

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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 Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: add as R-9 amended replat of Block G of L. H. Arky's Subdivision; move presentation to after the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated January 20, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following proclamation to be issued by the Mayor:  
February 13, 2015 – "Arbor Day"

At this time President Markham read a City Council commendation for the East Mississippi Community College Lions football team. He presented this to EMCC Athletic Director Mickey Stokes, EMCC Trustee Ed Mosley, and EMCC Trustee Jimmy Moore.

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

ORDER #15805      ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF  
DEVON M. WILLIAMS TO THE ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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

ORDER #15806      ORDER ACCEPTING ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM STEPHEN P.

WILSON TO SERVE AS THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ATTORNEY

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 Hammon offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4452            ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS  
OF CHAPTER 4 (AIRPORT AND AIRCRAFT) OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES, CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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.

Next on the agenda was an order authorizing execution of Services and Performance Contract with the Boys and Girls Club. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Markham to authorize the execution of this contract. Said motion failed due to the lack of a majority. Voting yea: Markham, Houston. Voting nay: Thomas, Henson, Hammon.

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

ORDIN. #4453            ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WRECKER SERVICE POLICY  
IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES  
FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND FOR  
RELATED PURPOSES

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.

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

ORDER #15807            ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
AT&T AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (AT&T MANAGED INTERNET  
SERVICE AND AT&T TELECONFERENCING SERVICE)

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 #15808      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CSI ePROCESSING  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLLECTOR SOLUTIONS AND 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 Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a majority vote of the City Council to approve the claims docket dated January 29, 2015 in the amount of \$1,805,731.18. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

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

ORDER #15809      ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDED REPLAT OF  
BLOCK "G" OF L.H. ARKY'S SUBDIVISION, 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.  
Nay: Hammon.

Next on the agenda was the Mayor's report. CAO Mike McGrevey had advised that the Mayor was attending the Governor's Job Fair and would not be at the meeting. He requested that Karen Rooney with Meridian Main Street be able to speak for a few minutes. Mrs. Rooney invited everyone to attend the Mardi Gras celebration on February 14<sup>th</sup> on the City Hall front lawn.

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

An executive session was requested regarding economic development. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss economic development. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to go out of executive session.

President Markham called the regular meeting back to order.

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

RESO. #5949            RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO GRANT AD VALOREM TAX  
EXEMPTION FOR PROJECT NINEG

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 Resolution:

RESO. #5950            RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF MERIDIAN ENDORSING AND URGING THE MISSISSIPPI  
LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION  
GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION (NOT  
INCLUDING SCHOOL TAXES) TO CLEVELAND PROPERTIES,  
LLC, RELATIVE TO THE NEW CALL CENTER REAL PROPERTY  
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER  
31, 2012, AND FOR ASSOCIATED RELIEF

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.

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