanding, we all have a role to play in building a more inclusive and compassionate community; and*

WHEREAS: *Let us use this month to reflect on the principles of forgiveness and redemption. Together, we can ensure that every resident of the City of Laurel has the opportunity to lead a dignified and fulfilling life.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS

SECOND CHANCE MONTH

in the City of Laurel and urge all citizens to reflect on the principles of forgiveness and redemption. Together, we can ensure that every resident of the City of Laurel has the opportunity to lead a dignified and fulfilling life.

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Keith R. Sydnor
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Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

April 11, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Kole, Council President
Laurel City Councilmembers
FROM: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor *KRS*
SUBJ: Mayoral Appointments

I plan to make the following appointments at the April 22, 2024, Mayor and City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Amy Dunham
Nancy Steinecke

Parks and Recreation CAC
Historic District Commission

04/22/24 – 04/22/27
04/22/24 – 04/22/27

I look forward to your confirmation of these appointments.

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



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND CREATING A MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel supports diversity and strives to maintain an environment that incorporates persons of various races, ethnicities, religions and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee to review diversity concerns and to develop strategies for the City and general public to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee which would provide cultural programs to further educate the general public and to recognize City businesses and organizations that work to improve the multicultural facets of the City; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the committee would be to achieve lasting improvements to the City through diversity while working with other organizations and City departments; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Maryland that a new Multicultural Advisory Committee be and hereby is created with duties as follows:

1. Name. The name of the Committee shall be the City of Laurel Multicultural Advisory Committee.
2. Purpose and duties. The Committee shall protect and enhance the diversity of the City through the following:
 - a. Coordinate and advise the Mayor and City Council, City departments and the community regarding issues impacting multicultural communities.
 - b. Educate the community about the City's cultural diversity.
 - c. Recognize those in the community that are making a difference in the areas of diversity.
 - d. Plan the annual Community and Culture Day Festival, which shall be held on the Second Saturday of September each year.

3. Budget. The Committee shall receive a budget for the annual festival approved by the Mayor and City Council. Committee members shall receive no salary. Participation is voluntary.
4. Membership. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) City Residents and or City Business Owners with an additional member from the City Staff.
 - a. The members shall have a desire and interest to improve the cultural diversity in the City of Laurel.
 - b. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
 - c. Each member shall be appointed to a three (3) year term.
 - d. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be a member of the City Council.
 - e. The Vice Chairperson shall be elected from the Committee membership.
 - f. A City Staff person from the Mayor's Office shall serve as the Secretary and shall keep records of Committee meetings.
 - g. The Committee shall be made up of seven (7) City residents and or City business owners.
5. Meetings shall be held quarterly at a minimum as set by the Chairperson.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
 Clerk to the City Council

JAMES KOLE
 President of the City Council

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2024.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
 Mayor



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

Item 9.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024

TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 266

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMEND THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 20 "LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," TO UPDATE THE USE TABLES IN COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND M-X-T ZONES, TO UPDATE THE FOREST CONSERVATION ARTICLE, TO UPDATE THE SIGNS SECTION, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITIONS SECTION.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel adopted City Ordinance No. 1702, Text Amendment No. 223, on March 28, 2011, approving a Unified Land Development Code including all requirements for development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to implement the changes recommended by City staff as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the following sections of the Laurel City Code, Chapter 20 "Land Development and Subdivision," Article I "Zoning", Division 1 "In General", Section 20-1.7 "Definitions", Article I "Zoning", Division 5 "Zoning Districts", Section 20-6.29 "Dwelling unit area requirements.", Section 20-7.8 "Table of commercial uses", Section 20-9.5 "Table of industrial uses", Section 20-12 "M-X-T Zone (Mixed Use-Transportation Oriented)", Division 7 "Signs and Advertising Structures", Section 20-17.4 "Regulation by zones", Article V "Forest Conservation", Section 20-41.2 "Definitions", and Section 20-41.9 "Priorities and time requirements for afforestation and reforestation", are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 20-1.7. - Definitions.

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Convention center. A facility designed to accommodate 500 or more persons and used for conventions, conferences, seminars, product displays, recreation activities, and entertainment functions, along with accessory functions, along with accessory functions including food and beverage preparation and service for on-premises consumption. This term does not include banquet halls, clubs, lodges, or other meeting facilities of private or nonprofit groups that are primarily used by group members.

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Distribution center. A facility where goods are received and/or stored for delivery to the ultimate customer at remote locations.

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Dwelling, two-family detached. A building containing no more than two (2) dwelling units, arranged one (1) above the other or side by side.

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Fraternity and Sorority House. A building used as a group living quarters for students of a college, university, or seminary, who are members of a fraternity or sorority that has been officially recognized by the college, university, or seminary.

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General contractor. A contractor or builder engaged in construction of residential, commercial, industrial, or mixed-use structures as well as heavy construction contractors engaged in activities such as paving, highway construction, and utility construction.

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Medical campus. A tract of land, whether public or private, principally engaged in providing services for health maintenance, diagnosis or treatment of human diseases, mental health, pain injury, deformity, or physical condition, including but not limited to a general hospital, clinic, diagnostic center, treatment center, rehabilitation center, assisted living facility, extended care center, nursing home, ambulatory or intermediate care facility, professional or paramedical training centers, and/or outpatient laboratory.

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Quarry. Real property used for the purpose of extracting stone, sand, gravel, or topsoil for sale.

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Self-service storage facility. a building or group of buildings consisting of individual, self-contained units leased to individuals, organizations, or businesses for storage.

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Trailer, construction. A mobile home, travel trailer, or other structure used as a temporary construction field office in conjunction with and on the same property as a construction project. The construction trailer shall be removed within fifteen (15) days of completion of the construction project.

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Variety retail. A retail store that sells a wide variety of relatively small and inexpensive items.

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Vehicle repair establishment. A facility for the repair, rebuilding, reconditioning, or replacement of engines for motor vehicles. This use may also provide collision services, including body, frame, or fender repair, State inspection stations, and overall painting for motor vehicles.

Vehicle sales and service, new. A property containing not less than four (4) acres, which includes all the facilities and services for the sale repair and maintenance of new vehicles, and which may include a body and paint shop. This use may also include the sale of used vehicles, but only as an accessory use and State inspection stations.

Vehicle sales and service, used. A property which includes all the facilities for the display and sale of used vehicles, as well as facilities limited to the repair and preparation of the used vehicles for sale, which may include a body and paint shop. May also include State inspection stations.

Vehicle service center. Property upon which the retail sale of motor vehicle parts, accessories, and lubricants is conducted. This use may include the installation of these items, but will not include repair of motor vehicles, or the wrecking, sale or storage of junked vehicles. All storage shall be within a wholly enclosed building. May also include State inspection stations.

Vehicle filling station, which may include service and/or repair. A property having pumps and storage tanks for the retail sale and dispensing of fuels, which may include the sale of accessory products for vehicles, and which may also include general vehicle service and repair as well as State inspection stations. This use shall not include auto wrecking or the storage of dismantled vehicles, wrecks or junks.

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Warehouse. Facilities characterized by extensive storage of materials (indoor and/or outdoor), frequent heavy trucking activity in connection with the storage of materials in said warehouse, but not in manufacturing or production activity.

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Sec. 20-6.29. - Dwelling unit area requirements.

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(c) Additions that exceed fifty (50) percent of gross floor area beyond the gross floor area effective June 1, 2024 ~~single-family dwelling~~ in the R-5, R-55, or other zone or zones which allow single-family detached dwellings, including PUD-E and PDA-E Zones, shall be allowed as a special exception only. For purposes of computation, the fifty (50) percent area shall be calculated by using all areas of the structure, including basement, but not any area used for garages, whether, attached or detached. Approval of such additions shall also provide required parking for the applicable zone, as stated in Division 6, Parking and Loading Facilities, of this article.

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Sec. 20-7.8. – Table of commercial uses.

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Use	C-N	C-C	C-G	C-SH	C-V	C-VAC
Brewpub	X	X	SE <u>P</u>	X <u>P</u>	SE <u>P</u>	X
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<u>General contractor (n)</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>X</u>
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Restaurant, standard with dancing and live entertainment	X	X	SE	X <u>SE</u>	SE	X
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Retail sales establishment, specialty, photography store (r)	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Sec. 20-9.5. - Table of industrial uses.

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Use	I-CS	I-G	I-RTP
<u>General contractor</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>X</u>
* * *			
<u>Medical and/or dental clinic</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>P</u>
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Office, business	<u>PX</u>	<u>PX</u>	<u>PX</u>
Office, professional	P	P	<u>PX</u>
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Specialty schools	P	P	<u>XP</u>

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Sec. 20-12.2. – Table of mixed-use—Transportation oriented zone uses.

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Use	M-X-T
Restaurant specialty, coffee shop	P
Restaurant specialty, coffee shop with drive thru	SE
<u>Restaurant, standard</u>	<u>P</u>

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Sec. 20-17.4. - Regulation by zones.

Residential	R-5	R-55	R-20	R-T	R-30	R-18	R-10	R-MD	P-I
<u>Home Occupation</u>									
A. <u>Wall Sign</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	<u>2 s.f.</u>	

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Sec. 20-41.2. - Definitions.

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D.B.H. means diameter in inches at breast height.

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Sec. 20-41.9. - Priorities and time requirements for afforestation and reforestation.

(a) Sequence for afforestation and reforestation.

- (1) After techniques for retaining existing forest on the site have been exhausted, the preferred sequence for afforestation and reforestation, as determined by the Planning Commission, is as follows:

a. Forest creation in accordance with a Forest Conservation Plan using one (1) or more of the following:

~~i. Transplanted or nursery stock, two and one-half (2½) inch caliber minimum;~~

i. Tree replacement (as described in the chart below). Individual significant trees removed, whether within the forest or outside the forest, shall be replaced at the following rates with similar species:

<u>Size of Significant Tree Removed (inches)</u>	<u>Minimum 2½-Inch Caliper Tree Replacement (number of trees)</u>
<u>12—18 d.b.h.</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>greater than 18—24 d.b.h.</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>greater than 24 d.b.h.</u>	<u>3</u>

ii. Replacement tree(s) shall be native straight species and have a mature canopy spread equivalent to or greater than the tree(s) removed.

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

JAMES KOLE
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

Mitzi R. Betman, Chairwoman
John R. Kish, Vice Chairman
Council President Jamesw Kole, Ex-Officio
Member Bill Wellford
The Honorable G. Rick Wilson
Dennis Grant
Stanley Spalding, Alternate



Christian L. Pulley, Executive Officer

Robert Love, Director
Department of Economic and Community Services

CITY OF LAUREL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Commission Meets Second Tuesday of Each Month

April 11, 2024

To: The Honorable Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor
City of Laurel Council Members
From: City of Laurel Planning Commission
Subject: Text Amendment Application No. 266 (Ordinance 2024)

At the regular meeting of the City of Laurel Planning Commission, held on April 9, 2024 the following action was taken on the subject zoning application:

The Commission, on motion by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Grant, and carried on a roll call vote of all members present, voted to **recommend** approval of Text Amendment Application No. 266 (Ordinance 2024) as presented in the Technical Staff Report and proposed ordinance to the Mayor and City Council.

ec: Christian L. Pulley, City Administrator
Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator
Sara Green, Clerk to the City Council
Ana Navarro, Executive Assistant

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Second public hearing with possible action on Ordinance No. 2024 Text Amendment No. 266 - an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the Laurel City Code, Unified Land Development Code Chapter 20 "LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," to update the use tables of commercial, industrial and MXT zones, to update the Forest Conservation Article, and to update the Sign Section and to update the Definition Section.

Monday, April 22, 2024

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

JAMES KOLE, PRESIDENT
SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC, CITY CLERK
KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR
JEFFREY MILLS, COUNCILMAN
CHRISTINE JOHNSON, COUNCILWOMAN
CARL DEWALT, COUNCILMAN
KYLA CLARK, COUNCILWOMAN

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 PRESIDENT KOLE: Agenda Item Number 9, second
3 Public Hearing with possible action on Ordinance No 2024
4 Text Amendment No 266 an Ordinance of the Mayor and City
5 Council of Laurel, Maryland to Amend the Laurel City Code,
6 Unified Land Development Code Chapter 20 "LAND DEVELOPMENT
7 AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," to update the use tables of
8 commercial, industrial and MXT zones, to update the Forest
9 Conservation Article, and to update the Sign Section and to
10 update the Definition Section.

11 Director Love, you have the floor.

12 DIRECTOR LOVE: Thank you. Good evening, Mister
13 President, Mayor and City Councilmembers.

14 Before you is Text Amendment 266 (Ordinance No
15 2024) as required by the City of Laurel Code providing
16 legislation to amend the Laurel City Code and Unified Land
17 Development Code:

18 Text Amendment Application No. 266- Ordinance No.
19 2024 was filed on March 14, 2024 by city staff to the Mayor
20 and City Council of Laurel TO AMEND LAUREL CITY CODE,
21 Unified land development code CHAPTER 20 "LAND DEVELOPMENT
22 AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I "ZONING," and
23 Article V "Forest Conservation". The changes were:

- 24 • Section 20-1.7. "Definitions"
25 • Section 20-6.29. "Dwelling unit area

1 requirements"

- 2 • Section 20-7.8. "Table of commercial uses"
- 3 • Section 20-9.5 "Table of industrial uses"
- 4 • Section 20-12.2. "Table of mixed-use-
- 5 Transportation oriented zone uses"
- 6 • Section 20-17.4. "Regulation by zones"
- 7 • Section 20-41.2. "Definitions"
- 8 • Section 20-41.9. "Priorities and time
- 9 requirements for afforestation and reforestation"

10 The proposed ordinance was sent to the Maryland
11 Department of Planning who had no issue with the changes.

12 The file contains a certificate of publication
13 verifying that this application and public hearing was
14 advertised as required by law in the April 4th and 11th
15 editions of the Prince George's Post.

16 A memorandum from the City of Laurel Planning
17 Commission to the Mayor and City Council, dated April 11,
18 2024 reads as follows:

19 At the regular meeting of the City of Laurel
20 Planning Commission, held on April 9, 2024 the following
21 action was taken on the subject zoning application:

22 The Commission, on the motion by Mr. Wilson,
23 seconded by Mr. Grant, and carried on a roll call vote of
24 all members present, voted to recommend approval of Text
25 Amendment Application No. 266 (Ordinance 2024) as presented

1 in the Technical Staff Report and proposed ordinance to
2 the Mayor and City Council.

3 That concludes the reading of the file Mr.
4 President.

5 Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT KOLE: Thank you very much, Director.

7 I will open the general public hearing on
8 (indiscernible) 2024 at 6:53 p.m.

9 Madam Clerk, do we have anyone signed up to
10 speak?

11 MADAM CLERK: No, Mr. President.

12 PRESIDENT KOLE: With no one signed up to speak I
13 will close the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

14 Are there any comments or questions from the
15 council? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

16 COUNCILMAN MILLS: Mr. President, I do have a
17 question. Are we combining Ordinance No 2024 and 2025 or
18 separate?

19 PRESIDENT KOLE: Those are separate.
20 (Indiscernible) separately.

21 COUNCILMAN MILLS: Okay, then I motion to, I
22 motion to approve Ordinance No 2024.

23 PRESIDENT KOLE: I have a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I second.

25 PRESIDENT KOLE: Madam Clerk?

1 MADAM CLERK: Councilman Mills?
2 COUNCILMAN MILLS: Yes.
3 MADAM CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?
4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
5 MADAM CLERK: President Kole?
6 PRESIDENT KOLE: Yes.
7 MAYOR SYDNOR: I concur.
8 MADAM CLERK: Motion granted.
9 (Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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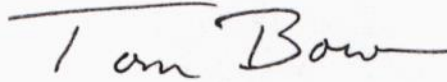
Second public hearing with possible action on Ordinance No. 1996, an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to approve Map Amendment No. 925 to construct an additional 61 dwelling units at the properties known as the Patuxent Greens, located at 14415 Greenview Drive, Laurel, MD 20780, submitted by CS Patuxent Greens LLC; and provide an effective date.

BEFORE: JAMES KOLE - PRESIDENT

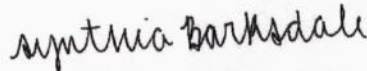
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This represents the full and complete proceedings of the aforementioned matter, as reported and reduced to typewriting.



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