

The Town of Laurel
Mayor and Council Meeting
September 17, 2018

A Mayor and Council Meeting was held in the Mayor and Council Chambers of the Laurel Town Hall Monday, September 17, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were in attendance: Mayor John Shwed, President of Council Chris Calio, Council Members Randy Lee, Cheryl Martin, Jeff Hill, and Jonathan Kellam. Also, in attendance were Director of Code Enforcement Ken West, Public Works Director James Foskey, Sergeant Adam Coleman, Finance Manager Mary Introcaso, Recording Secretary Alexis Oliphant, and Town Manager Jamie Smith. It was noted Alderman Kelly Pettyjohn, Chief Dan Wright, and Councilwoman Robin Fisher-Cornish were absent.

Mayor Shwed advised Mr. LeRoy Phillips was scheduled on the agenda; however, Mr. Phillips is not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

The Mayor and Council Regular and Closed Session Minutes of August 20, 2018 were presented for review and adoption. Councilman Hill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and closed session minutes for August 20, 2018. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

The Mayor and Council Regular and Closed Session Minutes of August 28, 2018 were presented for review and adoption. President of Council Calio made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and closed session minutes for August 28, 2018. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0, with Councilmen Hill and Kellam abstaining and Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

The Mayor and Council Regular and Closed Session Minutes of September 4, 2018 were presented for review and adoption. Councilwoman Martin made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and closed session minutes for September 4, 2018. President of Council Calio seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilman Hill abstaining and Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

The Department Head Reports for the month of August 2018 were presented for review and adoption. Director of Code Enforcement West advised Public Works completed 53 works orders last month. Public Works Director Foskey advised paving has been completed on 7th Street and Lansing Avenue. Sergeant Coleman advised he had nothing to add to the police report. Mayor Shwed advised Alderman Pettyjohn is not in attendance. Finance Manager Introcaso advised she had nothing to add to her report. Town Manager Smith stated Planning & Zoning approved the Site Plan for Burger King in June. Town Manager Smith advised Burger King has submitted plans for review and now are waiting for a Permit through Fire Marshall. Town Manager Smith stated the Parks and Recreation will be holding a "Christmas Markets on Broad Creek," on December 7, 2018, which this is the same evening as the Christmas parade. The Christmas Markets will be located on Front Street and may utilize Janosik Park. Town Manager Smith advised the Laurel Police Department Ministry Council will be sponsoring "Attacking Addiction Through Christ."

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The event will take place on September 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Market Square Park in Laurel, Delaware. Town Manager Smith advised the town will be holding the "1st Annual Trunk or Treat," on October 27, 2018 located in the parking lot where Beauty for Ashes, Laurel Community Hardware, and Sportz Tees businesses reside from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Councilman Kellam made a motion to accept the Department Head Reports for the months of August 2018. Councilman Hill seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

President of Council Calio presented the Annexation Report for MRJ Rentals, LLC located on West 10th Street adjacent to the West Conrail Railroad Line, tax map #'s 432/8.10/89.00 and 432/8.14/27.00. President of Council Calio advised the Annexation Committee met on Monday July 31, 2018. President of Council Calio advised Laurel Fire Department, Delmarva Power, and Sussex County EMS already provide service coverage to the properties. Sussex County Planning & Zoning stated they have no objection to the proposed annexation, as it is in the town's comprehensive plan short term growth plan. Councilwoman Martin made a motion to accept the Annexation Report for MRJ Rentals, LLC located on West 10th Street adjacent to the West Conrail Railroad Line, tax map #'s 432/8.10/89.00 and 432/8.14/27.00. Councilman Hill seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

Mayor Shwed presented Resolution 2018-6, which proposing that the town annex certain territory contiguous to the present southern limits of the town of Laurel owned by MRJ Rentals, located at tax map No.'s 4-32/8.10/89.00 & 4-32/8.14/27.00 and to amend the zoning map and zoning ordinance of the Town of Laurel to include said property in a Light Industrial Use (L-I) District. Mayor Shwed stated a public hearing shall be held on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, prevailing time, or as soon as possible thereafter, at the Laurel Town Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers, 201 Mechanic Street, Laurel, Sussex County, Delaware. Councilman Lee made a motion to accept Resolution 2018-6. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

Town Manager Smith proposed to hold Trick or Treat on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Councilman Hill made a motion to hold Trick or Treat on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

Councilman Kellam advised the 2017 Officer's Award Banquet was very well thought out.

Mayor Shwed advised the 2017 Officer's Award Banquet program was fantastic and the Police Department did a great job.

Mr. Kent Everline, resident of Washington Street, advised due to the Central Bridge closure vehicles are traveling down Wilson Street and Washington Street at high speeds. Mr. Everline advised we need to slow cars down and inquired if Mayor and Council would install temporary

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speed bumps. Sergeant Coleman advised they can increase the patrol in the area. Mayor Shwed explained Chief Wright be advised of the request and Mayor and Council will wait for his recommendation pertaining the situation.

Mr. Elbert Collins, resident of Washington Street, advised he shares the same concerns as Mr. Everline. Mr. Collins advised Brooklyn Avenue, Wilson Street, and Washington Street have much more traffic due to the Central Bridge Closure. Mr. Collins explained he uses more caution due to vehicles traveling at high speeds. Mr. Collins urges the town and Department of Transportation to try to find a solution.

Mayor Shwed advised the Central Bridge proposed opening date will now be in April 2019.

With there being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor

President of Council

Town Manager

Recording Secretary