

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Hammon.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Odell Hopkins and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting. (Councilman Markham not at meeting at this time.)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated September 15 and September 29, 2015. (Councilman Markham not at meeting at this time.)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following proclamation: (Councilman Markham not at meeting at this time.)

October 10, 2015 – “Meridian Movement Family Health & Fitness Day”

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

**ORDER #15958 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE REMOVED FROM INVENTORY**

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

Yea: Thomas, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Not Present: Markham.

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

ORDER #15959 ORDER RECORDING INTO THE MINUTES OF THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL THE "CERTIFICATION TO MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE"

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

Yea: Thomas, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Not Present: Markham.

Councilman Markham arrived at the meeting at this time.

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

ORDER #15960 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF CYNTHIA BOYD TO THE MERIDIAN TREE COMMISSION

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 #15961 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF GAIL BARTON TO THE MERIDIAN TREE COMMISSION

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 #15962 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MARTIN JACK TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

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 #15963 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WASTE PRO AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (MERIDIAN
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY)**

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 ORDINANCE:

**ORDIN. #4466 ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN THE
CITY OF MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THAT
PORTION OF 13TH AVENUE BETWEEN "B" STREET AND "C" STREET**

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.**

COUNCILWOMAN HENSON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

**ORDER #15964 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF "FINAL DEMAND" FROM
HANSON PIPE & PRECAST, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,223.04**

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 #15965 ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE; AND ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT (FAMILY DOLLAR)

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

ORDER #15966 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (RECREATIONAL PROJECTS)

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. #6025 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 4397 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION ADOPTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE MERIDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT" TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE

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

**ORDER #15967 ORDER ALLOCATING FY 2016 BUDGET SUBSIDIES, GRANTS
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENDITURES**

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.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston to approve the claims docket dated October 01, 2015 in the amount of \$2,041,807.45. During discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to amend the motion to remove \$200.00 from Purchase Order No. 506482 for two bicycles for give-aways. The vote to approve the claims docket with the amendment was passed by a majority vote of the Council. Voting yea: Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas. Abstain: Markham.

President Hammon advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: a) lease purchase financing of Freightliner sewer vacuum truck; b) police uniforms; c) stump grinder for freshwater plant; d) weir troughs for wastewater plant.

President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He said last weekend was a great weekend in Meridian. The Mississippi Arts & Entertainment Center groundbreaking was held. Work is continuing on the 5th Street project. There are ongoing communications with the potential developer for the Threefoot project. He stated he would like the City Council to hold a work session to discuss the following: Highland Park project; Velma Young project; and the paving plan. He said he will soon come forward with his recommendation for a CAO. The punt, pass and kick event will be held at Ray Stadium this coming Sunday at 2:00 pm. There will be a health care event on the lawn of City Hall this coming Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

President Hammon called for citizen comments. Those who spoke were: 1) Mike Russell; 2) Kyle Wilbanks; 3) Veronica Chaney; 4) Shondia McFadden-Sabari.

President Hammon 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