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Second Ward

Council meets second and fourth
Mondays of each month.



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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

**TWENTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

In-Person 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.

1. Call to Order – Kyla M. Clark, President
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
 - February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
5. Report of the Mayor and City Council
6. Mayoral Appointments

Appointments

- Tanéa Brown CAC for Senior Residents & Persons w/Disabilities 02/24/25-02/24/27
- Yolanda Pearson Juneteenth Committee

7. General Public Hearing
8. Second Public Hearing with Possible Action 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.
9. Adjournment



CITY OF LAUREL OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Item 6.

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

February 10, 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 appointments at the February 24, 2025, Mayor and City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Tanéa Brown	CAC for Senior Residents and Persons with Disabilities 02/24/25 – 02/24/27
Yolanda Pearson	Juneteenth Executive Committee

I look forward to your confirmation of these appointments.

cc: 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~~ **tax-exempt bonds offer borrowers significant cost savings on their borrowing expenses, 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:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

KYLA M. CLARK
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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