

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 Gary Morris of Life Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add a presentation by Carolyn Smith regarding State Games and add discussion of economic development to executive session.**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated August 04, 2015.**

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

**RESO. #5983            RESOLUTION CALLING HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND ARE IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 @ 5:15 P.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.**

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

**RESO. #5984            RESOLUTION CALLING HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN PROPERTIES ARE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY**

**MAINTENANCE CODE, SECTION 108.1.1, SECTION 302.1 AND/OR SECTION 302.4 (SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 @ 5:30 P.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.**

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

**ORDER #15923      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (INTERSTATE 20/59 RIGHT-OF-WAY – SEWER LINES)**

**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 Order:**

**ORDER #15924      ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DEBRA BREWER TO THE MERIDIAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**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. #5985      LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED (IMPAIRED DRIVING)**

**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  
RESOLUTION:**

**RESO. #5986            LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED (POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES)**

**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.**

**COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING  
RESOLUTION:**

**RESO. #5987            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  
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, Henson, Houston, Hammon.  
Nay: None.  
ABSTAIN: MARKHAM.**

**COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING  
ORDER:**

**ORDER #15925            ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF CONSTRUCTION PLUS, LLC  
MERIDIAN, MS, FOR DEMOLITION OF TWENTY THREE (23)  
HOUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,391.00**

**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 #15926      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR 12-MONTH SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR PIPES, VALVES & FITTINGS**

**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 #15927      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (LIAISON OFFICERS)**

**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 #15928      ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (JOINT TASK FORCE)**

**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 Council to approve the claims docket dated August 13, 2015 in the amount of \$1,882,294.71. Voting yea: Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas. Abstain: Markham.**

**President Hammon advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: a) sewer/vacuum truck; b) hydrated lime (12 month source of supply); c) hydrofluorosilicic acid (12 month source of supply); d) liquid alum (12 month source of supply); e) liquid chlorine (12 month source of supply); f) polymer (12 month source of supply); g) sulfur dioxide (12 month source of supply).**

**President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He presented Robert Davidson with a retirement plaque for 42 years with the city. He also advised that Larry Johnson had retired also.**

**President Hammon called for citizen comments. Carolyn Smith with State Games of Mississippi spoke. They had the largest number of participants at the recent State Games. She said next year they will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She asked the Council to consider more financial assistance.**

**President Hammon called for Council comments. Various comments were made.**

**An executive session was requested regarding a personnel matter and economic development. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham 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 Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss a personnel matter and 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 Hammon called the regular meeting back to order. No action was taken regarding the executive session.**

**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**