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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

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THIRD REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, JANUARY 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 Councilman Carl W. DeWalt, Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson, Councilman Jeffrey W. Mills, Councilwoman Kyla Clark, and Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor present.

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, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, Stephanie P. Anderson City Solicitor, Deputy Chief Mark Plazinski, LPD, Tommy Helms, Department of Public Works, and Stephanie P. Anderson, Esquire. There were approximately fifteen (15) members of the public present.

Mayor Sydnor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

November 27, 2023- Sine Die

November 27, 2023- 1st Meeting of the Mayor and City Council

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present as written.

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.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Mayoral Reappointments as follows:

Vicki Rambow
 John Kish
 Frederick Smalls
 Public Safety and Transportation Committee
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Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the reappointments as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeWalt and carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present.

Next, President Kole opened the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:20 pm. There was no one signed up to speak and President Kole closed the public hearing at 6:21 pm.

Agenda Item No. 9 was the Second Public Hearing with possible action on Resolution No. 1-2024- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland to Pay Tribute to the Honorable Craig A. Moe by Renaming the City of Laurel Multiservice Center as the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center. President Kole read the title for the second reading. Mayor Keith R. Sydnor presented the proposed ordinance noting that six (6) applications requesting to rename the Multiservice Center per the City of Laurel Naming Policy for Parks, Recreational Facilities, City-Owned Buildings, Streets, Alleyways and other City Assets (Resolution No. 7-21) had been received. Mayor Sydnor said that Phase II of construction at the Multiservice Center was expected to be completed in August 2024. President Kole opened the public hearing on the item at 6:23 pm. The first person signed up to speak on the item was The Honorable Gayle W. Snyder, 507 Prince George Street Laurel, Maryland 20707, former Laurel City Council President. Mrs. Snyder said that she had submitted one of the applications to rename the Multiservice Center in honor of former Mayor Craig A. Moe, provided a comprehensive list of many of Mayor Moe's accomplishments on behalf of and for the City of Laurel during his thirtythree (33) years of City service. Former President Snyder noted that the Multiservice Center was Mayor Moe's vision and provided a summation of the services that would be available at the Multiservice Center.

Former Council President Michael R. Leszcz, 339 Prince George Street Laurel, Maryland 20707 provided remarks stating that he and his wife Mrs. Mary-Eileen Leszcz submitted one of the applications to the City to rename the Multiservice Center for Former Mayor Moe and urged the Council's approval. Former Councilman James Cross, 16013 Dorset Road Laurel, Maryland 20707 spoke in favor of the resolution and urged the Council's approval.

The Honorable Frederick Smalls, former Council President, 14933 Belle Ami Drive Laurel, Maryland 20707 spoke in favor of the proposed renaming and stated that in addition to all of the things former Mayor Moe did for the City and residents over the years, there would not be a Laurel Medical Center nor a Multiservice Center if it was not for Mayor Moe. Mr. Smalls said that it would be a travesty not to name the Multiservice Center in honor of former Mayor Moe.

Former Mayor Robert J. DiPietro, 16908 Melbourne Drive Laurel, Maryland 20707 spoke in favor of the renaming in honor of former Mayor Moe and cited many of Mayor Moe's accomplishments in his 33 years of City service. Former Laurel City Council President Donna L. Crary, 400 Montrose Avenue Laurel, Maryland 20707 spoke in favor of the renaming and noted that no matter some of the personal issues a couple of the Councilmembers may have had with former Mayor Moe, they could never negate the accomplishments of Mayor Moe, the many things he did for the betterment of the City of Laurel and the sacrifice for the majority of former Mayor Moe's adult life that he made for the City of Laurel

and the staff and urged the favorable vote of the Council. There was no one else signed up to speak and President Kole closed the public hearing at 6:38 pm.

Councilman DeWalt again brought up his feelings regarding former Mayor Moe and statements he had made in his personal newsletter called the "Moe Gram", before the November election of the Mayor and City Council and that he had not received an apology from former Mayor Moe. Councilman Mills noted that he was hurt by what Mayor Moe had said about him in his newsletter as well, but that it was clear from the testimony of the citizens and former elected City leaders that Mayor Moe deserved to have the Multiservice Center renamed in his honor. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1-2024 as presented. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call continued with Councilman DeWalt voting "No", Councilwoman Clark voting "Yes", President Kole voting "Yes" and Mayor Sydnor concurring with the vote.

The next agenda item was the reappointment of Mr. Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation. Mayor Sydnor summarized why he was reappointing Mr. Bailey and requested the Council's favorable approval. Councilman DeWalt made a motion to approve the reappointment, Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all members present.

Agenda Item No. 11 was the reappointment of Christina Cornwell, Director, Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management. Mayor Sydnor requested the Council's approval. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the reappointment, Councilman DeWalt seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all other Councilmembers present.

Agenda Item No. 12 was the reappointment of Russell E. Hamill, III, Chief of Police, Laurel Police Department. Mayor Sydnor provided a summary of Chief Hamill's resume and experience and requested the Council's favorable vote of the appointment. Councilwoman Clark made a motion to approve the appointment, Councilman Mills seconded the motion and roll call continued with a unanimous approval of the appointment.

Next, Mayor Sydnor provided a summary of the resume and experience of Robert Love, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development and requested the Council's favorable vote to reappoint Director Love. Councilman DeWalt made a motion to approve the reappointment, Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion that was carried on a favorable vote of all Councilmembers.

The last agenda item was the reappointment of S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services. Mayor Sydnor provided a summary of Ms. Saylor's resume and expertise in her field and requested the Council's favorable vote on the nomination. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the appointment, Councilman DeWalt seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote by all Councilmembers present.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:59 pm.

Date: February 12, 2024

Approved:

Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk

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Third Meeting of the Mayor and City Council Monday, January 22, 2024 6:00 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING

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- 1. Call to Order Council President James Kole
- Pledge of Allegiance Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor
- 3. Roll Call Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, Clerk
- 4. Approval of Minutes
 - November 27, 2023- Sine Die
 - November 27, 2023- 1st Meeting of the Mayor and City Council
- Report of the Mayor and City Council
- Mayoral Reappointments:

Vicki Rambow

Public Safety and Transportation Committee

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7. General Public Hearing

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- 9. Reappointment of Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
- Reappointment of Christina Cornwell, Director, Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management
- 11. Reappointment of Russell E. Hamill, III, Chief, Laurel Police Department
- 12. Reappointment of Robert Love, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development
- 13. Reappointment of S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services
- 14. Adjournment

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

January 22, 2024 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting

In-Person

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Mayor and City Council

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Mayoral Appointment/Reappointments

- Vicki Rambow **Public Safety and Transportation Committee** Planning Commission 01/22/2024-01/22/2029 01/22/2024-01/22/2026 01/22/2024-01/22/2027
- Frederick Smalls Board of Appeals
- Councilman DeWalt Use Councilwoman Johnson S Councilman Mills

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City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2024 - 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, 2024, as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

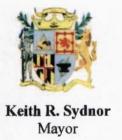
in the City of Laurel and call upon the community to recognize the vital role we play in combating human trafficking and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities aimed at preventing all forms of human trafficking.

Keith R. Sydnor

Mayor







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January 22, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO:

James Kole, Council President

Laurel City Councilmembers

FROM:

Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor 7-180

SUBJ:

Mayoral Appointments/Reappointments

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

REAPPOINTMENTS

Vicki Rambow

Public Safety and Transportation Committee

01/22/24 - 01/22/26

John Kish

Planning Commission

01/22/24 - 01/22/29

Frederick Smalls

Board of Appeals

01/22/24 - 01/22/27

I look forward to your confirmation of these reappointments.

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



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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December 12, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Keith R. Sydnor

Council President James Kole Laurel City Councilmembers

THRU:

Joanne Barr, Deputy City Administrator JHB

FROM:

Brian K. Lee, Director, Public Works

SUBJ:

Fleet Acquisition - 2024 Ford Transit Passenger Vans

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for the purchase of two 2024 Ford Transit Passenger Vans to be assigned to the Department of Parks and Recreation to replace vehicles that have exceeded their lifespan for program use but will now be used for building maintenance staff.

Specifications:

The Department solicited several quotes from Sourcewell as well as vendors on state and county contracts. The accepted quote is in the amount of \$124,971.12, from Apple Ford of Columbia Maryland, which is on the Baltimore County contract #0004504.

Vehicle Assignments/Replacements:

Based on the fleet schedule, the following vehicles will be replaced:

- Vehicle #759 which is a 2013 passenger van
- Vehicle #758 which is a 2013 passenger van

Funding:

Funding is provided in the Adopted FY2024 CIP - Fleet Replacement Program

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the purchase of these vehicles be approved for a total cost of \$124,971.12 from Apple Ford of Columbia, Maryland.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Brian K. Lee at (301) 725-0088, extension 3208.

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor, Director

Michele Daylor

Department of Budget and Personnel Services

12/12/2023 Date

cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator



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December 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Keith R. Sydnor

Council President James Kole Laurel City Councilmembers

THRU:

Joanne Barr, Deputy City Administrator JHB

FROM:

Brian K. Lee, Director, Public Works

SUBJ:

Van Dusen Road Improvement Corridor Survey-Phase I

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval for engineering survey services for the Van Dusen Road Improvement Project. Van Dusen Road is one the City's major thoroughfares that runs north and south from Konterra Rd to Old Sandy Spring and serves the Westside community, the UM Medical Center, and several other residential and commercial communities along its route. It is currently scheduled for resurfacing, stormwater drainage assessments, and pedestrian facility upgrades to meet the latest ADA standards. This work will support the design and construction of improvements along this corridor that were recommended in the Concept Study recently prepared by Century. The recommended Van Dusen Road improvements will be contained within existing City/State Right-of-Way (ROW); however, this survey effort will also include establishing ROW workmaps for areas where traffic guardrails are proposed.

Scope of Work:

Century Engineering will provide the manpower, technological and appropriate software to perform a topographic survey for the entire 1.6-mile Van Dusen Road Study corridor. The results will be compiled and submitted to the City based on the following two (2) segments. Contee Road to Cherry Lane (Segment No. 1) The Survey along this segment will be priority, and the results will be submitted to complete the Final Design and Bidding for this segment of the corridor by April 2024. Based on the preliminary recommendations in the Concept Study, the design for this segment should not require Prince George's County review for Storm Drain, Sediment Control or Technical SWM. Cherry Lane to Old Sandy Spring Road (Segment No.2) - Survey along this segment will facilitate the associated Final Design and Bidding; however, the design is anticipated to include input from Prince George's County, which will have a long lead time, unlike Segment No. 1. The survey results will be compiled and submitted only after all survey and ROW work for Segment No. 1 is completed. This phase of work will also include task management efforts, will involve ongoing Project Management; and a minimum of two (2) Coordination/Status Update Meetings; QA/QC reviews of survey and ROW work products. Century Engineering is one of the three A &E firms on retainer with the city. Their proposed fee for this phase of the project is \$117,690.35.

Funding and Recommendation:

Funding is provided through the Adopted FY2024 CIP – Van Dusen Road Improvements. It is recommended that the proposed amount of \$117,690.35. for survey and topographical services as submitted by Century Engineering be approved.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 725-0088, extension 3208.

12 | 15 | 2023 Date

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor, Director

Department of Budget and Personnel Services

cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator

Sara Green, Clerk to the Council Ana Navarro, Executive Asst. to the Mayor



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December 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Keith R. Sydnor

Council President James Kole Laurel City Councilmembers

VIA:

Joanne Barr, Deputy City Administrator 948

FROM:

Bill Bailey, Director 88

SUBJECT:

Harrison-Burton Memorial Stage Roof Replacement

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to replace the roof at the Harrison-Burton Memorial Stage located at Granville Gude Park.

Specifications:

The Harrison-Burton Memorial Stage was constructed in 1992 and is a major centerpiece for the Department of Parks and Recreation's outdoor concerts, movies, and special events and serves as the City's Fourth of July's main stage.

Upon inspection by city staff, the stage was found to have several leaks and deteriorating wood decking through the structure. The proposed work will include removing the existing shingles, flashing and all wood tongue and groove decking. The replacement roof will include all new tongue and groove decking, fascia boards and new 24-gauge galvanized steel roofing. A 5-year warranty on materials and installation is provided by the contractor and a 40-year manufacturer warranty on the steel roof for any manufacturer defects.

The Department of Parks and Recreation was able to secure three bids which are as follows:

Progressive Roofing 6909 Old Alexandria Ferry Road Clinton, MD 20735 \$47,500.00

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> Benchmark Roofers 500 Giddings Ave Annapolis, MD 21401

\$36,900.00

Paramount Roofing & Construction 17 Margaret Ave Pasadena, MD 21122

\$36,750.00

Funding:

Funding for this expenditure is provided in the Adopted FY2024 CIP – Major Facility Maintenance.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council award the purchase and replacement of the roof for the Harrison-Burton Memorial Stage at Granville Gude Park to Paramount Roofing & Construction of Pasadena, Maryland for a cost of \$36,750.00 and provide for a contingency of 10% for an additional \$3,675.00 for an overall total proposal of \$40,425.00.

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

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor, Director

Department of Budget and Personnel Services

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CRAIG A. MOE BY RENAMING THE CITY OF LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER AS THE CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Laurel City Council adopted Resolution No. 7-21 on July 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution created the CITY OF LAUREL NAMING POLICY FOR PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS, STREETS, ALLEYWAYS AND OTHER CITY ASSETS; and

WHEREAS, the policy requires certain criteria under *Number IV. Policy, Letter F* be followed, which was completed; and

WHEREAS, the Administration followed the policy under Number VI. Naming Criteria, Parks. City-Owned Buildings and Recreational Facilities; and

WHEREAS, after careful review, and meeting the above policy requirements, it is recommended to the Laurel City Council that former Mayor, the Honorable Craig A. Moe be honored with the re-naming of the Laurel Multiservice Center to the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center; and

WHEREAS, the policy states that the Laurel City Council shall have the final authority to name, co-name and re-name City amenities, buildings, parks, streets, alleys and recreational areas and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Craig A. Moe served the City of Laurel as an elected official for over thirty-three (33) years, first as a Councilman from 1988-2002 and then as the City of Laurel's Mayor from 2002-2023; and

WHEREAS, Craig A. Moe was born on December 3, 1959, in Prince George's County, Maryland, to Robert and Barbara Moe, who's lifelong volunteerism and dedication to public service helped inspire the same in Craig Moe and his three (3) siblings; and

WHEREAS, Craig Moe is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Laurel where his family has worshiped since the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Craig A. Moe began his public service career by joining the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 Craig graduated from Laurel High School and continued his involvement with the City when then Mayor Robert J. DiPietro appointed him to serve on the City of Laurel's July 4th Committee and Craig A. Moe was instrumental in starting the first Winter Holiday Celebration Parade, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moe is a past President and past Fire Chief of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. He was the youngest member ever elected to the Office of President in 1983. In 1986, he was elected President of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, again the youngest President elected to that position and was elected to a second successive term. He also served on the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee for several years and one year as its Chair and continues to serve the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and community by actively attending meetings, is active in emergency operations and continues to satisfy the Department requirements for active members; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 and again in 1998, Craig A. Moe was recognized among the "Outstanding Young Men of America". He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, was honored to have been selected the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year four (4) times, was the recipient of the Albin Fairall Award and the Norris Beard Award; and

WHEREAS, Craig A. Moe was first elected to the Laurel City Council in 1988 and served as a Councilman until March 2002, when he was elected to his first term as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Craig Moe successfully sponsored legislation to establish a juvenile curfew while protecting the rights of citizens, supported Public Safety groups and their goals, updated and sponsored legislation to the City's Ethics Laws, Historic District Guidelines, creation of the City's Adequate Public Facilities laws, established the Revitalization Overlay Program that allowed the City to redevelop from within its corporate limits including the redevelopment of the old Laurel Mall into the Towne Centre at Laurel; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 under the Moe Administration, the City's Moderately Priced Dwelling Units and Work Force Housing Dwelling Units programs were created and later revamped and renamed to the Affordable Housing Program, he created the Main Street Economic Development Program to provide grants for business and property owners, created the Economic Development Commercial Corridor Program to support City businesses as a means for business growth in the City of Laurel resulting in increased job opportunities, an expanded tax base and an improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, after serving on the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors for ten (10) years, Mayor Moe was elected MML President in 2009, and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Craig A. Moe implemented e-government services, brought the recycling program "in-house" under the direction of the Department of Public Works, established the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program in 2011 that provide the opportunity for youth residents ages 14-16 to work in City Departments during the summer, gaining real life work experience while learning about their local government; and

WHEREAS, Craig Moe also created the Mayor's Annual Open House which showcased City services and City Volunteer Organizations, established the City's first Arts Council to encourage and invest in the visual arts, performing arts, and art education programs; directed the implementation of the City's Organics Recycling Program in an effort to reduce wasted food and turn it into a valuable and environmentally safe resource; and

WHEREAS, Craig A. Moe also served on the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council/State Emergency Response Commission and the State of Maryland Interoperability Governance Committee; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Moe's leadership, the City's own Emergency Operations Center was opened, the City created and implemented the Office of the Fire Marshal taking on inspection and plan review processes to better serve the businesses and residents of the City, many new positions were added within the Laurel Police Department as well as a new command structure

to better serve the department and residents, purchased and renovated an old Church building and created the Barkman-Kaiser Public Safety Complex which is now the home of the Laurel Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Mayor Moe was honored by the Maryland Municipal League with the Lifetime Achievement Award that recognizes an elected or appointed municipal official who has a strong record of service to the Maryland Municipal League and has demonstrated outstanding service to Maryland municipal government. Mayor Moe was also inducted into the MML Hall of Fame in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Craig A. Moe retired from the State of Maryland on January 1, 2018, with 31 ½ years of service. He served in the Maryland Transit Administration Police Force from 2003-2007 as a Special Assistant to the Police Chief and as Maryland's Asisstant Secretary of State from 1999 until 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Mayor Moe appointed a City of Laurel Homelessness and Community Services Task Force following a 2015 feasibility study, who recommended a list of needed services for the Laurel area; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the United States and Prince George's County very hard and from the beginning of the pandemic when there were so many unknowns about the virus, Mayor Moe and then City Administrator the late William F. Goddard, III, immediately went to work reading everything they could to learn about the virus, participating in phone calls with County and State Health Officials, coordinating with the City's Health Officer, Dr. Unegbu on how to best protect the residents, businesses and employees of the City of Laurel. Mayor Moe and Mr. Goddard were at the Municipal Center working every day even when the majority of employees were working from home and the Governor had issued Stay at Home orders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel made it through the pandemic well, providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), partnering with community organizations to provide food, financial assistance, COVID-19 testing, and eventually vaccinations as soon as possible and this was largely due to Craig A. Moe's leadership, compassion and dedication to the people of the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for a multiservice center that would offer one central location to provide services and be part of the solution of homelessness in the Greater Laurel area; provide support services for individuals experiencing homelessness or near homelessness; maintain ongoing partnerships with other local service organizations in offering resources to the community; provide emergency sheltering and daytime respite; provide onsite medical and mental health evaluation and treatment including one-on-one case management and counseling services; be a part of the solution to address food insecurity in the Greater Laurel area; and assist in the transition of temporary sheltering to long-term housing; and

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AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after careful review, and following the City of Laurel Naming policy, the Laurel Multiservice Center is hereby re-named the *Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center*.

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 City Clerk	JAMES KOLE President of the City Council
APPROVED this day of, 2024.	
VEITH B. SYDNOB	

January 22, 2024 Mayor and City Council Meeting Speakers List

Agenda Item No. 8 Resolution No. 1-2024

The Honorable Gayle W. Snyder 507 Prince George Street Laurel, Maryland 20707

The Honorable Michael R. Leszcz Mrs. Mary Eileen Leszcz 339 Prince George Street Laurel, Maryland 20707

The Honorable Jim Cross 16013 Dorset Road Laurel, Maryland 20707

The Honorable Fred Smalls 14933 Belle Ami Drive Laurel, Maryland 20707

The Honorable Robert J. DiPietro 16908 Melbourne Drive Laurel, Maryland 20707

The Honorable Donna L. Crary 400 Montrose Avenue Laurel, Maryland 20707



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CRAIG A. MOE BY RENAMING THE CITY OF LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER AS THE CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Laurel City Council adopted Resolution No. 7-21 on July 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution created the CITY OF LAUREL NAMING POLICY FOR PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS, STREETS, ALLEYWAYS AND OTHER CITY ASSETS; and

WHEREAS, the policy requires certain criteria under *Number IV. Policy, Letter F* be followed, which was completed; and

WHEREAS, the Administration followed the policy under Number VI. Naming Criteria, Parks, City-Owned Buildings and Recreational Facilities; and

WHEREAS, after careful review, and meeting the above policy requirements, it is recommended to the Laurel City Council that former Mayor, the Honorable Craig A. Moe be honored with the re-naming of the Laurel Multiservice Center to the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center; and

WHEREAS, the policy states that the Laurel City Council shall have the final authority to name, co-name and re-name City amenities, buildings, parks, streets, alleys and recreational areas and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Craig A. Moe served the City of Laurel as an elected official for over thirty-three (33) years, first as a Councilman from 1988-2002 and then as the City of Laurel's Mayor from 2002-2023; and

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WHEREAS, Craig Moe is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Laurel where his family has worshiped since the 1950's; and

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WHEREAS, in 1977 Craig graduated from Laurel High School and continued his involvement with the City when then Mayor Robert J. DiPietro appointed him to serve on the City of Laurel's July 4th Committee and Craig A. Moe was instrumental in starting the first Winter Holiday Celebration Parade, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moe is a past President and past Fire Chief of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. He was the youngest member ever elected to the Office of President in 1983. In 1986, he was elected President of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, again the youngest President elected to that position and was elected to a second successive term. He also served on the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee for several years and one year as its Chair and continues to serve the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and community by actively attending meetings, is active in emergency operations and continues to satisfy the Department requirements for active members; and

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ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC City Clerk

JAMES KOLE President of the City Council

APPROVED this 22 day of January, 2024.

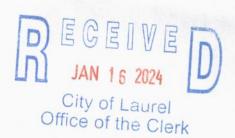
Mayor



CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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January 16, 2024



MEMORANDUM

TO:

James Kole, Council President

Laurel City Councilmembers

FROM:

Mayor Keith R. Sydnor TRO

SUBJ:

Reappointment of Department Heads

I am writing to formally request the City Council's confirmation of the reappointment of the following department heads.

After careful evaluation and consideration, I have determined that the continued leadership of these department heads is vital to the ongoing success and stability of our City's departments. Their expertise and dedication have significantly contributed to the positive development of our community.

I am seeking your confirmation of the following department heads:

- Christina "Chrissy" Cornwell, Director of Community Resources and Emergency Management
- Russell Hamill, Chief, Laurel Police Department
- Michele Saylor, Director, Budget and Personnel Services
- Bill Bailey, Director, Parks and Recreation
- · Robert Love, Director, Economic and Community Development

I kindly request that the City Council confirm these reappointments during the next Mayor and City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024. Your support in this matter is crucial to ensuring the continuity of the successful initiatives and projects currently underway.

If you wish to discuss these reappointments further or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Christian Pulley, CPM, City Administrator
Joann Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator
Ana R. Navarro, MMC, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, Clerk to the City Council