

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council Vice-President Houston.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.

Absent: Hammon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary Morris with Life Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed by a majority vote of the Council to amend the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add as R-15 discussion and possible action on allowing the youth under the age of 17 to swim free and play on the splash pad free. Voting yea: Thomas, Markham, Houston. Voting nay: Henson.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated June 7, 2016.

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

**ORDER #16106 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.

Nay: None.

Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16107 ORDER DECLARING MALE BELGIAN MALINOIS K-9 DOG "DUSTY"
SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THIS DOG TO RETIRED POLICE
CAPTAIN, WADE JOHNSON**

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.
Nay: None.
Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16108 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MERIDIAN ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION (SUNFISH TRIATHLON)**

**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.
Nay: None.
Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16109 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
EARTH'S BOUNTY FARMERS MARKET GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM**

**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.
Nay: None.
Absent: Hammon.

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

**RESO. #6065 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIELD #1 AT PHIL HARDIN PARK
AS "BILL MAXWELL FIELD"**

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.
Nay: None.
Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER. #16110 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY (HOLBROOK
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION BUILDING)**

**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.

Nay: None.

ABSENT: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16111 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST ACTIVATION OF
THE 2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT AND TO SIGN
ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ADVANCE THE PROJECT TO
COMPLETION**

**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.

Nay: None.

ABSENT: Hammon.

**NEXT ON THE AGENDA WAS R-5 AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LAUDERDALE COUNTY ON THE 2015
BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AWARD. THE CITY ATTORNEY, BILL HAMMACK RECOMMENDED
THE COUNCIL TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS ITEM BECAUSE ALL OF THE PAPERWORK NEEDED HAD NOT COME IN. NO
ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL.**

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

**RESO. #6066 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN,
MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES
TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERIDIAN AS AUTHORIZED BY
SECTIONS 27-31-1 (D) AND 79-11-33 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
1972, AS AMENDED**

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.

Nay: None.

Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16112 IN THE MATTER OF: ACCEPTING THE BID OF H. E. MOSLEY,
INC., MARION, MS, FOR FAIRFIELD INN ACCESS DRIVE**

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.

Nay: None.

Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16113 IN THE MATTER OF: ACCEPTING THE BID OF GULF STATES
ENGINEERING FOR INFLUENT PUMP FOR THE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT**

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.

Nay: None.

Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16114 IN THE MATTER OF: ACCEPTING THE BID OF PUCKETT MACHINERY,
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI FOR HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR FOR THE
PUBLIC WORKS 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.
Nay: None.
Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16115 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TACTICAL DIVERSION
TASK FORCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN,
MISSISSIPPI (POLICE DEPARTMENT) AND THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
(DEA), JACKSON DISTRICT OFFICE**

**AND, COUNCILWOMAN HENSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON AND ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.
Nay: None:
Absent: Hammon.

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

**ORDER #16116 ORDER APPOINTING KIM HOUSTON AS PRESIDENT OF
THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016**

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.
Nay: None:
Absent: Hammon.

**COUNCILWOMAN HENSON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE FOR THE FOLLOWING
ORDER:**

**ORDER #16117 ORDER APPOINTING GEORGE M THOMAS AS VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016**

**AND, COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON AND ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.
Nay: None:

Absent: Hammon.

COUNCILMAN MARKHAM OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE FOR THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

**ORDER #16118 ORDER APPOINTING JO ANN CLARK AS CLERK OF
COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016**

AND, COUNCILMAN THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON AND ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston.

Nay: None:

Absent: Hammon.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN HENSON DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MARKHAM AND PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS DOCKET DATED JUNE 16, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,172.754.68. VOTING YE: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON. VOTING NAY: THOMAS. ABSENT: HAMMON.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOUSTON CALLED ON MAYOR BLAND FOR HIS REPORT. MAYOR BLAND WAS ABSENT AND RICHIE McALISTER, CAO STOOD IN FOR MAYOR BLAND. MR. McALISTER RECOGNIZED CLERK OF COUNCIL, Pam McInnis, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER MORE THAN 29 YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE FIRST CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN; MR. McALISTER SAID Pam HAS BEEN A GREAT FRIEND, ADVISOR, AND THE PERSON HE COULD DEPEND ON TO TELL HIM THE TOTAL AND HONEST TRUTH. HE THANKED HER FOR ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT SHE HAS ALWAYS GIVEN HIM AND THE ADMINISTRATION, SHE WILL BE SINCERELY MISSED BY HIM AND THIS CITY. MR. McALISTER ALSO RECOGNIZED Ms JOHNNIE DELK FOR HER RECEIPT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE. AND MR. McALISTER TALKED ABOUT THE TIME LINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT TO GET STARTED ON THE IN HOUSE PAVING PROGRAM.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOUSTON CALLED FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS. THOSE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WERE: JERRY CLAY AND SHERROD MILLER. MR. MILLER DID NOT SHOW UP.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOUSTON 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