REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Absent:  None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Gary Houston and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Hammon duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to remove R-10; add as R-12 a donation agreement; add as R-13 FY06 ODP homeland security grant award & agreement; place a presentation to the Marine’s MATSS-1 after the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated December 03, 2013.

At this time Acting CAO/Public Works Director Hugh Smith presented a trophy and certificates to members of the Marine’s MATSS-1 unit. They won 1st place in a fire fighter’s challenge. The Meridian Fire Department came in 2nd place and Chief Clayton was presented with a trophy.

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

ORDER #15563    ORDER AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS (NSF) SERVICE CHARGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §11-7-12(1) MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.

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

ORDIN. #4429    ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THAT PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 39TH AVENUE LOCATED BETWEEN 37TH STREET AND 38TH STREET AS RECORDED
IN THE EDGEWOOD PARK SURVEY ADDITION OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5874 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO CONVEY THE CLOSED, VACATED AND ABANDONED CERTAIN PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 39TH AVENUE LOCATED BETWEEN 37TH STREET AND 38TH STREET AS RECORDED IN THE EDGEWOOD PARK SURVEY ADDITION OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:

ORDIN. #4430 ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THAT CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED BETWEEN ST. CHARLES STREET AND ST. ANDREWS STREET IN BLOCK 3 OF THE SOUTHSIDE LAND CO. SURVEY

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5875 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO CONVEY THE CLOSED, VACATED AND ABANDONED PORTION OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED BETWEEN ST. CHARLES STREET AND ST. ANDREWS STREET IN BLOCK 3 OF THE SOUTHSIDE LAND CO. SURVEY
And, Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.

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

ORDER #15564 ORDER AUTHORIZING A TIMBER SALE ON LAND ABUTTING THE CITY’S SAND PIT AND ON LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION

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

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.

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

RESO. #5876 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO

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

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.

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

ORDER #15565 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THOMPSON ENGINEERING (DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS)

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

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15566 ORDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BACKHOE FROM DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT, JACKSON, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF $81,800.00

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated December 12, 2013 in the amount of $2,938,327.69.

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

ORDER #15567 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3313 38TH AVENUE)

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15568 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY 06 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT NO. 12CC258)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
The hour of 5:15 p.m. having arrived, the hearing as called for in Resolution No. 5869 regarding unclean property was opened with motion by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilman Hammon and unanimously passed by the Council. Inspector Rayford Wright requested that two properties be removed – v/l east of 5612 Manning Street and v/l at 3602 12th Street. No one else appeared at the hearing. Motion was made by Councilman Hammon duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to close the hearing.

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

RESO. #5877 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (OAKLAND PLACE SUR BLOCK 4, LOTS 11, 12, 13 & 14)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5878 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (BALL SURVEY BLOCK 63 66.67’ N&S X 175’ E&W OFF S END)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5879 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (B & W RE-SUB LOT A)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5880 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (#46 PT NESW1/4 [1.65A] E MERIDIAN-CAUSEYVILLE RD DESC DB 444 P 32)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5881 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (PARKVIEW GARDENS SUR BLOCK 7 LOT 11)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5882 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (MOUNTAIN VIEW SUR BLOCK 1 LOTS 2, 3 & 27 & PT VACATED ST)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #5883 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (BASS SURVEY BLOCK 3 S1/2 80’ E&W X 52’ N&S BEG 86’N SW/C)
And, Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the safe routes to school construction.

Acting CAO/Public Works Director Hugh Smith gave the Mayor’s report. He encouraged everyone to shop locally. There has been a large police presence and this will continue throughout the holidays. He thanked the departments for keeping the city clean and safe.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Wade Demers is the only one to sign up.

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