

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2025**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Dave Waggoner at 6:30 p.m. on February 4, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Canape	<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Sparks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Mize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Banks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irv Wilke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Mackay

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brittney Harakal, Council Administrative Assistant
Kurt Markegard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michele Braukmann, City Attorney (via phone)
Matt Wheeler, Public Works Director

Public Input:

There were none.

General Items

1. Appointment of Richard Herr to the Public Works Committee.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

2. Appointment of Craig Baumgartner to the Police Commission for the remainder of a three-year term ending April 30, 2027.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Executive Review

3. **Planning:** Resolution - Resolution To Approve Zone Change And Zoning Map Amendment.

There will be a public hearing at next week's meeting, which has been publicly noticed. There has also been an article in the Outlook. The applicant has been working to communicate with people in the area about what they intend to do with the property. The Council was asked to keep an open mind until after the public hearing.

4. **Public Works:** Resolution - Resolution Awarding The Bid And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute All Contract And Related Documents For The Purchase Of A Mini Excavator From Bobcat Of Big Sky, Inc.

The City went out to bid for a new mini excavator. It is replacing an older machine. This machine is larger and does have an extendable boom that will allow crews to dig deeper. The current one is going to the Cemetery to dig graves.

It was questioned when the City uses mini excavators. It was clarified that the City uses them for curb box repairs/replacements, water line breaks, graves, etc. Anytime they need to dig a hole, especially in smaller locations.

It was questioned if this was a budgeted purchase. It was clarified that the City budgeted \$150k for the mini excavator, and the bid came in at \$108k. This has been planned for a few years now.

5. **Public Works:** Resolution - A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Independent Contractor Service Contract With True North Contracting.

This small service contract is for the patching of the road after a water break. This bid includes three separate areas that need to be repaired due to water breaks. The Public Works Director tried to get them repaired last fall. However, the asphalt plant has shut down for the year. We are now one of the first ones scheduled for the spring.

Council Issues

A Council Member asked when in LMC does it states Council needs a super majority to table. It was clarified that it is not in LMC but in Robert's Rules of Order. The Council Member continued that Robert's Rules state a simple majority to table; see page 74 attached. They asserted that the tabling from last week stands. This Council Member also spoke to Dan Clark with the Local Government Center, see attached email, he also believed it to be a simple majority.

The City Attorney stated she would look into this.

A Council Member asked for a link to the City's YouTube be placed on the City's Facebook page. They also noted that it would be helpful to remind people to click on the Live tab to view Council meetings. Staff will work on getting that added to the City's Facebook page.

Other Items

There were none.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting

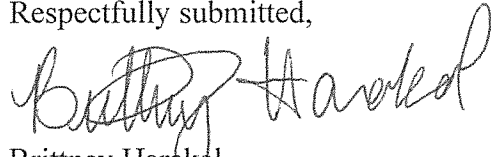
All Council Members present plan to be in attendance at next week's meeting.

Announcements

The next Park Board will be Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The council workshop adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney Harakal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brittney Harakal
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is for information and discussion of the Council for the listed workshop agenda items.

Michelle,

According to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition (2020) on page t18-t19, it says a motion to lay on the table is a subsidiary motion, it is not in order when someone else has the floor, it must be seconded, it is not debatable or amendable, requires a majority vote and can be reconsidered under certain circumstances.

I hope this is helpful.

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According to the Laurel Municipal Code **2.08.220 - Meetings—Robert's Rules of Order.**

Except when in conflict with the foregoing provisions, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of the council....

So, perhaps this is a question for the City Attorney, Is there a place in the LMC where it states that in order to table a resolution it must have a 2/3 vote?

If not, then according to Roberts Rules of orders, tabling is done by a majority of the council. In our case, 5 people is a majority.

In "Roberts Rules of Order" (1993) it states (pg 74)

"The motion to lay on the table.... require(s) only a majority vote"

I reached out to Dan Clark, the director of the Local Gov't center, whom we have had here for trainings to confirm with him if I was reading this correctly. He responded to me in an email that tabling "requires a majority vote". (He sited the 2020 edition of Roberts Rules of Order).

We were told last week that the CAO position had to be tabled by a 2/3 majority. This doesn't appear to be the case. I believe our motion to table Resolution R25-13: A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Employment Agreement For The Position Of Chief Administrative Office should stand as tabled- voted 5 to 3. And it needs to return to the table.

(the only other thing I found in the LMC regarding tabling an item did not include language on who is needed to pass it)

2.10.070 - Presentation to the council....

G. The council may, upon a proper motion and second, vote on the matter at hand or table the matter until a date certain.

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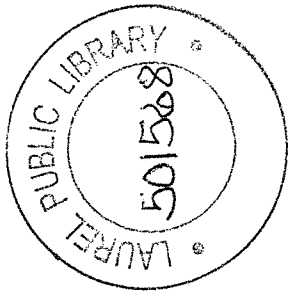
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The *Object*¹ of this motion is to enable the assembly to attend to more urgent business, in laying aside the pending question in a way that permits the assembly to resume consideration of it as easily as if it were a new question and in preference to new questions competing with it for consideration. It is in the assembly's interest that this object should be reached instantly by a majority vote. This motion must therefore either apply to or take precedence over every debatable motion whatever its rank. It is undebatable, and requires only a majority vote, regardless of the fact that the question is suppressed if not taken from the table. These dangerous privileges are given to no other motion whose adoption would result in final action on a main motion. It can be tempting to make improper use of them and lay questions on the table for the purpose of instantly suppressing them by a majority vote instead of using the previous question, the legitimate motion to bring the assembly to an immediate vote. The fundamental principles of parliamentary law require a two-thirds vote for every motion that suppresses a main question for the session without free debate. The motion to lay on the table, being undebatable, requiring only a majority vote, and having the highest rank of all subsidiary motions, is in direct conflict with these principles when used to suppress a question. If habitually used in this way, it should, like any other motion to suppress without debate, require a two-thirds vote.

The minority has no remedy for the unfair use of this motion, but its abuse can be contained. The person who introduces a resolution is sometimes cut off from speaking by the motion to lay the question on the table being made as soon as the chair states the question, or even before. In such cases the introducer of the resolution should always claim the floor, to which he or she is entitled. Members often make this motion so hastily that they neglect to address the chair and obtain the floor. In such instances one of the minority should quickly address the chair. If not given the floor, this member can make the point of order that he or she was first to address the chair, and that the other member, not having the floor, was not entitled to make a motion [3].

Because motions laid on the table are merely temporarily laid aside, the majority should remember that the minority may all stay to the moment of final adjournment and then be in the majority and take up and pass the resolutions laid on the table. They may also take the question from the table at the next meeting in societies having regular meetings as frequently as quarterly. The safer and fairer method is to object to the consideration of the question if it is so objectionable that it is not desired even to allow its introducer to speak on it. Alternatively, if there has been debate so it cannot be objected to, the previous question can be moved. If adopted, this immediately brings the assembly to a vote. These are legitimate motions for

Quick Reference

	Must Be Seconded	Open for Discussion	Can be Amended	Vote Count Required to Pass	May Be Reconsidered or Rescinded
Main Motion	√	√	√	Majority	√
Amend Motion	√	√		Majority	√
Kill a Motion	√			Majority	√
Limit Debate	√		√	2/3 ^{rds}	√
Close Discussion	√			2/3 ^{rds}	√
Recess	√		√	Majority	
Adjourn (End meeting)	√			Majority	
Refer to Committee	√	√	√	Majority	√
Postpone to a later time	√	√	√	Majority	√
Table	√			Majority	
Postpone Indefinitely	√	√	√	Majority	√