

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Scotty Cole of Firehouse Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: add as R-7 acceptance of a monetary donation from the Charles Young Foundation for the "First to the Pool" initiative at Velma Young; remove CC-1.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated June 17, 2014.

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

ORDER #15685 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE
SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15686 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR
THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2014 THRU JUNE 14, 2015 FOR
TRAFFIC PAINT FROM ALLSTATE COATINGS COMPANY

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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15687 ORDER AUTHORIZING A SECOND ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF
CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BETWEEN SOUTHERN
WASTE AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15688 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
TO CONVERT THE 16TH STREET ENTRANCES TO HIGHWAY
VILLAGE TO ONE-WAY ENTRANCES WITH EXITS ONLY ON
15TH STREET OR FRONT STREET

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15689 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TEMPORARY DRAINAGE
AND ACCESS EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (ROBBINS BRANCH)

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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15690 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL
YEAR 2012 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EXECUTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (GRANT NO.
S12HS258) (NSAR TRAINING MATERIALS)

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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated June 26, 2014 in the amount of \$2,004,129.45. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

The hour of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, the hearing as called for in Resolution No. 5902 regarding unclean property was opened with motion by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council. President Markham asked if anyone was present regarding the unclean properties. The Clerk of Council advised she had received a letter from Christell Bush on property #7 (vacant lot at 1704 30th Avenue) requesting an extension to have this property cleaned off by July 16, 2014. Inspector Rayford Wright advised that properties #1, #2 and #8 had been cleaned and could be removed. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to close the hearing.

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

RESO. #5909 RESOLUTION GRANTING EXTENSION TO CHRISTELL BUSH
TO HAVE THE LOT DESCRIBED AS RAGSDALE SUR BLOCK 137
BEG 40' N SWC, RUN E 100', N 15', E 20', W 120', S 40' TO BEG
(V/L @ 1704 30TH AVENUE) CLEANED OFF BY JULY 16, 2014

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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5910 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (BROWN
SUR BLOCK 13 N ½ LOT 3 – 1711 33RD AVENUE)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5911 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY
 (MORNINGSIDE SURVEY BLOCK B 19.65' OFF S SIDE LOT 9 & 56' OFF
 N SIDE LOT 10 – 3406 35TH AVENUE)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5912 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY
 (RAGSDALE SUR BLOCK 136 51.5' N&S X 100' E&W BEG 154.5' NEC –
 1715 30TH AVENUE)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5913 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY
 (RAGSDALE SUR BLOCK 137 99' E&W X 40' N&S IN SWC – V/L @
 1700 30TH AVENUE)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5914 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY
(MOUNTAIN VIEW SUR BLOCK 1 LOTS 2, 3 & 27 & PT VACATED
STREET – 1214 22ND AVENUE)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5915 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (BASS
SURVEY BLOCK 3 S ½ 80' E&W X 52' N&S BEG 86' N SW/C – 512
40TH AVENUE)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15691 ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM THE
CHARLES YOUNG FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE VELMA
YOUNG PARK'S "FIRST TO THE POOL" INITIATIVE

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

President Markham advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: well at Lakeview Golf Course.

President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He commented on the activities held in the last week or two: State Games, Meridianite Picnic, and placement of civil rights markers. The July 4th celebration will be held this coming Friday at Bonita Lakes. He advised that they are being active in pursuing Brownsfield grants and other grants. There is a need for a full-time grant writer or a contractual person to prepare grant applications for the city. He attended a conference in Washington DC and met with people at the White House regarding strong cities and strong communities. Meridian was selected for this program. He advised that a few days ago a youth from Meridian, Rodney Hood, was a first-round draft pick for the Utah Jazz. Councilman Thomas thanked the police department for the safety they provided at Highland Park during the festivities held there. He said he hopes this will continue.

Ricky Hood, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club appeared and stated that Meridian put its best foot forward last week. He appreciated the police presence at the activities. He introduced Wylesha Glass who read a statement concerning her part-time job through Parks & Recreation where she can work at the Boys & Girls Club and draw a check to help her mother with financial needs.

President Markham 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