



**AGENDA  
CITY OF LAUREL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 07, 2026  
7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**WELCOME . . .** By your presence in the City Council Chambers, you are participating in the process of representative government. To encourage that participation, the City Council has specified times for citizen comments on its agenda -- once following the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council concerning any brief community announcement not to exceed one minute in duration for any speaker; and again following Items Removed from the Consent Agenda, at which time citizens may address the Council on any matter of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Citizens may also comment on any item removed from the consent agenda prior to council action, with each speaker limited to three minutes, unless the time limit is extended by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. If a citizen would like to comment on an agenda item, we ask that you wait until the agenda item is presented to the Council by the Mayor and the public is asked to comment by the Mayor.

Any person who has any question concerning any agenda item may call the City Clerk-Treasurer's office to make an inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda. Your City government welcomes your interest and hopes you will attend the Laurel City Council meetings often.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of the Council**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Correspondence**

**Council Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications**

**Public Hearing**

**Consent Items**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

*The Consent Calendar adopting the printed Recommended Council Action will be enacted with one vote. **The Mayor will first ask the Council members if any Council member wishes to remove any item from the Consent Calendar for discussion and consideration.** The matters removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered individually at the end of this Agenda under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar." (See Section 12.) The entire Consent Calendar, with the exception of items removed to be discussed under "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar," is then voted upon by roll call under one motion.*

**Ceremonial Calendar**

**Reports of Boards and Commissions**

**Audience Participation (Three-Minute Limit)**

*Citizens may address the Council regarding any item of City business that is not on tonight's agenda. Comments regarding tonight's agenda items will be accepted under Scheduled Matters. The duration for an individual speaking under Audience Participation is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

**Scheduled Matters**

- 1.** Resolution No. R26-26: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Montana, Establishing A Process For Filling The Vacancy In The Office Of Mayor And Soliciting Letters Of Interest From Qualified Individuals For Appointment To The Office Of Mayor.

**Items Removed From the Consent Agenda**

**Community Announcements (One-Minute Limit)**

*This portion of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Council regarding community announcements. The duration for an individual speaking under Community Announcements is limited to one minute. While all comments are welcome, the Council will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

**Council Discussion**

*Council members may give the City Council a brief report regarding committees or groups in which they are involved.*

**Mayor Updates****Unscheduled Matters****Adjournment**

*The City makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this meeting. Persons needing accommodation must notify the City Clerk's Office to make needed arrangements. To make your request known, please call 406-628-7431, Ext. 2, or write to City Clerk, PO Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044, or present your request at City Hall, 115 West First Street, Laurel, Montana.*

**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Resolution No. R26-26: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Laurel, Montana, Establishing A Process For Filling The Vacancy In The Office Of Mayor And Soliciting Letters Of Interest From Qualified Individuals For Appointment To The Office Of Mayor.

**RESOLUTION NO. R26-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR FILLING THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND SOLICITING LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.**

WHEREAS, the Office of Mayor of the City of Laurel became vacant upon the resignation of Mayor Dave Waggoner on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2026;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-4-4112, MCA, and the Laurel City Charter, the City Council is responsible for appointing a qualified person to fill the mayoral vacancy;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to conduct a fair, transparent, and orderly appointment process that provides qualified individuals an opportunity to express interest in serving as Mayor;

WHEREAS, neither Montana law nor the Laurel City Charter prescribes a specific procedure for identifying or evaluating candidates for appointment to the mayoral vacancy;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that soliciting letters of interest, reviewing qualifications, and conducting a public applicant introduction and question session will assist the Council in making an informed appointment in the best interests of the citizens of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to document its efforts to fill the vacancy as expeditiously as reasonably possible while providing an opportunity for public participation and consideration of qualified applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a process for receiving and considering applications from qualified persons interested in appointment to the Office of Mayor for the remainder of the current term.

Section 2. Eligibility.

Any person who is legally qualified under Montana law and the Laurel City Charter to hold the office of Mayor may submit a letter of interest for consideration. Eligibility shall not be limited to current members of the City Council.

Section 3. Solicitation of Letter of Interest.

The City Council directs City staff to publicly advertise the mayoral vacancy and invite qualified individuals to submit letters of interest and other relevant materials.

The advertisement shall be posted on the City's website, social media platforms, Laurel Outlook, and such other locations as staff determines appropriate.

Section 4. Application Deadline.

Applications shall be submitted to the City Clerk no later than June 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

The City Clerk shall compile all applications received and provide them to the City Council via public Council packet.

Section 5. Review, Introductions, and Questions.

City Council shall hold a Special City Council meeting on June 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council may review submitted materials, hold applicant introductions, question applicants, receive public comment, and otherwise evaluate candidates in a manner consistent with Montana law.

Section 6. Appointment.

Following review of letters of interest, the City Council shall appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy in accordance with applicable law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval.

Introduced at a special meeting of the City Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

CITY OF LAUREL

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Strecker, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michele L. Braukmann, Civil City Attorney