

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

A Council Workshop was held in Council Chambers and called to order by Council President Tom Canape at 6:30 p.m. on February 17, 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

☒ Tom Canape	☒ Sara Naylor
☒ Brent Edgmond	☒ Jessica Banks
☒ Casey Wheeler	☒ Irv Wilke
☒ Richard Klose	☒ Jodi Mackay

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brittney Harakal, Administrative Assistant
Michele Braukmann, Civil Attorney
Kelly Strecker, Clerk/Treasurer
Jarred Anglin, Police Chief
Kelly Gauslow, Accounts Payable

Public Input:

Council President Tom Canape called the workshop to order. He read the guidelines for public participation, reminding those in attendance that public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker, that Council cannot take action or debate matters not listed on the agenda, and that comments regarding agenda items should be made when those items are presented. He also noted that comments pertaining to a future public hearing should be reserved for that hearing so they may become part of the official record.

General Items

1. Appointment of Cheryl Hill from an advisory member to a voting member of Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2029.

No discussion on this item.

2. Appointment of Chris White to the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency for a four-year term ending December 31, 2029.

No discussion on this item.

Executive Review

Council Issues

Other Items

Prior to adjourning the workshop, a member of the public inquired about providing public comment during both the workshop and the regular City Council meeting immediately following.

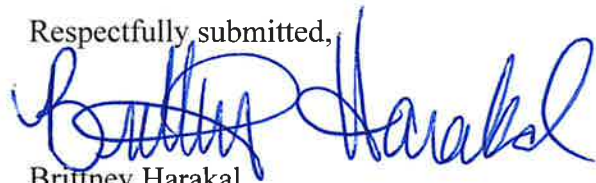
The City Attorney explained that workshops do not typically include public comment. Because the regular City Council meeting was scheduled to begin immediately afterward, she recommended combining public comment into the regular meeting for efficiency. She further explained that if members of the public had anticipated speaking during both meetings, the presiding officer could allow additional speaking time at their discretion.

Council President Canape agreed to allow speakers up to six minutes during the public comment portion of the regular City Council meeting in lieu of separate comment periods for each meeting.

Attendance at Upcoming Council Meeting**Announcements**

The Council Workshop adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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.