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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

**TWENTY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025
6:00 PM
IN-PERSON MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting convened in the Council Chamber of the Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center at 6:00 pm with Council President Pro-Tem Jeffrey W. Mills presiding. Councilwoman Christine M. Johnson, Councilman James Kole, Councilman Adrian G. Simmons, and Mayor Keith R. Sydnor were present. Council President Kyla M. Clark had an excused absence. Mayor Keith R. Sydnor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. There were approximately fifty (50) members of the public in attendance.

The following staff members were also present: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator, Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator, Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk, Bill Bailey, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Monta L. Burrough, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development, Chrissy Cornwell, Director, Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management, Cinnaamen Fisher, Assistant Director, Department of Information Technology, Chief Russell E. Hamill, III, LPD, Tommy Helms, Acting Director, Department of Public Works, Marchelle LeBlanc, Director, Department of Human Services, S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services, and Stephanie P. Anderson, City Solicitor

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

- March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

Councilman Kole made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Johnson 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 made the following special presentations and provided certificates of achievement to each student athlete:

- Laurel High School Boys Basketball Team – For winning the Maryland 4A State Championship, showcasing their dedication, teamwork, and excellence on the court.
- Alexandra Ford (Laurel High School) – A two-time state champion in the 140 lbs. wrestling division, celebrating her hard work, discipline, and dominance in the sport.
- Laurel Lions Wrestling Club – 2025 SMJWL A Division Champions

Mayor Sydnor presented the following Proclamations:

- Meatout Day
- National Vietnam War Veterans Day- presented to Colonel Yolanda D. Gore, Garrison Commander, Fort Meade

Agenda Item No. 6 was the following Mayoral Reappointments:

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| • Angela O'Neal | Arts Council | 03/24/2025-03/24/2028 |
| • Robert Windley | Youth Services Commission | 03/24/2025-03/24/2028 |

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

Agenda Item No. 7 was the General Public Hearing. President Pro-Tem Mills opened the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:42 pm. The first person signed up to speak was Mrs. Connie Lucas, 1018 Ward Street Laurel, Maryland 20707. Mrs. Lucas asked the Mayor and City Council to include the street and hundred block in the Crime Report that was in the Laurel Ledger section of the Laurel Independent Newspaper so that residents would know where crimes were occurring in the City. There was no one else signed up to speak. President Pro-Tem Mills closed the General Public Hearing at approximately 6:45 pm.

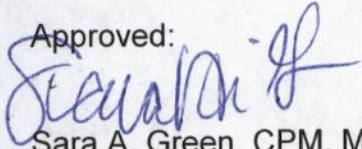
Agenda Item No. 8 was Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2039 An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to Provide an Effective Date. President Pro-Tem Mills read the title into the record for the second public hearing. S. Michele Saylor, Director, Department of Budget and Personnel Services presented the ordinance. President Pro-Tem Mills opened the public hearing at 6:47 pm. There was no one signed up to speak. President Pro-Tem Mills closed the public hearing at 6:47 pm. Councilman Simmons made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2039 that was seconded by Councilman Kole and carried on a roll call vote of all Councilmembers present. Mayor Sydnor concurred with the vote.

The last agenda item was Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2040 An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program" and Providing an Effective Date. President Pro-Tem Mills read the title into the record for the second public hearing. Councilman Adrian G. Simmons presented the proposed ordinance. President Pro-Tem Mills opened the public hearing at approximately 6:52 pm. There was no one signed up to speak. President Pro-Tem Mills closed the public hearing at approximately 6:52 pm. Councilman Kole made a motion to approve

Ordinance No. 2040 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.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:52 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara A. Green".

Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Date: April 14, 2025

Mayor and City Council Voting Record

March 24, 2025 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting

In-Person

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Meeting Ended: 6:52 pm

Members of the Public: 50

Staff Attendance:

☒ Christian L Pulley ☒ Tim Miller ☒ Bill Bailey ☒ Monta Burrough ☒ Chrissy Cornwell

☒ James Cornwell-Shiel ☒ Chief Russell Hamill ☒ Marchelle LeBlanc

☒ S. Michele Saylor ☒ Danny Selby ☒ Natalie Williams ☒ Stephanie Anderson ☒ Mark Plazinski
Zinnamen Fisher, Assistant Director, IT

Roll Call

☒ Councilman Kole ☒ Councilwoman Johnson ☒ Councilman Simmons

~~Absent~~ President Clark ☒ President Pro Tem Mills ☒ Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 4- Approval of Minutes

- March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

1st Councilman Kole 2nd Councilwoman Johnson yes Councilman Simmons

Absent President Clark Yes President Pro Tem Mills

Agenda Item No. 6- Mayoral Appointments

Reappointments

Angela O'Neal
Robert Windley

Arts Council
Youth Services Commission

03/24/2025-03/24/2028
03/24/2025-03/24/2028

1st Councilman Kole

Yes Councilwoman Johnson

2nd Councilman Simmons

absent President Clark Yes President Pro Tem Mills

Agenda Item No. 7- General Public Hearing

Connie Lucas - 1018 Ward Street

Open: 6:42pm

Closed: 6:45pm

Agenda Item No. 8- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2039- An Ordinance Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to Provide an Effective Date

Open Public Hearing 6:44pm

Close Public Hearing 6:44pm

2nd Councilman Kole yes Councilwoman Johnson 1st Councilman Simmons

absent President Clark yes President Pro Tem Mills Concur Mayor Sydnor

Agenda Item No. 9- Second Public Hearing with Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2040- An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Amending Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program" and Providing an Effective Date

Open Public Hearing 6:52pm Close Public Hearing 6:52pm

1st Councilman Kole 2nd Councilwoman Johnson yes Councilman Simmons

absent President Clark yes President Pro Tem Mills Concur Mayor Sydnor

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

Twenty-Ninth Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025

Name
Vinh Connie Lucas

Address
1018 WARD St

Agenda Item #7
Police Rpt in Independent

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Agenda

In-Person Meeting

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1. Call to Order – Jeffrey W. Mills, President Pro Tem
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America- Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
3. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk
4. Approval of Minutes
 - March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
5. Report of the Mayor and City Council
6. Mayoral Reappointments

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| • Angela O'Neal | Arts Council | 03/24/2025-03/24/2028 |
| • Robert Windley | Youth Services Commission | 03/24/2025-03/24/2028 |

7. General Public Hearing
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10. Adjournment



CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 6.

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

March 11, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyla Clark, Council President
Laurel City Councilmembers
FROM: Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor *KRS*
SUBJ: Mayoral Reappointments

I plan to make the following reappointments at the March 24, 2025, Mayor and City Council meeting.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Angela O'Neal	Arts Council	03/24/25 – 03/24/28
Robert Windley	Youth Services Commission	03/24/25 – 03/24/28

I look forward to your confirmation of these reappointments.

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



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2039

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

WHEREAS, the FY2025 General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was adopted on May 28, 2024 through Ordinance No. 2026, and subsequently amended through Ordinance No. 2029, Ordinance No. 2031, Ordinance No. 2035, and Ordinance No. 2036, and

WHEREAS, Charter Resolution No. 180 was approved on January 27, 2025 with an effective date of March 18, 2025 dissolving the Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management; and creating the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Human Services, and

WHEREAS, the adopted FY2025 General Operating Budget department references shall be revised to reflect the changes due to the approval of Charter Resolution No. 180, and

WHEREAS, a transfer shall be made of available CIP street project funds for the purpose of funding other street projects, and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed for the Council Chambers broadcast equipment, and

WHEREAS, certain corrections are needed to the Employee Training and Tuition budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland are required to amend the FY2025 General Operating Budget and CIP to reflect these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the General Operating Budget and CIP for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 is hereby amended.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

REVENUES	AMENDED ORD2036	CHANGE	AMENDED ORD2039
REVENUE SUB-CATEGORY			
4010 - R/E TAX REVENUE	\$27,384,119		\$27,384,119
4030 - PERSONAL PROP TAX	1,385,868		1,385,868
4040 - PERSONAL PROP-INT/PENTALTY	40,000		40,000
4050 - LOCAL TAXES	4,650,000		4,650,000
4060 - OTHER LOCAL TAXES	2,047,576		2,047,576
4110 - LICENSES	734,850		734,850
4130 - PERMITS	505,445		505,445
4210 - FEDERAL GRANTS	162,980		162,980
4230 - STATE GRANTS	737,825		737,825
4250 - COUNTY GRANTS	386,642		386,642
4310 - GENERAL GOV'T SERVICE CH	169,797		169,797
4340 - SANITATION SERVICE CHGS	176,000		176,000
4350 - SERVICE CHARGE-HEALTH	10,000		10,000
4370 - FACILITY RENTALS	163,890		163,890
4411 - SWIMMING POOL FEES	124,510		124,510
4413 - RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	82,500		82,500
4415 - P&R ACTIVITY FEES	89,800		89,800
4417 - P&R CONCESSION FEES	22,000		22,000
4430 - SENIOR PROGRAM FEES	15,300		15,300
4620 - POLICE FINES	2,780,600		2,780,600
4630 - CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	3,250		3,250
4710 - INVESTMENT INTEREST	117,000		117,000
4720 - RENTAL INCOME	18,963		18,963
4730 - CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	600		600
4740 - SALE OF PROPERTY	14,500		14,500
4750 - MISC REFUNDS AND REBATES	86,780		86,780
4761 - POLICE ACCT RECEIPTS	45,000		45,000
4790 - OTHER MISC REVENUES	453,203		453,203
4840 - FUND TRANSFER	1,188,247		1,188,247
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,597,245	\$0	\$43,597,245

EXPENDITURES	AMENDED ORD2036	CHANGE	AMENDED ORD2039
DEPARTMENT			
201 - CITY COUNCIL	\$122,513		\$122,513
205 - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL	243,333		243,333
210 - MAYOR	649,079		649,079
215 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR	679,268		679,268
220 - ELECTIONS	17,445		17,445
225 - BUDGET & PERSONNEL SVCS	1,230,403		1,230,403
235 - COMMUNICATIONS	701,304		701,304
240 - ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEV	1,032,943		1,032,943
244 - SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS	62,532		62,532
250 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,860,863		2,860,863

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270 - COMMUNITY PROMOTION	184,287		184,287
280 - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	945,518		945,518
281 - JOSEPH R. ROBISON - LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER	177,616		177,616
284 - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY	128,126		128,126
285 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	168,869		168,869
286 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CENTER	104,561		104,561
287 - LAUREL MUSEUM	13,000		13,000
288 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE	31,000		31,000
289 - MAIN ST. POOL MAINTENANC	82,670		82,670
290 - LPD FACILITY	312,121		312,121
291 - GREENVIEW DR REC COMPLEX	47,180		47,180
292 - P&R MAINTENANCE FACILITY	47,750		47,750
293 - GUDE HOUSE	73,841		73,841
294 - CRAIG A. MOE LAUREL MULTISERVICE CENTER	262,371		262,371
301 - POLICE	13,069,424		13,069,424
320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV	861,358		861,358
<u>325 - DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MGT</u>	702,952		702,952
<u>326 - DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - CRAIG A. MOE LMSC - PROGRAMS</u>	563,417		563,417
401 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN	691,207		691,207
410 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE	1,180,819		1,180,819
415 - WASTE COLLECTION	1,196,135		1,196,135
420 - RECYCLING	353,009		353,009
425 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS MAINT	1,272,735		1,272,735
430 - SNOW REMOVAL	198,155		198,155
435 - STREET LIGHTING	268,970		268,970
440 - ENGINEERING&TECH SERVICES	253,898		253,898
445 - TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	156,637		156,637
450 - TREE MANAGEMENT	99,781		99,781
501 - PARKS & RECREATION ADMIN	877,205		877,205
505 - RECREATION	525,256		525,256
510 - MAIN ST POOL PROGRAMS	287,053		287,053
515 - ROBERT J. DIPIETRO COMMUNITY CENTER	328,708		328,708
520 - GREENVIEW DR PROGRAMS	129,133		129,133
525 - ARMORY COMMUNITY CTR PROG	214,021		214,021
<u>530 - DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - LAUREL HELPING HANDS</u>	256,996		256,996
535 - GUDE LAKEHOUSE PROGRAMS	25,598		25,598
550 - SENIOR SERVICES	275,021		275,021
650 - PRINCIPAL	1,595,527		1,595,527
651 - INTEREST	81,438		81,438
652 - RETIREMENT	2,369,530		2,369,530
654 - PROPERTY INSURANCE	526,251		526,251
655 - BONDING INSURANCE	27,000		27,000
656 - EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	4,018,467		4,018,467
657 - OTHER MISC FINANCING USES	511,789		511,789
658 - SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT	-0-		200,000
810 - EMPLOYEE TRAINING	194,591	(7,500)	187,091
820 - EMPLOYEE TUITION	6,571	7,500	14,071
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$43,597,245		\$43,597,245

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT	AMENDED ORD2035	CHANGES	AMENDED ORD2039
ALL OTHER PROJECTS	\$28,903,139		\$28,903,139
MORTON PLACE	28,010	55,000	83,010
STANLEY PLACE	33,305	115,000	148,305
EIGHTH STREET	214,930	100,000	314,930
LITTLE MONTGOMERY ST	51,100	6,454	57,554
CARROLL AVE	425,000	(178,289)	246,711
PARK AVE	247,100	(151,456)	95,644
CAMBRIDGE CIRCLE	285,500	(170,073)	115,427
SIDEWALKS	110,799	136,239	247,038
CURB AND GUTTER	65,727	87,125	152,852
COUNCIL CHAMBERS	330,000	15,000	345,000
TOTAL CIP	\$30,694,610	\$15,000	\$30,709,610

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

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CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2040

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND AMENDING LAUREL CITY CODE CHAPTER 16 "TAXATION", ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-10 "ELDERLY AND VETERAN TAX CREDIT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by Councilman Adrian G. Simmons.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9-258 "Elderly Individuals and Veterans", of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland passed Ordinance No. 1927 on January 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland amended Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program", with the passage of Ordinance No. 2003, in accordance with amendments made by the State of Maryland effective June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the State of Maryland amended Section 9-258, "Elderly Individuals and Veterans" of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to remove the time limit for providing the tax credit of five (5) years, and authorizing municipalities in the State to set the duration of providing the tax credit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that Laurel City Code Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I, Section 16-10 "Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit Program", shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

Sec. 16-10. - Elderly and veteran tax credit program.

(a) As authorized by the provisions of Ann. Code of Md., Tax-Property Article, § 9-258, the eCity shall allow a property tax credit against Ccity real property taxes imposed on a dwelling located within the corporate limits of the Ccity that is owned by an eligible individual, as that term is defined below. For purposes of this section a "dwelling" has the meaning stated in Ann. Code of Md., Tax-Property article, § 9-105, "Homestead Property Tax Credit.

(b) Eligibility. An individual is eligible to receive a real property tax credit if:

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(1)(i) The individual is at least sixty-five (65) years old;

(ii) The individual is at least sixty-five (65) years old and is a retired member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C., Section 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard;

(iii) The individual is a surviving spouse, who is at least sixty-five (65) years old and has not remarried, of a retired member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C., Section 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard;

(iv) The individual is an active duty, retired, or honorably discharged member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C., Section 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard, and has a service-connected disability; or

(v) The individual is a surviving spouse of an individual described in subsection

(iv) of this section, and who has not remarried.

(2) With regard to the dwelling for which a property tax credit is sought, an eligible individual, as described in subsection (b)(1) above:

(i) Has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding ten (10) years;

(ii) The dwelling is located within the corporate limits of the Ccity; and

(iii) ~~The dwelling has a maximum assessed value of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) at the time the individual first applies for the credit, a maximum value that shall increase annually on July 1 of each year by the lesser of:~~ **The first \$500,000.00 of assessed value of a dwelling shall be eligible for application of the credit. This amount shall increase annually on July 1 of each year by the lesser of:**

A. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding calendar year; or

B. Three (3) percent.

(3) The property for which the tax credit is sought shall be inspected prior to approval to assure that the property complies with all city property maintenance codes.

(c) Amount and duration of credit. The credit allowed under this section shall be twenty (20) percent of the Ccity property tax imposed on the dwelling **eligible assessed value of the dwelling**. The credit shall be granted each year ~~for a period of up to five (5) years,~~ as long as the individual remains eligible for the credit - to include remaining an owner and occupying the dwelling, and the dwelling remains in compliance with the Ccity's property maintenance code. Should the individual receiving the credit become

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ineligible for the credit (by sale of the property or otherwise), or the dwelling to which the tax credit applies fails to comply with the Ccity's property maintenance codes, the tax credit shall be revoked.

* * *

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

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

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City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2025-09**

WHEREAS, we wish to honor and remember all the men and women who served in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, this conflict defined an entire generation of Americans and numerous brave men and women served during the conflict; and

WHEREAS, we remember the men and women who so honorably served during more than a decade of fighting in challenging terrains of Southeast Asia, where they faced extraordinary and unprecedented dangers; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget their sacrifice and we value their continued service to their fellow veterans today, as they embody the motto of the Vietnam Veterans of America: "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another;" and

WHEREAS, since their return, these Veterans have contributed tremendously to their communities, the commonwealth, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, they have displayed unparalleled support for those currently serving by providing welcoming celebrations for those returning and honors to those who have fallen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 29, 2025, as

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

in the City of Laurel and encourage all citizens to participate in activities that honor American heroes past and present.

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**

City of Laurel



**PROCLAMATION
2025-08**

WHEREAS, removing animal products from our diets reduces the risk of various ailments, including heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, various cancers, and diabetes; not only is plant-based eating healthier for our bodies, it allows us to be good stewards of our planet; and

WHEREAS, a plant-based diet helps protect the environment by reducing our carbon footprint, preserving forests, grasslands, and wildlife habitats, and reducing pollution of waterways; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of people are reducing their meat consumption to help prevent animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, since MeatOut was launched in 1985, more than 35 million Americans have explored a plant-based diet and reduced their consumption of meat, dairy, and eggs; and major food manufacturers and national franchises are marketing more vegan options in response to this growing demand; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH R. SYDNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, MARCH 20, 2025, as

MEATOUT DAY

in the City of Laurel and encourage all residents to explore the benefits and flavors of a wholesome plant-based diet.

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

**Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor**