

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Houston.

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 Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda with amendments to remove (R-6 Location use agreement) and add (R-19 Bid for Street Rehabilitation Phase I).

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated August 16, 2016.

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

**ORDER #16151 ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF A 100 WATT HPS COBRA
HEAD STREET LIGHT ON THE POLE AT 4713 30TH STREET**

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 Order:

**ORDER #16152 ORDER DESIGNATING TITAN ASE, LLC AS THE SOLE SOURCE
SUPPLIER FOR PARTS AND MATERIALS FOR FASTMENT 650
THERMOPLASTIC MACHINE USED FOR ROAD MARKINGS FOR
THE CITY OF MERIDIAN**

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 ORDER:

**ORDER #16153 ORDER DESIGNATING HOTEL RESTAURANT SUPPLY AS THE SOLE
SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR CUSTOM STAINLESS STEEL ISLAND/COUNTER
WORKSTATION WITH CABINETS FOR THE MERIDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**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 ORDER:

**ORDER #16154 ORDER DESIGNATING WATCHGUARD VIDEO AS THE SOLE
SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS
FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**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 ORDER:

**ORDER #16155 ORDER DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN POLICE VEHICLES ARE USED
FOR CRIME DETECTION AND UNDERCOVER WORK AND SHOULD
NOT BE MARKED SO AS TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AS CITY VEHICLES**

**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. #6074 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**

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 Order:

**ORDER #16156 IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT
BY THE MAYOR OF KENNETH R. (KEN) STORMS 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 Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

**ORDER #16157 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF REVISED INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND
COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE, MISSISSIPPI; (2015 BYRNE JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD)**

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 #16158 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF REVISED INTERLOCAL

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND
COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE, MISSISSIPPI; (2016 BYRNE JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD)**

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 Ordinance:

**ORDI. #4475 ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN THE CITY
OF MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THAT PORTION
OF 13TH STREET BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH AVENUES AND BETWEEN
19TH AND 20TH AVENUES**

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.**

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

**RESO. #6075 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM
DEEDS TO CONVEY THE CLOSED, VACATED AND ABANDONED
PORTION OF 13TH STREET BETWEEN 19TH AND 20TH AVENUES**

And, Councilman Hammon 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 Order:

**ORDER #16159 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE SOLUTION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN SIMPLEX GRINNELL AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN (FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT THE ARTS DISTRICT**

PARKING GARAGE)

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 Order:

**ORDER #16160 ORDER TO CHARGE OFF INACTIVE AND UNCOLLECTIBLE
WATER ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$121,935.77**

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 Order:

**ORDER #16161 IN THE MATTER OF: ACCEPTING AND RECORDING INTO THE
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL THE
OFFICIAL RECAPITULATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE MERIDIAN
SPECIAL ELECTION OF A 2% FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX (ELECTION
HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2016)**

And, Councilman Hammon 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 #16162 ORDER RE-ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2017**

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 Order:

**ORDER #16163 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN INVOICE CLOUD, INC., AND THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING**

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 Order:

**ORDER #16164 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF
TASK ORDER PROPOSAL BETWEEN CDM SMITH AND THE CITY
OF MERIDIAN (EPA-CWA ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST
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. #6076 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, 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.

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

**ORDER #16165 IN THE MATTER OF: PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT PATCH TRUCK
FROM EMPIRE TRUCK SALES LLC, MERIDIAN, MS IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$239,993.00**

And, Councilman Hammon 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 #16166 IN THE MATTER OF: PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT PAVER FROM
MID-SOUTH MACHINERY, INC., JACKSON, MS IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$177,000.00**

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

**ORDER #16167 IN THE MATTER OF: PURCHASE OF A COLD MILLING MACHINE
FROM LYLE MACHINERY, MERIDIAN, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$509,100.00**

And, Councilman Hammon 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 #16168 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR
THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 07, 2016 THRU JUNE 14, 2017 FOR
ASPHALT MIX FROM APAC-MISSISSIPPI, INC., MERIDIAN, MS**

And, Councilman Hammon 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 #16169 IN THE MATTER OF: ACCEPTING THE BID OF APAC-MISSISSIPPI,
INC., MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, FOR STREET REHABILITATION
PHASE I (BID #16-26)**

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 Councilman Markham and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated September 01, 2016 in the amount of \$3,162,881.58. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston. Voting nay: Thomas, Hammon.

President Houston called on Mayor Bland for his report. Mayor Bland spoke on the perception issues facing the city, and the ongoing campaign to market the city to bring about a more positive picture of the city. Mayor Bland called Kelvin McGruder, Parks & Recreation Director, and Kevin Locke, Community Development Senior Planner to the podium. Mr. McGruder

REPORTED THE BLUES FESTIVAL HELD AT THE Q V SYKES PARK WAS A PACKED AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT, ENJOYED BY ALL WHO ATTENDED. MR. McGRUDER ALSO ANNOUNCED THE UPCOMING NICKELODEON DAY AT HIGHLAND PARK ON SEPTEMBER 17TH. HE SAID HE WILL CONTINUE TO SEND OUT INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE EVENTS GOING ON IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION ARENA.

KEVIN LOCKE, SENIOR PLANNER IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENTED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS TREE CITY AWARD. MS DONNA YOWELL, DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL, ARRIVED IN MERIDIAN THIS AFTERNOON TO PRESENT THE TREE CITY AWARD AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MERIDIAN RECEIVED THIS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WORK AS A TREE CITY COMMUNITY FOR 26 YEARS. THE CITY RECEIVED THIS HONOR BY CONTINUALLY MEETING THE RIGOROUS CRITERIA NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED A TREE CITY. IN ADDITION, DIRECTOR YOWELL PRESENTED TO THE CITY, THE GALILEO THERMOMETER AWARD, FOR CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT HOUSTON CALLED FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS. THE CITIZENS LISTED BELOW ALL SPOKE.

- a) DENNIS R. ALLEN**
- b) WAYNE PHILLIPS**
- c) JOHNNIE DELK**
- d) THOMAS ALLEN SHUTE**

PRESIDENT HOUSTON CALLED FOR COUNCIL COMMENTS. COUNCILMAN HAMMON SAID THAT WE GAVE INCREASES IN PAY LAST YEAR AND MONEY WILL NOT CHANGE THINGS. COUNCILMAN HAMMON SAID WE MUST ENFORCE THE LAWS WE ALREADY HAVE TO LIVE IN A PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY SOCIETY. AND THERE IS SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS, "DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN WHILE THERE IS HOPE, OTHERWISE YOU WILL RUIN THEIR LIVES." COUNCILMAN HAMMON SAID HE HAS WORKED WITH BOTH JAIL MINISTRY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY FOR 20 YEARS AND HE HAS LEARNED THE MONEY WILL NOT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. COUNCILMAN HAMMON STATED THAT WE HAVE AN 8-9 MILLION DOLLAR DEPARTMENT THAT MUST ENFORCE THE LAWS, AND HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF A CITY THAT DOESN'T PRACTICE ENFORCEMENT. COUNCILWOMAN HENSON SAID THAT MOSBY ROAD WAS RECENTLY PAVED AND THAT MADE HER VERY HAPPY. SHE SAID IT HASN'T BEEN PAVED SINCE THE COUNTY PAVED IN 1956. COUNCILWOMAN HENSON SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, BUNKY PARTRIDGE TOLD HER THAT A BURNED HOUSE IN HER WARD WILL BE ON THE DEMOLISH LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 1ST AND THIS MAKES HER EXTREMELY HAPPY. COUNCILWOMAN HENSON THANKED THE CITY FOR ALL IT DOES. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM THANKED HUGH SMITH, PUBLIC WORKS DIR. AND POLICE CHIEF BENNY DUBOSE, AND THEIR STAFF FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY PUT FORTH. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM RECOGNIZED MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL COACH, CALVIN HAMPTON FOR THE FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON AGAINST SOUTH PANOLA, A VERY LARGE WIN, AND HE COMMENDS THE COACH ON THE PROUD PERFORMANCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF HIS STUDENTS. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SAID IT WAS GOOD TO SEE SUPERINTENDENT AMY CARTER AND A LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICIALS AT THE GAME. HE COMMENDED THE MERIDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE WORK AND SUPPORT PUT FORTH IN THE CITY. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM THANKED MERIDIAN STAR REPORTER RANDY HAMMONS, FOR DOING TRULY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING ON THE ONGOING DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. HE SAID MR. HAMMONS ACTUALLY TALKED TO THE BUSINESS OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION TO GET THEIR OPINIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION. HE THANKED MR. HAMMONS FOR NOT JUST PRINTING WHAT IS VOCALIZED FROM TIME TO TIME NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE, BUT FOR GETTING THE REAL STORY FROM THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM SAID HE WAS GLAD TO READ THE STORY, THAT IT WAS VERY GOOD AND VERY INFORMATIVE. COUNCILMAN MARKHAM HOPES THE CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING DONE

WILL TRULY BE A QUALITY JOB FOR THE CITY. COUNCILMAN THOMAS SAID HE WANTS TO AMEN WHAT COUNCIL MARKHAM SAID WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. DR. CARTER LOOKS LIKE SHE IS GETTING OFF TO A GOOD SCHOOL YEAR, THEY ARE HAVING GOOD ACTIVITIES AND PEOPLE MUST BE WILLING TO SUPPORT THEM. COUNCILMAN THOMAS SAID THE RILEY CENTER IS HAVING SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES, THE MERIDIAN LITTLE THEATRE HAS A FULL SEASON COMING UP, AND THE MCC ARTS & LETTERS PROGRAM HAS VERY AFFORDABLE PERFORMANCES SHOWCASED. HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO GO OUT AND SEE THE STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER AT MCC. THE ATHLETIC TEAMS ARE DOING VERY WELL; THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM HAS A NUMBER ONE RECORD. COUNCILMAN TOMAS URGED EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED. HE NOTED THAT STREETS ARE GETTING PAVED; EVENTS ARE GOING ON, AND TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENTS ARE HAPPENING WITHIN THE CITY. PRESIDENT HOUSTON REMINDED EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THE MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHE SAID IT NEEDS ADULT INVOLVEMENT, PEOPLE WITH CLOUT, SO THE CHILDREN CAN SEE AND EMULATE SUCCESS, AND TRY TO DO THEIR VERY BEST. COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON SAID THERE IS STILL A LITTLE MONEY LEFT OVER TO HAVE BACKGROUND CHECKS DONE FOR PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOLS. COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON ANNOUNCED THAT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS BUILDING THERE WILL BE A COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR WARD 4. PRESIDENT HOUSTON ENCOURAGED ALL TO COME OUT. COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON THANKED EVERYONE FOR COMING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. SINE DIE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jo Ann Clark, Clerk of Council