

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 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 Palmer duly seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add as C-2e a proclamation for Children's Mental Health Week.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated April 16, 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:

- May 19-25, 2013 – “National Public Works Week”
- May 6-10, 2013 – “National Senior Corps Week”
- May 2013 – “Older Americans Month”
- May 7, 2013 – “National Teacher Day”
- May 5-11, 2013 – “Children's Mental Health Week”

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

ORDER #15410      ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR  
OF TOMMY DULANEY TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERIDIAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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 Order:

ORDER #15411      ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ON  
KNIGHT-PARKER ROAD/HWY 11/80 AND AT 1926 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

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 Order:

ORDER #15412      ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM WAL-MART FOUNDATION  
TO PURCHASE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MERIDIAN FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

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 Order:

ORDER #15413      ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES SURPLUS AND NO  
LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING  
THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

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. #5832      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 (JUNE 04, 2013 @ 9:15 A.M.)

And, Councilman Palmer 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 #15414      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
AMERICAN PROTECTION SERVICE, INC. AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN  
(SECURITY SERVICES AT UNION STATION)

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.

Nay: Smith.

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

ORDER #15415      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
SERVICEMASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND THE CITY OF  
MERIDIAN (JANITORIAL SERVICES AT UNION STATION)

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.

Nay: Smith.

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

ORDER #15416      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PRELIMINARY  
ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
MERIDIAN AND NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC. (5<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS)

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 #15417      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WEEMS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (REGION 10), THE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT OPERATED BY CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTIAL CENTER, THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY THE EAST MISSISSIPPI CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM AS NEEDING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES)

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.

Discussion was held at this time regarding the proposed amendment to the Agenda Ordinance to remove citizens comments. Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson to approve this amendment. Motion was made by Councilwoman Perry duly seconded by Councilman Palmer to change the motion to amend the ordinance to read as follows: "A citizen who has spoken several times on the same issue and/or having the same report will be denied the privilege to speak. Persons outside the City of Meridian with items germane to the Council or City have permission to speak; all others will speak only if granted permission by the Council." President Thomas advised the public that citizens are more than welcome to attend work sessions to make comments, submit comments to the Council members through the Clerk of Council, or call and make appointments. The City Council meetings are for the purpose of conducting city business and not a forum to speak about any subject. President Thomas called for a vote on the first motion. Voting Yea: Thomas, Henson, Smith. Voting Nay: Perry, Palmer. The second motion was moot because of the passage of the first motion. Councilman Smith offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4417      ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S AGENDA ORDINANCE BY AMENDING SECTION 2-42 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (REMOVAL OF CITIZENS COMMENTS)

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

Yea: Thomas, Henson, Smith.

Nay: Perry, Palmer.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the Claims Docket dated May 02, 2013 in the amount of \$3,645,219.76.

President Thomas called for the Mayor's report. She presented the following proclamations: Older American's Month; Children's Mental Health Week; and Public Works Week. Mark Stokes with APAC appeared and stated they are waiting on the weather to continue paving. All the concrete work has been completed. Mayor Barry sent thanks out to Mrs. Peachie Saxon for her work downtown planting flowers. She reported that Senator Terry Burton was in Meridian the day before and presented a \$37,500.00 donation to the Meridian Symphony. She reminded everyone to vote. She congratulated Southern Pipe on their 75 years of service. Patrick Cooks with Wal-Mart and stated that they were please to donate a \$500.00 grant to the Meridian Fire Department. She said they are looking at May 23<sup>rd</sup> to open the new police station. On May 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a ground breaking on the old Bell South Building which will be turned into apartments.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Those appearing were: 1) George Pugh (625 Alamucha in Marion); 2) Wade Demers (4015 Paulding Street); 3) Patricia Demers (4015 Paulding Street); and 4) Dan Fritz (Collinsville).

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 recessed until Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. for the presentation and acceptance of the FY 2012 Audit/CAFR.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McInnis, Clerk of Council