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**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL**

8103 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

**TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025  
6:00 PM**

**AGENDA** *(Revised- 02/10/2025)*

**Virtual Meeting**

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

Contact the Clerk for Zoom information at [clerk@laurel.md.us](mailto:clerk@laurel.md.us) no later than 2:00 pm the day of the meeting.

1. Call to Order – Kyla M. Clark, President
2. Roll Call- Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk
3. Approval of Minutes
  - January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting
  - February 5, 2025 Work Session

4. Report of the Mayor and City Council
5. Mayoral Appointment

**Appointment**

Nadol Hishmeh	Master Plan Committee	02/10/2025-02/10/2027
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6. General Public Hearing
7. Introduction and First Public Hearing on Resolution No. 3-2025- A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland Declaring Support for the Preservation of the Federal Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds.
8. Adjournment



# CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 5.

**Keith R. Sydnor**  
Mayor

January 31, 2025

## MEMORANDUM

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

I plan to make the following appointment at the February 10, 2025, Mayor and City Council meeting.

### APPOINTMENT

Nadol Hishmeh

Master Plan Committee

02/10/25 – 02/10/27

I look forward to your confirmation of this appointment.

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



# CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

## RESOLUTION NO. 3-2025

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.

*Sponsored by Councilman James Kole*

**WHEREAS**, the tax-exempt municipal bond market is a widely used source of capital for states, local governments, tribes, territories, and non-profit borrowers that finances a tremendous share of the nation's public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local governments finance about three-quarters of the public infrastructure in the United States and use tax-exempt bonds to do so, with the federal government providing only about one-quarter of the investment; and

**WHEREAS**, federal tax exemption for municipal bonds, dating back to the 1800s and incorporated into the modern tax code in 1913, has been crucial for state and local governments to affordably finance critical infrastructure projects; and

**WHEREAS**, tax-exempt bonds offer borrowers to achieve a multiplier effect of 2.11, meaning that for every dollar, borrowers achieve \$2.11 in borrowing cost savings thereby demonstrating the efficiency and effectiveness of this exemption in facilitating infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS**, tax-exempt bonds provide for essential infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, utilities, broadband, water and sewer systems, and hospitals, which are vital to the health and well-being of our community such that without such bonds, the cost of borrowing would be more expensive thereby causing an increase in taxes and fees that would place an undue burden on taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland finds and determines that tax-exempt municipal bonds provide an opportunity for economic development along its path, better facilitate the movement of agriculture products, equipment, and other goods, and increase safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the Mayor and City Council hereby encourages the Maryland Congressional Delegation to assist the City of Laurel, Maryland by preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds by supporting and ensuring the protection of the federal tax exemption of municipal bonds.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption and that copies of this Resolution shall be furnished to all members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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**SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC**  
City Clerk

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**KYLA M. CLARK**  
President of the City Council

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**KEITH R. SYDNOR**  
Mayor