

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2013 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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated January 15, 2013.

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

February 8, 2013 – “Arbor Day”

February 4-8, 2013 – “National School Counselors Week”

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

ORDER #15363 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
APPLICATION TO THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT
FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO HELP REPLACE
A BOX CULVERT ON 5TH STREET

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, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5817 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 (MARCH 05, 2013 @ 9:15 A.M.)

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.

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

ORDER #15364 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL
YEAR 2010 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD
FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EXECUTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (CANINE TRAINING)

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, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15365 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL
YEAR 2010 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD
FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EXECUTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (TRAINING
EQUIPMENT, RESPONSE EQUIPMENT & PPE)

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, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15366 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE
PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2013 THRU FEBRUARY 28, 2014 FOR SAFETY

**BOOTS AND SHOES FROM THE BOOT STORE "ON WHEELS", WEST
MONROE, LA**

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

**ORDER #15367 ORDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF USED TRUCK CAB AND
CHASSIS FROM WATERS INTERNATIONAL, MERIDIAN, MS,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,000.00 WITH MILEAGE OF 606,131**

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

**ORDER #15368 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECT APPLICATION
AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

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.

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

**ORDER #15369 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH LPK
ARCHITECTS FOR BASIC ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES NEEDED FOR
THE HOLBROOK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION BUILDING RENOVATION
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, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15370 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, LABOR, MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN BASEBALL FIELDS AT MAGNOLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL)

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 Order:

ORDER #15371 ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 15346 ENTITLED "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 Henson 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 Order:

ORDER #15372 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST ACTIVATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT 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, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.
Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated January 31, 2013 in the amount of \$2,689,395.18.

President Thomas called for the Mayor's report. She introduced Maretha Falco, Main Street intern. Ms. Falco gave a report on the Mardi Gras celebration downtown the previous Saturday. She said they had a lot of volunteers to help make this a success. The music was great, people had fun and the weather was great.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Those appearing were: 1) William C. Brown, 1000 30th Avenue – he stated he was representing the coalition of religions and civic organizations. He thanked the Mayor for her excellent choice in appointing James Reed as policy chief and thanked the city council for supporting his appointment. They are grieving over his departure and want to know why he left. 2) Lee Vinson, 1401 23rd Avenue – she said she thinks James Reed was the perfect person for the job. She said everyone needs an explanation as to why he left.

President Thomas called for council comments. Various comments were made. Councilman Palmer asked President Thomas that a committee be formed to look into the resignation of James Reed. President Thomas appointed Councilman Palmer, Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Perry to this committee.

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