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Mayor's Message

Status Update on Laurel Mills Redevelopment Litigation

On January 7, 2026, the Court issued its Order and Memorandum Decision in the matter of Laurel Mills, LLC v. Borough of Stratford, et al.

The Court ruled that the termination of the Redevelopment Agreement by the Borough of Stratford and Laurel Mills LLC was premature because it occurred less than four months after the redevelopment agreement had become effective and was not based on a failure to meet specified deadlines. Consequently, the redevelopment agreement remains in effect and Laurel Mills LLC has the balance of the original 36-month period to complete the residential development. As a result, the deadline is now 32 months from January 7, 2026.

The Borough reserves all rights and remedies in the event of a future default. We will be closely monitoring Laurel Mills' activities to ensure compliance.

With respect to the other remaining important matters under the Court's consideration, the Judge ruled in favor of the Borough as it determined that Stratford did not violate Laurel Mill's due process rights nor act in bad faith in terminating Laurel Mill's Redevelopment Agreement in 2024.

Thank you for taking the time to review this factual information regarding the status of this case, and please know the completion of this project is in the hands of, and the responsibility of the property owner.

Warm regards,
Mayor Linda Hall