

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 AT 5:00 P.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 Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add as R-13 the 2012 contract for use of the county jail; remove action to follow the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated August 16, 2012, September 04, 2012 and September 11, 2012.

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

ORDER #15298 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MERIDIAN FIREFIGHTER'S
ASSOCIATION IAFF LOCAL 52 AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

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

ORDER #15299 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AWARD LETTER/GRANT
RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT PROGRAM (REGIONAL RESPONSE FUNDS)

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.

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

ORDER #15300 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AWARD LETTER/GRANT
RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT PROGRAM (TASK FORCE FUNDS)

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

RESO. #5795 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE
AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND REAFFIRMING ITS APPROVAL OF AN
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE BY THE MERIDIAN
URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY OF ITS TAXABLE URBAN RENEWAL
REVENUE BONDS (MERIDIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER PROJECT)
SERIES 2012

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 Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4413 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 3966
SO AS TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN LANDS IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN
FROM B-4 REGIONAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO A AGRICULTURAL
DISTRICT (PROPERTY LOCATED AT HWY 19 SOUTH NEAR MITCHUM
ROAD) INCLUDING AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE
CITY OF MERIDIAN

And, Councilwoman Perry 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 Order:

ORDER #15301 ORDER AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL
AND COST ESTIMATE FOR RE-SAMPLING GROUNDWATER MONITORING
WELLS LOCATED AT 2412 7TH STREET AND 2415 8TH STREET FROM
ECO-SYSTEMS, INC.

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. #5796 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE
THERE TO

And, Councilwoman Perry 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 #15302 ORDER TO CHARGE OFF INACTIVE AND UNCOLLECTIBLE WATER
ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,486.87

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 #15303 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AND RELEASE BETWEEN RMTS, LLC, AUTHORIZED AGENT OF GERBER
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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 #15304 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FINAL SUMMARY CHANGE
ORDER NO. 3 BETWEEN HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION CO. AND THE CITY
OF MERIDIAN (WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT HEADWORKS)

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 #15305 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN
AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

RESO. #5797 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE
CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2013, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO

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

ORDER #15306 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT PREPARATION OF A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
BETWEEN EAST CENTRAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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 #15307 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
SUBGRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING (JOINT DRUG
TASK FORCE)

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated September 13, 2012 in the amount of \$2,423,121.95.

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

RESO. #5798 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF 2012 CONTRACT
FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY JAIL

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.

President Thomas called on Mayor Barry for her report. She welcomed all those who were attending the meeting. She invited everyone to attend the Rose Hill Cemetery celebration on September 29th at 6:00 p.m. Contractor Tim Allred appeared and gave an update on the progress of the new police complex. He stated that work was progressing very well. All the plans have been approved and are in place. Most of the work is being done on the interior of the building. The exterior work will be done later. Mayor Barry mentioned the town hall meetings held last week. One was in Ward 4 and one was held in Eagle Point. The Mayor's Youth Leadership program has 65 students enrolled. The ground breaking for the #9 fire station was held last week. Meridian Community College celebrated 75 years of excellence. New Hope Church held a reception for Police Chief James Reed last Sunday.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. No one appeared to comment.

President Thomas called for council comments. No comments were made.

There was a public hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. regarding the Central Mississippi Regional Joint Water and Wastewater Management District. Since the time was only 5:15 p.m., President Thomas recessed the meeting for 15 minutes.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived, the hearing as called for regarding the Central Mississippi Regional Joint Water and Wastewater Management District was opened with motion by Councilman

Smith duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council. Michael Caples with Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada appeared and spoke about this district. There are agreed orders with DEQ regarding violations of the city's water and waste-water system. Mississippi Code Section 51-8-1 covers regional water and wastewater districts, Mississippi Code Section 51-8-41(3) covers the tax issues, and Mississippi Code Section 51-8-3 covers rural water associations. Those who signed up to speak were as follows: 1) Raymond E. Huffmaster, 9730 McKinnion Street, Lauderdale MS: He stated he was against the county having anything to do with this. There is nothing wrong with his water and sewer. 2) Ruth Scott, 10537 Timbercove West, Meridian MS: She stated she is against this district. 3) Billy H. Harris, 2809 Suqualena-Meehan Road South, Meridian MS: He said he is against this district. 4) Andrew Bateman, 11318 Julius Tucker Memorial Drive, Collinsville MS: He stated he did not want to speak. 5) Michael Boyette, 512 C.R. 3771, Enterprise, MS: He stated he is against this district. 6) Jim Herring, 232 E. Semmes, Canton MS: He stated he was there representing the rural water associations and they are not for this district. 7) James Welch, P O Box 10, Gulfport MS: He said he was there representing the Town of Marion and they are not for this district. 8) Harold Whitlock, 9094 Midway Drive, Meridian MS: He stated he is against this district. 9) Bill Heidelberg, 4418 27th Street, Meridian MS: He spoke against his on behalf of county residents. 10) Barbara Correro, 570 Murphy Hardy Road, DeKalb MS: She spoke against the Mississippi Power Company's lignite plant in Kemper County. 11) Myles Frank, 1519 53rd Street, Meridian MS: He did not speak. 12) Harold DuBose, 1807 Marion-Russell Road, Meridian MS: He spoke against this district. 13) Billy Stuckey, 5264 Lauderdale-Toomsuba Road, Toomsuba MS: He did not speak. 14) Rusty Bonner, 136 Mt. Horeb Road, Meridian MS: He did not speak. 15) Sonny Turnage, 12080 Old Highway 80 West, Meridian MS: He spoke against this district. 16) Wayne Morgan (no address given): He did not speak. 17) Lou Limerick, 5110 West Mt. Carmel Road, Bailey MS: She spoke against this district. 18) Tommy Galyean, 2826 H.W. White Road, Meridian MS: He spoke against this district. 19) Steve Parker, 8445 Highway 45 North, Meridian MS: He did not speak. 20) Otis Barrett, 10433 Highway 494, Meridian MS: He spoke against this district. 21) Mike Gibson, 6682 Highway 145, Meridian MS: He did not speak. 22) Al Kimbrell, 8131 Okatibbee Dam Road, Bailey MS: He did not speak. 23) JoAnn Kimbrell, 8131 Okatibbee Dam Road, Bailey MS: She did not speak. Mr. Caples spoke again after those who signed up to speak were finished. President Thomas asked the Council members if they had any comments. Councilman Smith stated that he does not support the establishment of the water district and he will not vote for it if it comes up for a vote. No other comments were made. Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to close the public hearing.

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