

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Smith.

Absent: Palmer.

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

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to move the Mayor's report to after the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated November 20, 2012.

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

Russell Christian Academy Football Team
Lamar Girls Soccer Team

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

ORDER #15335 ORDER AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00
TO WEEMS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MAKING A CHANGE
PROGRAM)

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, Smith.

Nay: None.

Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15336 ORDER APPROVING TAXI PERMIT FOR: TERRY DEMETRIUS GORDON

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, Smith.

Nay: None.

Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15337 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF TWO (2) COMPUTERS FROM
ONE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR USE AT THE MERIDIAN
ACTIVITY CENTER

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, Smith.

Nay: None.

Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15338 ORDER AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF BIDS
FOR MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES

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, Smith.

Nay: None.

Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15339 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF HARRY
F. COOPER III (TREY) TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
& APPEALS

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15340 ORDER REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE HIGHWAY 80 AND
HANDY BOULEVARD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISING
OF THE PROJECT

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15341 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JOHN
WATTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

President Thomas called on Mayor Barry for her report. She presented a proclamation to the Lamar School girls soccer team. She presented a proclamation to the Russell Christian Academy football team. She thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Parade. The Civil Rights conference will be held in Meridian on June 16, 2013. The tree lighting event was beautiful. Police Chief Reed appeared and said he has been going throughout the community to address the saggy pants problem.

Appearing before the Council at this time were Demery Grubbs, Elizabeth Garner and Jimmie Smith regarding water and sewer refunding bonds. This will save the city around \$1 million in the life of the bond repayments. Interest rates are lower and this is the time to take advantage of the lower rates to refinance these higher interest rate bonds. Councilman Smith offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5808

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE "CITY") AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (I) THE SALE AND ISSUANCE, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK SPECIAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REFUNDING PROJECT), IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,500,000) (THE "BANK BONDS"); (II) THE FUNDING OF A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FOR THE BANK BONDS; (III) THE PAYMENT OF COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE BANK BONDS; (IV) THE FORM OF AND EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE BANK BONDS; AND (V) FOR RELATED PURPOSES

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15342 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF OSHKOSH CAPITAL AT THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF 2.43% FOR LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR A PIERCE QUANTUM CUSTOM PUMPER TRUCK AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

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

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15343 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGENCY OF RECORD AGREEMENT AND STANDARD CONTRACT ADDENDUM BETWEEN LEADING EDGES, LLC AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15344 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO REQUEST FUNDS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, COMPTROLLER OFFICE TO BE USED TO PURCHASE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RADIOS

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15345 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SUBSCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMSOUTH, INC. AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15346 ORDER APPROVING THE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO GO FORWARD WITH SAID PROJECT, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PLANS

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15347 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF APAC-MISSISSIPPI, INC.
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, FOR STREET RESURFACING BID

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

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Perry duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the Claims Docket dated November 29, 2012 in the amount of \$1,963,792.63.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: a) statements of qualifications & experience for janitorial service at Union Station; b) statements of qualifications & experience for security service at Union Station.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Bryan Lee appeared and thanked the city for their business in purchasing the pumper truck.

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