

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Absent: Houston.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Charles Johnson and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: add as R-12 an Indemnification & Release from Allred Investments; add as R-13 a Marker Agreement from the Tourism Commission; add as R-14 acceptance of a bid for self-contained breathing apparatus; add as R-15 appointment of president of the City Council; add as R-16 appointment of vice-president of the City Council; add as P-1c notification of advertisement for bid for construction of the downtown drainage project.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated June 03, 2014.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15668 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR
OF TIM ALLRED TO THE MERIDIAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15669 ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 15592 DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2014
ENTITLED "ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOMELAND
SECURITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
(FISCAL YEAR 2013)" IN ORDER CORRECT THE SUB-GRANT DESIGNEE

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15670 ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ON
CONFEDERATE DRIVE FROM OLD COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
EAST TO THE END OF MS POWER SERVICE

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15671 ORDER DECLARING IBM TYPEWRITER, SERIAL NO. 11-NR-130,
CONTROL NO. P09869 SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY
THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID
SURPLUS TYPEWRITER

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15672 ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO
RETIRING POLICE OFFICER LEE WILSON AS ALLOWED BY
STATE LAW 45-9-131

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4439 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-7 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI
REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON
PUBLIC STREETS AND WAYS

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5905 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
2014 VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5906 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE "CITY"), AUTHORIZING THE
EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE

ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS,
SERIES 2014

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5907 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MS, (THE "CITY"), IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,800,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR (I) (A) (1) THE PREPAYMENT, CURRENT REFUNDING AND REDEMPTION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING \$5,500,000 URBAN RENEWAL REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2003A (MERIDIAN, MS PERFORMING ARTS AND EDUCATIONAL/CONFERENCE CENTER PARKING FACILITIES PROJECT, DATED JULY 31, 2003 (THE "2003A CITY BOND") AND THE SUBSEQUENT CURRENT REFUNDING OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE \$5,500,000 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003A (MERIDIAN, MS PERFORMING ARTS AND EDUCATIONAL/CONFERENCE CENTER PARKING FACILITIES PROJECT) DATED JULY 31, 2003 (THE "2003A BANK BONDS") AND; (B) THE ADVANCE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN MATURITIES OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2006, DATED JUNE 1, 2006 (THE "2006 BONDS"), ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000,000; AND (II) PAYING THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND (III) FOR RELATED PURPOSES

And, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Hammon offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15673 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY 13 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT NO. 13HS258)

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15674 ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMODE-X TERMS OF AGREEMENT

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15675 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE SOLUTION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN SIMPLEX GRINNELL AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN (FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT ARTS DISTRICT
PARKING GARAGE)

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4440 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.44 (C) OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN
REGARD TO WHEN WATER AND SANITARY SEWER BILLS ARE
DUE AND PAYABLE

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Hammon offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15676 ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM FRIENDS
OF VELMA YOUNG PARK TO SUPPORT THE VELMA YOUNG
PARK'S "FIRST TO THE POOL" INITIATIVE

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15677 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE A
LAWSUIT FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN AS A RESULT OF MICHAEL POWERS' ACTIONS

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5908 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION OF
A GRANT APPLICATION FOR STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
(VAWA) WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham and duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson to authorize the

execution and submission of the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Police Chief Benny Dubose advised that the equipment should be hand-held radios instead of digital in car video cameras. Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilman Hammon and unanimously passed by the Council to amend the application to include this change. Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15678 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
2014 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM: LOCAL APPLICATION

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15679 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI
AND LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (2014 BYRNE JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT [JAG] PROGRAM AWARD)

And, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated June 13, 2014 in the amount of \$5,588,827.88. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas. Absent: Houston.

Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15680 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INDEMNIFICATION AND
RELEASE BETWEEN ALLRED INVESTMENTS, LLC AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN (RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 602 22ND AVENUE)

And, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15681 ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO MERIDIAN/LAUDERDALE COUNTY
TOURISM BUREAU TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF CERTAIN DEDICATED
CITY OWNED PROPERTY, AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A
MARKER AGREEMENT (MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER)

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15682 ORDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING
APPARATUS FROM EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PROFESSIONALS,
HORN LAKE, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,460.50

And, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15683 ORDER APPOINTING K. DUSTIN MARKHAM AS PRESIDENT OF
THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15684 ORDER APPOINTING RANDY HAMMON AS VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Houston.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for: a) pipe, valves & fittings; b) asbestos abatement and demolition of nine (9) houses; c) construction of downtown drainage project.

President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report. He mentioned the following events that will be taking place in Meridian in the next few weeks: Civil Rights trail markers unveiling; 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer; Mississippi Municipal League conference next week; June 20th opening ceremonies of the State Games on the front lawn of city hall; Juneteenth Celebration on June 21st; Meridianites Picnic on June 28th; announcement at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow for the airline recommendations at the airport.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Signed up to speak was: 1) Lucinda Johnson.

President Thomas called for council comments. Various comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned. Sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McInnis, Clerk of Council