

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 Associate Pastor Dennis Gossett with Central United Methodist Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda with an amendment to add as R-10 the certification of modification of emergency contract with Hemphill Construction.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated November 17, 2015.

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

**ORDER #15996 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING
SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE DISCARDED**

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 #15997 ORDER DESIGNATING ON SCENE TECHNOLOGY AS THE SOLE
SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR G-7 BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR THE
MERIDIAN POLICE 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.**

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

**ORDER #15998 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBRECIPIENT GRANT
AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY (GRANT NO. 15HS258)**

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 #15999 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT
RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
FY14 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT
NO. 14HS258T)**

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 #16000 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE
PERIOD OF DECEMBER 10, 2015 THRU DECEMBER 09, 2016 FOR
POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS FROM BARNEY'S, INC.,
LAFAYETTE, LA**

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. #6030 RESOLUTION DIRECTING DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 29TH AVENUE & INTERCHANGE ROAD WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DECLARED SURPLUS TO GREATER CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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 ORDER:

ORDER #16001 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JEANELLE E. KIDD TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY 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 HENSON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

ORDER #16002 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NON-DISTURBANCE AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (RADIO TOWER LOCATED ON CITY OF MERIDIAN PROPERTY)

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 MARKHAM OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

**ORDER #16003 ORDER ACCEPTING LETTERS FROM BREAUX SERVICES, INC.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISPOSAL OF THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN'S WASTEWATER SLUDGE**

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. #6031 RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MS (THE "CITY"), TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (THE "BONDS") OF THE CITY, OR TO ISSUE A QUALIFIED OBLIGATION BOND (THE "QUALIFIED OBLIGATION") OF THE CITY FOR PURCHASE BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK OR FOR THE CITY TO BORROW FUNDS BY ENTERING INTO A LOAN (THE "LOAN") WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK, ALL IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,500,000), ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, QUALIFIED OBLIGATION OR LOAN DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS, QUALIFIED OBLIGATION OR LOAN

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 HOUSTON DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HENSON AND

PASSED BY a MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS DOCKET DATED November 25, 2015 in THE AMOUNT OF \$2,041,338.32. VOTING yea: Henson, Houston, Hammon. VOTING nay: Thomas. ABSTAIN: MARKHAM.

**COUNCILWOMAN Houston OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
ORDER #16004 ORDER RATIFYING CERTIFICATION OF MODIFICATION OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION CO. WHILE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IS IN EFFECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-7-13(k) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE**

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 Hammon ADVISED OF THE NOTIFICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING: a) LEASE PURCHASE OF CITY VEHICLES; b) SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

PRESIDENT Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He asked for a work session before the end of the year. He would like to discuss the 5TH Street project and where the money is coming from for the drainage ditch repair. They are continuing to work with the Board of Supervisors for their assistance in paving city streets. He stated that the paving list will be updated and/or changed as circumstances change. He advised they are passing along information on the drainage ditch as they receive it. The tree lighting ceremony will be held at 5:30 even if it has to be done from inside city hall. The parade will be this coming Saturday. They believe the body cameras for the police officers will be able to provide better training and more safety to the citizens as well as provide transparency in police operations and be a source of evidence. Cultural Affairs Director Laura Carmichael went over the parade route.

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