

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 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 Dr. Ralph Henson with Life Baptist Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda with an amendment to: add an amendment to R-11; replace the agreement for R-1.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated May 03, 2016.

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

**ORDER #16084 ORDER DECLARING 1991 HYDRA-STOP TAPPING MACHINE,
SERIAL NO. 4120, CONTROL NO. 266-066 SURPLUS AND NO
LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING
THE TRADE-IN OF SAID SURPLUS TAPPING MACHINE**

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 Order:

**ORDER #16085 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE
SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

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.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following Proclamations to be issued by the Mayor:

**May 15, 2016 – "Peace Officers Memorial Day"
May 15 – 21, 2016 – "Peace Officers Memorial Week"
May 15 – 21, 2016 – "National Public Works Week"**

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

**ORDER #16086 ORDER DESIGNATING FLUID PROCESS & PUMPS, LLC., AS THE
SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER OF THE MUFFIN MONSTER MANHOLE
SYSTEM FOR THE MERIDIAN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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.**

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

**ORDER #16087 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY
CONTRACT BETWEEN PYROTECNICO, NEW CASTLE, PA AND
THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (JULY 4, 2016 FIREWORKS DISPLAY)**

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 #4470 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 3966
SO AS TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN LANDS IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN
FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL**

DISTRICT (PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS THE NORTHEAST INTERSECTION OF US HWY 45 AND MS HWY 19 ALONG EACH SIDE OF SWEETGUM BOTTOM ROAD BISECTING THE SITE) INCLUDING AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

ORDIN. #4471 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE NO.3966 SO AS TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN LANDS IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FROM R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-1 RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS TRANSITION DISTRICT (BLOCK BOUNDED BY 2ND STREET, 31ST AVENUE, 1ST STREET AMD 32ND AVENUE) INCLUDING AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

ORDIN. #4472 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 (1200 30TH STREET AND 3002 GRANDVIEW AVENUE) INCLUDING AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

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

**ORDER #16088 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF BANNER, FLAG AND
HOLIDAY DECORATION ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY 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.**

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

**RESO. #6052 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM
TAXES FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD TO CERTAINTED CEILING CORPORATION
AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101 ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI
CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED**

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

**ORDER #16089 ORDER TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL,
PLUMBING, AND MECHANICAL PERMITS FOR THE VELMA
YOUNG COMMUNITY CENTER 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 Resolution:

RESO. #6053 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 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 #16090 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE POLICE FOUNDATION TO ACT AS THE POLICE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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. #6054 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD TO VAN ZYVERDEN, INC. AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-105 ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by 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 May 12, 2016 in the amount of \$4,040,791.54 WITH an amendment to add PURCHASE ORDER #603718 in the amount of \$656.80. VOTING yea: Henson, Houston, Hammon. VOTING nay: Thomas, MARKHAM.

PRESIDENT Hammon ADVISED OF THE NOTIFICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING: a) CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 4WD; b) CHEVROLET COLORADO 4WD; c) FLAMELESS ASPHALT PATCH AND REPAIR; d) NEW POT HOLE PATCH MACHINE; e) TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK; f) ASPHALT PAVER; g) ARTICULATED TANDEM STEEL DRUM ROLLER; h) PAVEMENT PROFILER; i) TACK DISTRIBUTOR; j) MAINTAINER/GRADER; k) BROCC BROOM; l) STREET RESURFACING PHASE 1; m) STREET RESURFACING PHASE 2

PRESIDENT Hammon called on MAYOR Bland for his report. MAYOR Bland was called away and RICHIE McALISTER, CAO, called PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR Kelvin McGRUDER to announce the GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE Velma Young Community Center at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 18, 2016. He mentioned the Meridian High School Graduation, Friday night. He also congratulated Amy Carter, as the new SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE Meridian Public Schools. Hugh Smith, Public Works Director advised of a \$700,000.00 MDOT Grant awarded to the City for sidewalk improvements.

PRESIDENT Hammon called for CITIZENS comments. Those signed up to speak were: Tony Harper and Loretta Allen Bennett.

PRESIDENT Hammon called for COUNCIL comments. Various comments were made.

An executive session was requested regarding 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 COUNCILWOMAN Houston and UNANIMOUSLY passed BY THE COUNCIL TO DECLARE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. (COUNCILMAN Thomas LEFT DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.) MOTION was made BY COUNCILWOMAN Houston DULY seconded BY COUNCILMAN MARKHAM 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