

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 AT 5:00 P.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 Kathy Price with Central United Methodist 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 with an amendment to remove CC-1; add amendments to R-7 (claims docket).

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated December 1, 2015.

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

**ORDER #16005 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING
SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE DISCARDED**

And, Councilman Markham 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 #16006 ORDER DECLARING 2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, VIN NO.
2FAFP71W4YX145255, INVENTORY NO. P04227 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, Councilman Markham 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 #16007 ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM WAL-
MART FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

And, Councilman Markham 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 #16008 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF CAMERA EQUIPMENT FROM
WAL-MART FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

And, Councilman Markham 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 #16009 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR
OF CLAYTON A. CODY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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. #6032 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, 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.**

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

**ORDER #16010 ORDER AUTHORIZING INTERNAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO FULLY
FUND THE 5TH STREET & 25TH AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT**

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 #16011 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID FOR 5TH STREET & 25TH AVENUE
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FROM GREGORY CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES, INC., COLUMBUS, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,365,068.30
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK**

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 #16012 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT
RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT NO. 15HS258T)**

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 #15013 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF
RICHIE MCALISTER AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR
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.**

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated December 10, 2015 in the amount of \$2,101,880.27 with an amendment to add PO #601313 in the amount of \$282.97; PO #601315 in the amount of \$4,435.94; PO #601314 in the amount of \$6,000.00; and PO #601329 in the amount of \$47,792.00.

President Hammon advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: a) Velma Young project.

President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. Planner Kevin Locke along with Tree Commission members Duffee Williams, Craig Wilkes, and Tom Carmichael appeared before the Council to announce that the city received the Mississippi Urban Forestry Award for City of the Year and received the Tree City USA designation for the 25th consecutive year. Mayor Bland introduced Coach Crenshaw who has been working on the laws at city hall as well as ball fields throughout the city. He invited everyone to attend the Health District Town Hall presentation this coming Thursday at 5:00 pm in the auditorium at city hall. He said the police department's new program implementing the use of body cameras on every police officer will begin the first of the next year. He invited everyone to meet Santa this coming Friday at the Carousel at 6:00 pm.

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