

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Absent: Henson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Cathy Price of Haven Chapel and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: remove R-10; add as R-10 a resolution supporting the Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Master Plan (H.B. 1634).

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

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

ORDER #15816 ORDER DECLARING BROTHER FAX MACHINE (USED IN THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT) SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS FAX MACHINE

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15817 ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDED REPLAT OF BLOCK "G" OF L.H. ARKY'S SUBDIVISION, A COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15818 ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 15802 ENTITLED "ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PIPELINE CROSSING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY"

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15819 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY 14 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT NO. 14HS258)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15820 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF REPLACEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (DOWNTOWN STREETScape)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Henson.

At this time Acting Community Development Director Bunky Partridge introduced Laura Carmichael as the new Cultural Affairs Director and Wiley Quinn as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

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

ORDER #15821 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAL AIR STATION,
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15822 ORDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TRACTOR TRUCK FROM
WATERS INTERNATIONAL, MERIDIAN, MS, IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$105,629.36

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15823 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND WEBSTER ELECTRIC
COMPANY, INC. (HWY 39 TRAFFIC SIGNALS PROJECT)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15824 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
FROM ALLRED INVESTMENTS, LLC, FOR THE LOCATION
OF A NEW LIFT STATION

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Henson.

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

ORDER #15825 ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO MARION ROAD APARTMENTS
(2428 OLD MARION ROAD) TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF CITY RIGHT-
OF-WAY LOCATED IN A STRAIGHT SECTION OF ROADWAY
APPROXIMATELY 500' NORTH OF THE CREST OF THE HILL ON OLD
HWY 45, AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A HOLD HARMLESS
AGREEMENT

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Henson.

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

ORDIN. #4454 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.44 (C) OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN
REGARD TO WHEN WATER AND SANITARY SEWER BILLS ARE
DUE AND PAYABLE

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Henson.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston to approve a proposed amendment to the Wrecker Ordinance #4453. After discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to amend the proposed ordinance by adding “and/or operator” after “owner” in the section being amended. Council-woman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4455 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #4453 ENTITLED “AN
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, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: Henson.

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

RESO. #5953 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE
INDUSTRY ZONE MASTER PLAN ACT (H.B. 1634)

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, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Absent: Henson.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Hammon and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated February 26, 2015 in the amount of \$1,913,034.23. Voting yea: Markham, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas. Absent: Henson.

President Markham advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: 1) herbicide treatment – Sowashee Creek; 2) emergency generator installation at East Meridian Wastewater Plant.

President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He advised of a town hall meeting to be held on March 12th at 5:30 p.m. in city hall regarding downtown projects. The Jimmy Rodgers Festival will be held May 1st and 2nd on the city hall lawn. Kidz Zone will be held at Highland Park this coming Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He expressed the need for a work session. He said that the new adult women’s basketball league has been a success.

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