

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 02, 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 Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated March 19, 2013.

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

- April 2, 2013 – “World Autism Awareness Day”
- April 2013 – “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”
- April 2013 – “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”
- April 21-27, 2013 – “National Crime Victim’s Rights Week”

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

**ORDER #15397 ORDER DECLARING POLICE DEPARTMENT WEAPONS SURPLUS AND
NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING
THE TRADE-IN OF SAID SURPLUS WEAPONS FOR NEW WEAPONS**

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.

At this time Mayor Barry presented the proclamations that were approved.

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

ORDER #15398 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WASTE PRO AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (MERIDIAN
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY)

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.

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

RESO. #5826 RESOLUTION TERMINATING LETTER OF AGREEMENT DATED
MARCH 2, 2011 WITH BRIDGE & WATSON, INC. TO PERFORM
TECHNICAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A REAPPORTION-
MENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the Claims Docket dated March 28, 2013 in the amount of \$1,777,133.10.

President Thomas called for the Mayor's report. She commented on the following upcoming events: Children's Art Crawl in downtown Meridian this afternoon; Earth's Bounty on Saturday; ribbon cutting for #9 fire station on Friday, April 5th, at 10:00 a.m. She met with people regarding the beautification of the 22nd Avenue overpass. She attended a conference at the Veteran's Center. She met with people regarding the Arts & Entertainment center. She handed out kudos to Police Chief James Sharp and the police department for protecting the city. Connie Royal announced the following upcoming events: Anderson Cup Run this weekend; 3 Foot Art Festival this weekend. She stated that Meridian and DeKalb had been selected by Keep Mississippi Beautiful for the great clean-up even.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Those appearing were: 1) Debra Keller (4015 Paulding); 2) Richard Lofton (4015 Paulding); 3) Lucinda Johnson (4015 Paulding); 4) Raven Nixon (397 Bass Town Road, Stonewall); and 5) Randall Jennings (6201 Oakland Heights Street).

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