

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Houston and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add an amendment to the claims docket for P.O. No. 406962.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated September 01 and September 08, 2015.

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

**ORDER #15944 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF VARIOUS MERCHANDISE
FROM LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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

**ORDER #15945 ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE
ACQUISITION OF UTILITY EASEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE
DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE AND STREETScape ENHANCEMENT
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SAME**

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 Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4462 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 3966 SO AS TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN LANDS IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 2700 BLOCK OF 44TH AVENUE) INCLUDING AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

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

ORDIN. #4463 ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, A PORTION OF "E" AVENUE NORTH OF 15TH COURT EAST AND EAST OF HIGHWAY 11&80

And, Councilman Markham 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.

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

ORDER #15946 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN E. HOWELL AS ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 FOR THE TERM OF THE MAYOR OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS SELECTED

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 #15947 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND ASCENT HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, LLC, (THREEFOOT BUILDING)

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 #15948 ORDER ACCEPTING USTA LINE GRANT 8474 FROM THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450.00

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 #15949 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SURFACING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VESCO TENNIS COURTS, INC. AND 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.

THE HOUR OF 5:15 P.M. HAVING ARRIVED, THE HEARING AS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION NO. 5983

REGARDING UNCLEAN PROPERTY WAS OPENED WITH MOTION BY COUNCILMAN THOMAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MARKHAM AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNCIL. NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING. INSPECTOR RAYFORD WRIGHT ADVISED THAT THE PROPERTY AT 1116 28TH AVENUE HAD BEEN CLEANED AND SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN THOMAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNCIL TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESO. #5991 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (#27 PT NENE 1/4: 90' E&W X 149' N&S BEG 742.73' N & 23' W SEC; AKA: V/L @ 3119 36TH STREET)

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. #5992 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (ETHRIDGE & THREEFOOT'S SUB DEARMAN SUR, BLOCK 22 LOT 16 LESS 7.7' OFF S SIDE; AKA: 1619 17TH AVENUE)

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. #5993 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (OAKLAND PLACE SUR BLOCK 7 LOTS 1 & 2 LESS 62' OFF W ENDS; 5403 MANNING STREET)

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. #5994 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (PT SENENE 1/4 DESC DB 1377 P. 350; AKA: 6625 OLD 8TH STREET ROAD)

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. #5995 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (DEARMAN SUR BLOCK 23 (MCBRYDES SUB) LOT A; AKA: 1629 16TH AVENUE)

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. #5996 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO

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.

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

ORDER #15950 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT
WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY
(MERIDIAN MUNICIPAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING)

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 MARKHAM OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

ORDER #15951 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI; LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (VELMA YOUNG BUILDING)

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 #15952 ORDER NUNC PRO UNC TO CORRECT THE JUNE 16, 2015 COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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.

THE HOUR OF 5:30 P.M. THE HEARING AS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION NO. 5984 REGARDING BURNED HOUSES/BUILDINGS WAS OPENED WITH MOTION BY COUNCILMAN THOMAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNCIL. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL WILEY QUINN READ OFF THE LIST OF BURNED HOUSES/BUILDINGS WHILE A POWER POINT WAS SHOWN. THE CLERK OF COUNCIL ADVISED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 2325 3RD AVENUE. (COPY OF LETTER) THREE PROPERTY OWNERS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. MR. QUINN ASKED FOR CONDEMNATION OF ALL THE PROPERTIES. HE FURTHER ASKED THAT AFTER THOSE WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK COMMUNICATED TO THE COUNCIL WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO WITH THE PROPERTIES THAT THEY GET WITH HIM TO WORK THINGS OUT AS FAR AS THEIR PLANS TO IMPROVE THE PROPERTY ARE CONCERNED. THOSE WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WERE AS FOLLOWS: 1) LINDA F. JORDAN – REGARDING 3409 5TH STREET. MRS. JORDAN STATED THAT THIS HOUSE HAS BURNED TWO TIMES. SHE PURCHASED THIS HOUSE SEVERAL YEARS AGO FOR HER PARENTS BUT THEY DID NOT MOVE IN. WITH THE LAST FIRE AND DEATHS IN HER FAMILY SHE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY REPAIRS TO THE HOUSE AS SHE INTENDS TO. SHE SAID SHE HAS TRIED TO SELL HER PROPERTY AT 2401 5TH STREET AND AT 2403 5TH STREET . SHE SAID SHE WENT TO HER PROPERTY AT 3409 5TH STREET THAT MORNING AND TOOK PICTURES OF THE CLEAN-UP SHE HAS DONE. SHE SAID SHE WANTS TO RESTORE THIS PROPERTY. SHE SAID SHE FEELS BETTER AND IS READY TO DO SOMETHING. COUNCILMAN THOMAS ASKED HER WHEN IT BURNED THE FIRST TIME AND SHE SAID IT WAS AROUND 1997. SHE RESTORED IT AND RE-WIRED IT THEN. COUNCILMAN THOMAS ASKED HER WHEN IT BURNED THE SECOND TIME AND SHE SAID IT WAS LAST YEAR. COUNCILMAN HAMMON STATED THAT THEY GET HER INTENT TO FIX THE HOUSE. HE ASKED HER TO GET WITH MR. QUINN AND THEY WILL GET BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR A DECISION AT ANOTHER MEETING. COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON ASKED HER FOR AN ESTIMATE OF THE REPAIR COSTS AND THAT A REAL ACTION PLAN BE DEVELOPED. MR. QUINN ADVISED THE HOUSE HAS BEEN IN THIS STATED FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS. THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE TO DEMOLISH IT BUT IN ORDER TO MAKE IT HABITABLE THE OWNER WILL HAVE TO GET A WORK PERMIT, A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN, ETC. THEY CAN CANCEL THE RESOLUTION IF THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANYTHING DONE WITHIN 30 DAYS. COUNCILMAN THOMAS STATED HE WANTED TO TAKE ACTION AND NOT SIT ON IT. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SAID HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE A DECISION THAT NIGHT. HE ASKED THE CITY TO WORK WITH MRS. JORDAN AND HAVE IT COME BACK FOR REVIEW. COUNCILMAN HAMMON SUGGESTED PASSING A RESOLUTION WITH THREE EXCEPTIONS. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SUGGESTED THEY GIVE HER ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO WORK WITH MR. QUINN AND BRING SOMETHING TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA. 2) THOMAS O’NEAL – REGARDING 1113 32ND AVENUE. MR. O’NEAL SAID HE BOUGHT THIS HOUSE IN FEBRUARY. HE SAID HE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHEN IT FIRST CAUGHT ON FIRE BUT THE SECOND TIME WAS ABOUT A MONTH AGO. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO CAUGHT IT ON FIRE. COUNCILMAN HAMMON ASKED HIM IF HE PLANNED TO FIX IT. MR. O’NEAL SAID AFTER THE SECOND TIME IT WAS BURNED HE HAS NO PLANS TO FIX IT. MR. HAMMON ASKED IF HE WAS THERE TO TELL THE CITY TO GO AHEAD AND DEMOLISH IT. MR. O’NEAL SAID YES BUT HE WAS WONDERING HOW MUCH IT WILL COST. MR. HAMMON ASKED HIM TO GET WITH MR. QUINN ON THIS. 3) WILLIE DAWSON – REGARDING 408 38TH AVENUE. HE STATED THE KITCHEN CAUGHT ON FIRE ONE TIME. IT IS HIS INTENT TO HAVE IT FIXED AND TO MOVE BACK IN IT. IT HAS BEEN VACANT A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM ASKED HIM ALSO TO GET WITH MR. QUINN ON THIS. MR. QUINN ADVISED THAT EVEN IF THE COUNCIL CONDEMNS THE PROPERTY IT WON’T BE TAKEN DOWN IMMEDIATELY. THIS WILL GIVE THE PROPERTY OWNERS TIME TO GET NECESSARY PERMITS AND START WORKING ON AND MAINTAINING THE PROPERTIES. COUNCILMAN THOMAS SAID THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THESE THAT HAVE BEEN BURNED FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. BUT, THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIX THEM UP. COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON SAID SHE IS STILL FEELS THEY SHOULD PULL THOSE PROPERTIES OUT WHERE THE PROPERTY OWNERS SHOWED UP AND HAVE THEM MAKE A PLAN. HOWEVER, IF THEY DON’T DO ANYTHING WITHIN THE LIMIT THE CITY COUNCIL SETS, THEN THEY SHOULD BE CONDEMNED. COUNCILWOMAN HENSON SAID

SHE FEELS THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN THOMAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MARKHAM AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNCIL TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

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

RESO. #5997 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE WITHHOLDING OF CONDEMNATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TERRY SURVEY, BLOCK 10, LOTS 1 & 2 & PT VACATED ALLEY (AKA: 2325 3RD AVENUE) FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS

AND, COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.

Nay: THOMAS.

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

RESO. #5998 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE WITHHOLDING OF CONDEMNATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS D. A. RAY'S RESUB, BLOCK 1, MCLEMORE SURVEY, BLOCK 9, LOT 5 & 22' OFF & ACROSS N END LOT 10 (AKA: 3409 5TH STREET) FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS

AND, COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.

Nay: THOMAS.

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

RESO. #5999 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE WITHHOLDING OF CONDEMNATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BASS SURVEY, BLOCK 10, 61' N&S X 129' E&W BEG 75'W SW/C LOT E (AKA: 408 38TH AVENUE) FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS

AND, COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.

Nay: THOMAS.

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

RESO. #6000 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (BALL SURVEY, BLOCK 52, 50' N&S X 54' E&W BEG 115'S NEC; AKA: 1113 32ND AVENUE)

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.

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

RESO. #6001 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (J.D. CRYMES SURVEY, 100' OFF W END LOT 30 & 25' N&S X 100' E&W IN NWC LOT 31; AKA: 4008 36TH AVENUE)

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.

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

RESO. #6002 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (CARTER & BROACH'S SUB LOT 2, R.J. VANCE SURVEY #2, LOT 2; AKA: 1812 OLD MARION ROAD)

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.

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

RESO. #6003 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (MCRAVEN SURVEY, BLOCK 3, 42.1' E&W OFF & ACROSS E SIDE LOT 10; AKA: 914 22ND STREET)

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.

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

RESO. #6004 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (DRUID HILLS #2, BLOCK C, LOT 6 & PT ADJ ON S SIDE; AKA: 5115 DRUID LANE)

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.

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

RESO. #6005 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 06, RANGE 15, #17 PT NENE1/4 (.5A) DESC DB 1116 P. 650; AKA: 4913 WEST GATES HILLS DRIVE)

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.

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

RESO. #6006 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 06 RANGE 15: #80 PT SENW1/4; 88.15' N&S X 150' E&W BEG 210' E

& 401.4' SWC (AKA: 2101 44TH AVENUE)

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.**

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

RESO. #6007 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (DRUID HILLS #2, BLOCK B, LOT 15; AKA: 3005 STATE BOULEVARD)

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.**

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

RESO. #6008 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (FOREST HILL SUB BLOCK 47, LOTS M & N; AKA: 2218 35TH AVENUE)

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.**

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

RESO. #6009 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (RUBUSH'S SUB, BLOCK 6, LOT 7; AKA: 1207 ½ 45TH AVENUE)

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.**

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

RESO. #6010 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (COLLEGETOWN SURVEY, BLOCK 22, LOTS 1 TO 6 INCL LESS 60' OFF N ENDS; AKA: 3419 40TH AVENUE)

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.**

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

RESO. #6011 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (BALL SURVEY, BLOCK 16 BEG 44'W NEC, RUN W 71', S 145', E 65', N 40', E 6', N 105' TO BEG (AKA: 2705 11TH STREET)

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.**

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

RESO. #6012 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (CALDWELL SURVEY, BLOCK 6, 60' E&W X 113' N&S IN SWC; AKA: 606 30TH AVENUE)

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.

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

RESO. #6013 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (OAKLAND PLACE SURVEY BLOCK 6, LOTS 11 & 12 & 10' OFF S SIDE LOT 10; AKA: 605 55TH AVENUE)

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.

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

RESO. #6014 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (BALL SURVEY, BLOCK 52, LOT 3; AKA: 3209 12TH STREET)

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.

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

RESO. #6015 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (FEWELL SURVEY, BLOCK 5, E ½ LOT 3 & ALL LOT 4; AKA: 201 31ST AVENUE)

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.**

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

**RESO. #6016 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE
LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (THREEFOOT'S RESUB,

MCLEMORE'S SURVEY, BLOCK 2, 78.33' N&S X 141.5' E&W BEG 92'
S OF NEC (AKA: 619 33RD AVENUE)**

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.**

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

**RESO. #6017 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE
LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (HAMILTON PARK SURVEY
#1, BLOCK 12, 42.5' OFF E END LOTS 27 TO 32 INCL & 20' OFF W ENDS
LOTS 21 TO 26 INCL & THAT PT VACATED ALLEY ADJ; AKA: 1620
SOWASHEE STREET)**

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.**

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

**RESO. #6018 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE
LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (HAMILTON PARK SURVEY
#1, BLOCK 12, 82.5' OFF W END LOTS 27 TO 32 INCL; AKA: 1622
SOWASHEE STREET)**

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.

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

RESO. #6019 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (GRANT & WRIGHT SUB, MARION PARK SURVEY, BLOCK 3/43 LOT E & 6.5' STRIP ADJ ON W (VACATED ALLEY) 2015 23RD AVENUE)

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.

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

RESO. #6020 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC (RAGSDALE SURVEY, BLOCK 153, BEG 48' N SWC, RUN N 40', E 205' TO CRK, SWLY ALONG CK TO PT 195' E BEG, W TO BEG; AKA: 1506 28TH AVENUE)

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.

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

RESO. #6021 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE "CITY"), APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (THE "COUNTY"), AND THE CITY (THE "INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT") IN CONNECTION

WITH THE CITY'S TAX INCREMENT LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS (MERIDIAN CROSSROADS PROJECT PHASE II) OF SAID CITY TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S AND COUNTY'S PHASE II ADDENDUM AND AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

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 #15953 ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 15934 ENTITLED "ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF SRF LOAN AMENDMENT REQUEST (LOAN NO. SRF C280181-01) (REHABILITATION OF SOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)

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 #15954 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF SRF LOAN AMENDMENT REQUEST (LOAN NO. SRF C280818-01) (REHABILITATION OF SOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)

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 #15955 ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 15935 ENTITLED "IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE BID OF HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FLORENCE, MS FOR SOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROCESS MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,261,153.00 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK"

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 #15956 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FLORENCE, MS FOR SOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROCESS MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,486,153.00 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK

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. #6022 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, 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, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.**

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

**ORDIN. #4464 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A REVENUE AND LEVY A TAX
FOR THE MERIDIAN SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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.**

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

**ORDIN. #4465 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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.**

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 September 11, 2015 in the amount of \$2,454,810.71 with an amendment to add Purchase Order No. 406962 in the amount of \$3,379.63.

President Hammon advised of the notification of legal advertisement for: 5th Street & 25th Avenue enhancement project. Planner Randall Gaither made comments on this project.

President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He discussed the proposed raises. He was advised that the Council would vote on the raises by a separate order and would be done at another meeting. He said there have been some hard decisions made but he wants to assure the public that they are trying to make the city better and safer for everyone. He thanked them for their support of the Velma Young Project and the MOU for the Threefoot Building. He asked that when the wage/salary survey was completed and presented that they look at making changes especially for the fire and police departments if the city is not within the pay ranges for those employees.

President Hammon called for citizen comments. Signed up to speak was Ruth H. K. Jones.

PRESIDENT HAMMON 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