

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.**

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

**Absent: Henson.**

**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 and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add an amendment to R-6 (claims docket).**

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

**ORDER #15826      ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD  
TO RETIRING POLICE DETECTIVE WILLIAM POWELL AS  
ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131**

**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 #15827      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDED LEASE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMBERLY HANCOCK D/B/A KREATIVE  
SWEETS AND KATERING AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (CAFÉ  
SPACE AT UNION 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, Henson, Houston, Hammon.**

**Nay: None.**

**COUNCILMAN THOMAS OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**ORDER #15828      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND  
THE STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.**

**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 #15829      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF  
FY 2016 ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE  
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
PLANNING (ALCOHOL COUNTERMEASURES)**

**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 #15830      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF  
FY 2016 ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE  
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
PLANNING (POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES)**

**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 HENSON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING  
ORDINANCE:**

**ORDIN. #4456      AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (ORDINANCE NO. 3878, AUGUST 7, 1990) BY ADDING A PROVISION LIMITING THE NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS THAT CAN BE KEPT BY CITY RESIDENTS; AND, INCREASING THE MINIMUM FINES FOR VIOLATIONS**

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

**Yea: Henson, Houston, Hammon.**

**Nay: Markham.**

**Abstain: Thomas.**

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

**ORDER #15831      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH ARJEN LAGENDIJK ARCHITECT PLLC TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE VELMA YOUNG CENTER PROJECT**

**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.**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated March 12, 2015 in the amount of \$2,302,970.16 with an amendment to add Purchase Order No. 502533 in the amount of \$505.00.**

**At this time Norm and Natalie Copeland with the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration appeared before the Council. There will be a luncheon for Vietnam Veterans on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Frank Cochran Center. They also asked that the weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> be declared Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans weekend.**

**Next on the agenda was Ms. Ruth Jones. She appeared regarding National Women's History Month. She talked about Mrs. Lucile Rosenbaum and Mrs. Polly Heidelberg.**

**PRESIDENT MARKHAM CALLED ON MAYOR BLAND FOR HIS REPORT. HE THANKED DETECTIVE WILLIAM POWELL FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF BENNY DUBOSE PRESENTED A RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO DETECTIVE POWELL. HE READ AND PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION REGARDING NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO MS. RUTH JONES.**

**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**