

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Parks & Recreation Director Mark Naylor and followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add to the claims docket (R-5) purchase order #300671 in the amount of \$5,025.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated October 16, 2012.

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

ORDER #15328 ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO
RETIRED SENIOR PATROL OFFICER MICHAEL VICK AS ALLOWED
BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

And, Councilwoman Perry seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

ORDIN. #4414 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 – OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS, SEC. 16-32. – MASKS OR DISGUISES, TRICK OR TREAT
VISITATIONS AND HALLOWEEN CURFEW OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CITY OF MERIDIAN, CONCERNING HALLOWEEN CURFEW

And, Councilwoman Perry seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15329 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LINDA TAYLOR ARLEDGE, MURPHY R. CULPEPPER, JR. AND SILBIE M. CLARK D/B/A MURPHY'S AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (CAFÉ SPACE AT UNION STATION)

And, Councilman Palmer seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5805 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$68,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO AN ACCESS ROAD EXPANSION TO BENEFIT HANDY HARDWARE AND THUS ENHANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE CREATION OF JOBS

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5806 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF A BILL ENTITLED "CITIZENS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT" (CEDA). SPECIFICALLY WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE PASS THIS BILL AND THE GOVERNOR SIGN IT INTO LAW. THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW CITIZENS OF A MUNICIPALITY THE OPTION OF VOTING ON THE IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL SALES TAX. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TO LOCALLY FUND, WITHOUT IMPACTING THE STATE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, THE IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLETION OF SPECIAL PROJECT WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LOCAL CITIZENS AND IMPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY AS WELL AS THE STATE

And, Councilman Smith seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated November 1, 2012 in the amount of \$4,339,384.42 with an amendment to add purchase order no. 300671 in the amount of \$5,025.00.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: a) lease purchase financing of a Pierce Quantum Custom Pumper.

Sabrina Wilson with the State Department of Health appeared before the Council at this time a presented the city with an award for the city's smoke free air ordinance.

President Thomas called on Mayor Barry for her report. Mark Davis with LPK Architects appeared to report on the progress of fire station #9. Cultural Affairs Coordinator Casey Null stated that there were three large events held this past weekend and thanked the departments for their help. Run for Hope will be held this coming weekend to benefit Hope Village. The Veterans Day celebration will be held this coming Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Doughboy Monument with the parade beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Christmas tree lighting will be held on November 27th. On November 30th the Holiday Express Train will at Union Station. The Christmas Parade will be held on December 1st at 5:00 p.m. with Merry Meridian going on all that day. Mayor Barry thanked the police department for a safe Halloween. She thanked the American Planners Association for choosing Meridian for their annual conference. The city is a partner in the Making a Change program. She visited the site of the public safety facility and walls are going up. Progress is continuing on this project. Mr. Allred will be at the next meeting to give an update. The trolley is being used on a regular basis and brings in about \$3,000 a year. Plans are moving forward for the \$2.7 million grant from the Mississippi Development Authority.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. No one appeared to speak.

President Thomas 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