

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 05, 2016 AT 9:00 A.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 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 with an amendment to remove R-2; add as R-2 an order authorizing a quitclaim deed to Meridian Downtown Hotels, L.L.C. for the Threefoot Building.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated December 15, 2015.

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

ORDER #16014      ORDER DESIGNATING VIGILANT SOLUTIONS AS THE  
SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR COMPLETE TAG READER  
SYSTEM FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 #16015      ORDER DESIGNATING HYDRA-STOP AS THE SOLE SOURCE  
SUPPLIER FOR LINE STOPPING EQUIPMENT FOR USE WITH  
THE LINE STOP SYSTEM CURRENTLY USED BY THE MERIDIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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 #16016      ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM COLONIAL  
PIPELINE FOR THE MERIDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 #16017      ORDER PLACING ON THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MERIDIAN  
CITY COUNCIL THE LETTER DATED DECEMBER 04, 2015 FROM  
ENGINEERING PLUS REGARDING THE BRIDGE ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
OVER GALLAGHER CREEK

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 #16018      IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT  
BY THE MAYOR OF DAVID PURVIS, JR. TO THE MERIDIAN  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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 #16019      ORDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEED  
TO MERIDIAN DOWNTOWN HOTELS, L.L.C. FOR THE  
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 Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #16020      ORDER AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT APPLICATION (GRANT TO PURCHASE A 100' PLATFORM AERIAL APPARATUS) AND COMMITTING TO A 50% LOCAL MATCH

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.

Next on the agenda was the acceptance of a \$300,000 grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives & History – Community Heritage Preservation grant. Motion was made by Council-woman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson to authorize the acceptance of the grant and the execution of a Certificate of Acceptance. Said motion failed due to the lack of a majority vote. Voting yea: None. Voting nay: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

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

RESO. #6033      RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED 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.

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

ORDER #16021      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE JOINT VENTURE OF THE LAW FIRMS OF HERMAN, HERMAN & KATZ, LLC; KENNETH M. CARTER, ATTORNEY AT

LAW; AND IRPINO LAW FIRM

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 Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated December 23, 2015 in the amount of \$2,807,039.90. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He stated that he would like continued work sessions to discuss needs of the departments and current as well as upcoming projects. He asked that one be called for this month.

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