

The Town of Laurel
Mayor & Council Meeting
April 5, 2021

A Mayor & Council Meeting was held in the Mayor & Council Chambers at the Laurel Town Hall, on April 5, 2021 beginning at 7:03 p.m. The following persons were in attendance Mayor John Shwed, President of Council Chris Calio, Council Members: Randy Lee via Teleconference, Jonathan Kellam, Cheryl Martin, Robin Fisher-Cornish, and Donald Holden. Also, in attendance were Alderman Kelly Pettyjohn, Recording Secretary Alexis Oliphant, and Town Manager Jamie Smith. It was noted that Councilman Jeff Hill was absent.

The Mayor & Council Regular Session Minutes of March 15, 2021 were presented for review and adoption. President of Council Calio made a motion to accept the regular session minutes of March 15, 2021. Councilman Kellam seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Hill absent.

Mayor Shwed advised an amendment was made to the agenda as the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1 was inadvertently left off the agenda.

Mayor Shwed presented the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-2, an ordinance amending Chapter 175 of the Code of Laurel by adding a Traditional Neighborhood Development Zone. Councilwoman Martin made a motion to accept the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-2. Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Hill absent.

Mayor Shwed presented the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-3, an ordinance amending Chapter 175 of the Code of the Town of Laurel by amending Article 4, Section 8, Large Parcel Development Overlay District (LPD-OD). Councilwoman Martin made a motion to accept the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-3. Councilman Kellam seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Hill absent.

Mayor Shwed presented the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-1 Cooper Street Speed Limit. Mayor Shwed advised this ordinance will allow Mayor & Council the authority to reduce the speed limit to 15 mph. Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish made a motion to accept the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-1. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Hill absent.

The following elected officials took their Oath of Office: Mayor John Shwed, Ward 2 Robin Fisher-Cornish, Ward 3 Jonathan Kellam, and At-Large Ward 3 Donald Holden.

Mayor Shwed explained the Election of President of Council must be decided. Councilwoman Martin made a motion to appoint Chris Calio as President of Council. Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with President of Council Calio abstaining.

Mayor Shwed thanked all the voters who came out and exercised their right to vote and he is proud to continue to serve the town. He wishes Councilman Holden a newly appointed Councilman the best of luck.

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Mayor Shwed congratulated the state and Public Works Director Foskey regarding the paving along Wilson Street to the intersection of Delaware Avenue.

Councilman Lee congratulated all the winners of the General Municipal Election 2021 and he looks forward to working with them.

Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish thanked the residents of the town for allowing her to serve the community for 5 terms.

Councilwoman Martin welcomed newly appointed Councilman Holden to the Mayor & Council.

President of Council Calio congratulated the newly sworn in Mayor & Council Members and he appreciates all the individuals who ran for an office whether win or lose.

Councilman Kellam congratulated the newly sworn in Mayor & Council Members.

Councilman Holden thanked god for this opportunity, and he will do his best to serve the Town of Laurel.

Town Manager Smith stated she is finalizing the upcoming budget and the Budget Committee will be meeting soon.

With there being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Holden seconded the motion. Vote was 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor

President of Council

Town Manager

Recording Secretary