

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 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 Morris 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: remove R-3; remove R-5; add to R-15 an amendment to the claims docket; add as R-17 an order authorizing upgrade of lights at the Meridian Youth Soccer Complex.

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

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

ORDER #15832      ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER  
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE  
SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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.

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

ORDER #15833      ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF A HP LASERJET PRINTER,  
MODEL P2015DN, SERIAL NUMBER CNBJM111615 FOR USE  
AT THE MERIDIAN ACTIVITY CENTER

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.

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

RESO. #5954            RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COURT CLERKS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT

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.

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

ORDER #15834            ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN WASTE PRO AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (MERIDIAN  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY)

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.

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

ORDER #15835            ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SECOND TOLLING  
AGREEMENT FOR CLAIMS UNDER CLEAN ACT RELATING  
TO CITY OF MERIDIAN POTWs AND ASSOCIATED WASTE-  
WATER COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

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.

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

RESO. #5955            RESOLUTION CALLING HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR  
NOT A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IS IN SUCH A STATE OF  
UNCLEANLINESS AS TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH

AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (MAY 5, 2015 @ 9:15 A.M.)

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.

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

ORDER #15836      ORDER WAIVING COST OF WATER TAP FEES FOR GO GREEN  
MERIDIAN/ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH LOCATED AT  
2221 17<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

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 #15837      ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF  
OF KAY RUCKER TO THE TAXICAB ADVISORY BOARD

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 Order:

ORDER #15838      ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR  
OF DR. RONNYE PURVIS TO THE MERIDIAN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 #15839      ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF  
REV. GARY D. HOUSTON TO THE MERIDIAN MUNICIPAL  
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Yea: Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Nay: None.

Not Voting: Thomas, Houston.

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

ORDER #15840      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MARKETING  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN TO THE POINT COMMUNICATIONS  
AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (ANNUAL REPORT)

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. #5956      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION  
OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
(VAWA), WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING

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 #15841      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF  
2015 HEALTHY HOMETOWN AWARDS APPLICATION THROUGH  
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION

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 Order:

ORDER #15842      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONSTRUCTION  
ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC. (5<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET & 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT)

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 #15843      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE AND  
THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE)

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

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Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15844      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THREE (3) EASEMENTS  
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FAVOR OF MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY  
(5<sup>TH</sup> STREET & 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 #15845      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR HERBICIDE/SOWASHEE CREEK  
FROM PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS, NEWTON, MS, IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$7,250.40

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 Resolution:

RESO. #5957      RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET  
FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE  
THERE TO

And, Councilman Markham 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 Order:

ORDER #15846      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND PROFESSIONAL  
PLACEMENTS, LLC

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 #15847      ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF  
DAVID C. WHITAKER AS CITY CLERK/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

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 April 02, 2015 in the amount of \$2,119,793.90 with an amendment to add Purchase Order No. 502288 in the amount of \$1,687.12. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

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

ORDER #15848      ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TASK  
ORDER PROPOSAL FOR A SEWER RATE AND AFFORDABILITY  
STUDY BETWEEN CDM SMITH AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (EPA  
CWA ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST 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 Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15849      ORDER AUTHORIZING MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY TO REPLACE  
THE LIGHTS AND LIGHT STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1500 OLD 8<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET ROAD (MERIDIAN YOUTH SOCCER COMPLEX)

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 Markham advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: 1) two stand-by generators – North FWTP; 2) turn around access driveway – East WWTP.

President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He mentioned two proclamations that he issued – Sexual Assault Month and Prevent Child Abuse Month. He advised that Eugene Perry was name purchasing agent of the year. There were a lot of events held this past weekend and a lot more planned for April and May. Odell Hopkins appeared and reminded everyone of household hazardous waste day to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Places to take these items are the public works complex and at Family Bowl Lanes.

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

An executive session was requested regarding pending litigation. 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 Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss pending litigation. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by 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 Order:

ORDER #15850      ORDER AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE  
COMPROMISE OF UNLIQUIDATED CLAIM OF 2818 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LLC

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.

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

ORDER #15851      ORDER AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE  
COMPROMISE OF UNLIQUIDATED CLAIM OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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.

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