

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015 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 Gary Houston and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: remove R-4a; add as R-9 approval of a contract with Socrates Garrett Enterprises for the downtown drainage project; add as R-10 adoption of a replat of Block G of L.H. Arky's Subdivision. Said motion failed due to the lack of a majority. Voting yea: Thomas, Henson. Voting nay: Markham, Houston, Hammon. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed by a majority vote of the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: remove R-4a; add as R-9 approval of a contract with Socrates Garrett Enterprises for the downtown drainage project. Voting yea: Markham, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas, Henson.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2014.

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

ORDER #15790 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHOCTAW AREA COUNCIL OF THE
BOY SCOUTS TO USE THE CITY OF MERIDIAN LOGO ON THEIR
NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC) PATCH

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 #15791 ORDER ACCEPTING GRANT FROM LOCKHEED MARTIN
(MERIDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT)

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 #15792 ORDER DECLARING ITEMS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED
BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID SURPLUS
ITEMS TO BE DESTROYED

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.

At this time Deputy City Clerk Leigh Barber appeared and advised that the following banks qualified as municipal depositories: Trustmark National Bank, The Citizens Bank, The Citizens National Bank, Great Southern National Bank, BankPlus and Community Bank. Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15793 ORDER DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES

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.

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

ORDER #15794 ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED PLAT
OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF MERIDIAN CROSSROADS, A
COMMERCIAL 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.

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

RESO. #5944 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND
AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED (2015 ALCOHOL COUNTER-

MEASURES/DUI ENFORCEMENT)

And, Councilwoman Houston 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 #15795 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR
OF WALLY HUDNALL TO THE CIVIL SERVICE 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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5945 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
PROGRAM HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION SECTION 3 PLAN

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.

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

RESO. #5946 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
PROGRAM HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION MINORITY/WOMEN
BUSINESS PLAN

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. #5947 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
PROGRAM HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING
PLAN

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.

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 December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$1,761,683.26.

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

ORDER #15796 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN
SOCRATES GARRETT ENTERPRISES, INC. AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN (DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS)

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.

At this time Mr. Jim Swartz appeared to present certificates to those assisting in the Run for the Wall event. He presented a certificate and flag to the Mayor for the city and he presented certificates to: Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department; and Parks & Recreation Department.

President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He stated members of the National Resource Network will be visiting Meridian this month. Capitol Day will be held this Thursday in Jackson. School is starting back up. He said they are trying to get 100 volunteers to commit to one to two hours a week for the next 10 weeks to work with the 3rd grade students in the Meridian Public Schools. There will be a Drop Out fun run on Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. A Valentine Senior Ball will be held on February 6th and will be sponsored by Parks & Recreation. There will be a lot of projects going on in downtown Meridian. The trolley will be put to use to take people working downtown to the various downtown restaurants for lunch. They will be working on a schedule. He stated that he is looking forward to the work session next Tuesday morning.

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