

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AT 5:00 P.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 Gary Morris and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add as C-7 a proclamation for Constitution Week; add as C-8 designation of a sole source provider for traffic control products.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated September 02, 2014.

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

ORDER #15725 ORDER DECLARING 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, SERIAL NO. 2FAFP71VX8X131187, CONTROL NO. 153-099 SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, REMOVING FROM SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING SURPLUS VEHICLE TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY

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

ORDER #15726 ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS AT 2019 21ST STREET AND 2018 22ND AVENUE

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

ORDER #15727 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE DISCARDED

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

ORDER #15728 ORDER DESIGNATING WATCHGUARD VIDEO AS THE SOLE
SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS
FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

ORDER #15729 ORDER DESIGNATING SENSUS TECHNOLOGIES AS THE SOLE
SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR IPERL AND OMNI WATER METERS

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following proclamation to be issued by the Mayor:

September 17-23, 2014 – “Constitution Week”

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

ORDER #15730 ORDER DESIGNATING TEMPLE, INC. AS THE SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER
FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL PRODUCTS FOR 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 Resolution:

RESO. #5927 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING STREET LIGHTS AND POLES FOR THE
5TH STREET STREETScape/AFRICAN AMERICAN PROJECT IN
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN 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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15731 ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE HIGHLANDS
RESUBDIVISION, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
CITY OF MERIDIAN

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 #15732 ORDER AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$15,000.00 TO WEEMS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
(MAKING A CHANGE PROGRAM {MAC})

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: Thomas.

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

RESO. #5928 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CDBG PF SECTION 3 PLAN

And, Councilman Thomas 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.

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

RESO. #5929 RESOLUTION APPROVING MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE
NEW VELMA YOUNG COMMUNITY CENTER

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5930 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF 2013 CONTRACT
FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY JAIL

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 #15733 ORDER TO CHARGE OFF INACTIVE AND UNCOLLECTIBLE
WATER ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$112,156.48

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 Resolution:

RESO. #5931 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, AND DIRECTING THE
CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO

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 #15734 ORDER RATIFYING THE CURRENT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BETWEEN ENGINEERING PLUS AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN TO CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE 2017

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 #15735 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TASK
ORDER PROPOSAL BETWEEN CDM SMITH AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN (EPA CWA ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE
CITY OF MERIDIAN)

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.

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

ORDER #15736 ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF MET LIFE FOR GROUP LIFE
INSURANCE PLAN FOR CITY OF MERIDIAN EMPLOYEES

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

ORDER #15737 ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF VITAL CARE TO BE THE
EXCLUSIVE COMPOUND DRUG PROVIDER FOR CITY OF
MERIDIAN EMPLOYEES

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.

Next on the agenda was the acceptance of a proposal for the health insurance plan for city employees. Mayor Bland and Ann Marie Munn with BMG appeared before the Council. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson to accept the proposal of Fox Everett. Said motion failed due to the lack of a majority vote. Voting yea: Thomas, Henson. Voting nay: Markham, Houston, Hammon. Motion was made by councilman Hammon duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston to accept the proposal of United Health Care. Discussion was held at this time. Mayor Bland stated that they looked at two proposals and they have had representatives from both companies to speak to them. He stated that based on his recommendation and the recommendation of BMG, bases on the fact that United Health Care came in with the best fee schedule of overall cost in their competitive pricing, based on the fact that their cost management for the acutely ill was superior over Fox Everett, based on the fact that they have a health and wellness program, and based on the fact that United Health Care is a strong company, he is recommending United Health Care. Councilman Thomas said the city has had Fox Everett for several years and he has not had an employee complain about their insurance. Fox Everett is a national corporation and they serve municipalities, businesses and organizations and they have done a good job. He has heard from employees from other organizations that have United Health Care and they are not happy with them. He feels the city needs to stick with Fox Everett. Council-woman Henson said she has been in business for 50 years and has learned that if it isn't broke, don't fix it. Councilman Markham asked Ms. Munn what the figures are that the city will save by going with United Health Care. Ms. Munn said \$176,000 is a conservative estimate and this is in addition to the \$95,000 saved with using Vital Care for compound drugs. Councilman Markham wants to see a smooth transition for the city employees if they city goes with United Health Care. Councilwoman

Houston said she has heard from city employees but the city is in a season where they need to do all they can to save money. The city has a lot of obligations and this is a way they can save money. She said they won't know if it works until they try it. They have to do what is needed to save those dollars. Fox Everett has been a wonderful company. She said she will be voting for United Health Care. Councilman Hamm said he was for United Health Care last year. This company is more aggressive in low risk and medium risk. He told the employees that they will be glad to have this insurance. Councilman Hammon offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15738 ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF UNITED HEALTH CARE FOR
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR CITY OF MERIDIAN
EMPLOYEES

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

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

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

ORDER #15739 ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE
DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CITY OF MERIDIAN EMPLOYEES

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 #15740 ORDER TERMINATING TELEDOC PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH
HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDED BY FOX-EVERETT

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.

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

RESO. #5932 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND DIRECTING THE CITY
CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDIN. #4446 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A REVENUE AND LEVY A TAX
FOR THE MERIDIAN SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDIN. #4447 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2015

And, Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance 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 Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated September 11, 2014 in the amount of \$1,865,042.86. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He thanked the Council for approving the health care plan. He has someone from Ward 2 he wants to appoint to the civil service commission. He presented a proclamation to Mrs. Pat Gray. He presented the Council members with plaques from the Meridianite Picnic. On

Saturday, September 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a fund day at Highland Park.

President Markham called for citizen comments. Those who signed up to speak were: 1) Becky Glover; 2) Dr. Sam Thompson (did not appear or speak).

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

An executive session was requested regarding potential litigation. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to make a closed determination on whether to declare an executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss potential litigation. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to go out of executive session.

President Markham called the meeting back to order.

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

ORDER #15741 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TOLLING AGREEMENT
FOR CLAIMS UNDER CLEAN WATER ACT RELATING TO CITY
OF MERIDIAN POTW_s AND ASSOCIATED WASTEWATER
COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

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.

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

ORDER #15742 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE AN
APPEAL OF THE "ORDER ON MOTION TO DISMISS" IN
CONNECTION WITH CASE NO. CA-12-701(Y)

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.

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