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First Ward

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Second Ward

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Second Ward

Council meets second and fourth
Mondays of each month.



KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

TWENTY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Agenda

In-Person Meeting

Watch the meeting on Laurel TV streaming live in your web browser at <https://laurelty.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 – 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela O’Neal • Robert Windley | Arts Council Youth Services Commission | 03/24/2025-03/24/2028 03/24/2025-03/24/2028 |
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7. General Public Hearing
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

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

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 MULITSERVICE CENTER | 262,371 | | 262,371 |
| 301 - POLICE | 13,069,424 | | 13,069,424 |
| 320 - FIRE MARSHAL & PERMIT SV | 861,358 | | 861,358 |
| 325 - DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MGT | 702,952 | | 702,952 |
| 326 - DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - CRAIG A. MOE LMSC - PROGRAMS | 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 |
| 530 - DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - LAUREL HELPING HANDS | 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 |
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| 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 PARK AVE | 425,000 | (178,289) | 246,711 |
| | 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 Ceity real property taxes imposed on a dwelling located within the corporate limits of the Ceity 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.

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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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