

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AT 5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

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

Absent: None.

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COPY OF WAIVER OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was opened with prayer by CAO Tim Miller and followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

President Thomas advised that the reason for the special meeting was to hold the public hearing on the FY 2013 budget and to take action to adopt the tax levy for the city and the schools. He stated that during a work session earlier that morning regarding the budget, CFO Ed Skipper advised that the assessed value of property in the city would be reduced 1 ½ % instead of the 2 ½ % he was previously told. This allows the city to put additional funds for items the City Council wanted in the budget and to give a 2% raise to city employees without a tax increase.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to open the public hearing on the FY 2013 budget. Those who signed up to speak were: 1) Kevin Locke, 3803 23rd Avenue – He was there representing the Employee Council. He stated that they understand there is a 2% raise in the budget for city employees and they appreciated that, however, the Employee Council was requesting a 5% raise. 2) Lee Vinson – She declined to speak. 3) Jim McGinnis, 4500 7th Avenue – He stated he doesn't think this is the time for a tax increase on city residents. He said he has had to make hard decisions in his business because of the economy and doesn't think the city should raise taxes. President Thomas asked Council members if they wanted to comment. Councilman Smith stated that after the meetings on the budget that he is happy with it. Councilman Palmer stated that the budget process is stressful for all those involved. Councilwoman Henson stated it has been tough but that is government at its best. The City Council had recommended a 1 ½ mill increase. The Administration made a proposal that was accepted by the City Council so there is no tax increase. Councilwoman Perry stated that the city will not have a tax increase and there has not been a tax increase in 10 years. Councilman Thomas advised that PERS increased 1 ½ % and Social Security has increase. This is another 2% on top of the 2% raise that the city will be paying. Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to close the hearing.

Mr. Skipper passed out the city millage rate and the school millage rate to the Council members. Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4411 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

And, Councilman Smith 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 Perry offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4412 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A REVENUE AND LEVY A TAX FOR THE
MERIDIAN SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

And, Councilman Smith 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.

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