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Council meets second and fourth  
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**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL**

8103 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

**Eighteenth Meeting**  
**Monday, July 13, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Agenda**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Watch the meeting on Laurel TV streaming live in your web browser at <https://laurelvtv.org/watch-live> or locally Laurel TV can be found on Comcast Channel 996 (HD), 71 (SD) or Verizon FiOS Channel 12.

Those interested in signing-up to speak during the general public hearing or on a specific agenda item, please contact the Clerk for Zoom information at [clerk@laurel.md.us](mailto:clerk@laurel.md.us) no later than 2:00 pm the day of the meeting.

1. Call to Order – Brencis D. Smith, Council President
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk
3. Approval of Minutes
  - May 27, 2026- Regular Meeting
4. Report of the Mayor and City Council
5. Mayoral Appointments

Karina Riva	Board of Appeals	07/13/2026-07/13/2029
Jenelle Herbert-King	Multicultural Advisory Committee	07/13/2026-07/13/2028
Irlene Santos	CAC for Senior Residents and Persons with Disabilities	07/13/2026-07/13/2028
Brittany Golding	CAC for Senior Residents and Persons with Disabilities	07/13/2026-07/13/2028

6. General Public Hearing

7. Bid Recommendation- Laurel Police Department- Purchase of Ammunition
8. Bid Recommendation- Laurel Police Department- Purchase of Unmanned Aerial System
9. Bid Recommendation- Laurel Police Department- Purchase of Peregrine AI System
10. Adjournment



# CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 5.

**Keith R. Sydnor**  
Mayor

July 2, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

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

I plan to make the following appointments at the July 13, 2026, Mayor and City Council meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS

Karina Riva	Board of Appeals	7/13/26 – 7/13/29
Jenelle Herbert-King	Multicultural	7/13/26 – 7/13/28
Irlene Santos	CAC for Senior Residents and Persons with Disabilities	7/13/26 – 7/13/28
Brittany Golding	CAC for Senior Residents and Persons with Disabilities	7/13/26 – 7/13/28

I look forward to your confirmation of these appointments.



# LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

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Item 7.

**Russell E. Hamill, III**  
Chief of Police

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May 26, 2026

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor  
President Smith and the Laurel City Council  
FROM: Russell E. Hamill, Chief of Police *REH*  
SUBJ: Bid Recommendation for Purchase of Ammunition

The Laurel Police Department is requesting permission to purchase ammunition for Fiscal Year 2027 to be used in accordance with the training standards of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission and this department.

#### Specifications:

We will be riding the Maryland State Contract #001B96600243 for this purchase through The Gun Shop.

#### Funding:

Funding for this purchase is included in the Adopted FY2027 Operating Budget in account #301-52571 entitled Ammunition Purchases with a line item total of \$65,000.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the purchase of ammunition in the amount of \$65,000 through the Maryland State Contract pricing with The Gun Shop.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 498-0092, Extension 1130.

#### REVIEWED:

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

*06/12/2026*  
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**Date**

Cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator  
Nekesa Matlock, Deputy City Administrator



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Item 8.

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June 2, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor  
President Smith and the Laurel City Council

FROM: Russell E. Hamill, Chief of Police

SUBJ: Bid Recommendation for Purchase of Unmanned Aerial System

The Laurel Police Department is requesting permission to sign a five-year contract for the use of two Unmanned Aerial Systems from Skydio with funds allocated in the FY2027 Operating Budget. Skydio is affiliated with Axon and payments and billing will be handled by Axon.

The technology will allow the Laurel Police Department to start its first ever Drone as First Responder (DFR) program. Drones will be housed on city buildings and operated remotely by trained and FAA-certified personnel. The devices will be able to arrive over calls for service before officers arrive, and stream live video to dispatchers, responding officers, and supervisors.

The Skydio drones are fully integrated into our current Axon evidence ecosystem. Footage from the drones is automatically uploaded to Axon's evidence.com website. The Skydio drones can locate an officer's Axon body worn camera and in-car camera.

### Procurement:

In selecting a DFR vendor, LPD Commanders spoke with numerous agencies and performed site visits with the Montgomery County PD's UAS team and the Anne Arundel County PD's UAS team. We obtained quotes from three companies: Skydio, Paladin, and Brinc. Ultimately, LPD selected Skydio because of their Axon integration, their use of US manufactured drones that are not subject to federal import restrictions, and their reputation with area law enforcement for ease of use and robust customer support. The Skydio platform was used on a trial basis during the week of Preakness 151 and exceeded our expectations.

### Bids:

1. Skydio \$89,649.60 annually for five-year contract, US manufactured
2. Brinc \$120,000 annually, free first year, four-year contract, US manufactured
3. Paladin \$122,000 first year, \$74,000 annually after, Chinese manufactured



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**Funding:**

Funding for this purchase is included in the Adopted FY2027 Operating Budget – Department of Information Technology account 52312-Evidence Recording & Collections.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve a five-year contract with Skydio via Axon in the amount of \$89,649.60 annually for each year of the contract.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 498-0092, Extension 1130.

**REVIEWED:**

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

*06/12/2026*  
**Date**

Cc: Nekesa Matlock, Acting City Administrator  
Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator



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June 12, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor  
President Smith and the Laurel City Council  
FROM: Russell E. Hamill, Chief of Police  
SUBJ: Bid Recommendation for Purchase of Peregrine AI

The Laurel Police Department is requesting permission to contract with Peregrine AI to use their application to enhance the Laurel Police Department’s data analytics.

The Peregrine AI system will aggregate and analyze data from a number of existing data sources, including the police department’s Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatch, as well as transcripts from body worn camera videos and license plate readers. The AI tools can quickly summarize investigations, perform link analysis with persons and vehicles, and allow the agency’s crime analyst to do in minutes what typically takes hours or days to accomplish. Deep crime analysis will no longer be restricted to only the department’s most serious crimes and will become a tool that all officers can deploy in their routine investigations.

The Peregrine product was deployed for a demonstration during the week of Preakness 151 and proved to be a valuable tool during several incidents.

### **Procurement:**

Peregrine AI is a sole source provider who uses a patented technology to handle “de-duplication” of data records. The Prince George’s County Police Department is a current client of Peregrine AI and procured them via sole source. The “de-duplication” technology sold exclusively by Peregrine allows for the identification and consolidation of duplicate database entries. Duplicate entity records are a serious concern in our current police records management software, and this technology solution would be of great value.

### **Funding:**

Funding for this purchase is included in the Adopted FY2027 Operating Budget – Department of Information Technology account 52312-Law Enforcement Intelligence Systems.



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Item 9.

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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve a three-year contract with Peregrine AI in the amount of \$79,500 annually for each year of the contract.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 498-0092, Extension 1130.

**REVIEWED:**

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

06/12/2026

**Date**

Cc: Nekesa Matlock, Acting City Administrator  
Tim Miller, Acting Deputy City Administrator