REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 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 Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add after the consent agenda a presentation by Captain Charles C. Moore, II, Commanding Officer, NAS Meridian.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated March 05, 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 2013 – “Safe Digging Month”

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

ORDER #15386 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF CASSIE KAUERZ TO THE HOUSING CODE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

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 #15387
ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JOE SEMMES TO THE ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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 #15388
ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MARKEY JOINER TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

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 #15389
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MERIDIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (SUNFISH TRIATHLON)

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 #15390
ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRING POLICE DETECTIVE LARRY CANNON AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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 #15391
ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD
TO RETIRING POLICE CORPORAL BURTA FITCH AS
ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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 Captain Charles C. Moore, II, Commanding Officer, NAS Meridian, presented a Purple Heart medal to Marion L. Coleman. Mayor Barry presented the Workforce and Career Technical Education Week proclamation from Meridian Community College staff members.

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

ORDER #15392
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND THE MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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 #15393
ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY 10 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (EXECUTIVE PROTECTION TRAINING/MDWFP)

And, Councilman Palmer seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:
Councilwoman Perry offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15394 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY 10 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (TACSR TRAINING & EQUIPMENT)

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

ORDER #15395 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CARE LODGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, SALVATION ARMY, 10TH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND WOMEN FOR PROGRESS, INC. (OVW FISCAL YEAR 2013 RURAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE AND STALKING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

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 #15396 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW FISCAL YEAR 2013 GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS PROGRAM)

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.

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

RESO. #5821 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAWA), WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING

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

RESO. #5822 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY (FY 14 OCCUPANT PROTECTION)

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.

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

RESO. #5823 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY (FY 14 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-DUI)

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

RESO. #5824  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY (FY14 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT)

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 Resolution:

RESO. #5825  RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZED TO BE SOLD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE AVERAGE OF THE FAIR MARKET PRICE AS DETERMINED BY THREE PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated March 14, 2013 in the amount of $2,884,488.39.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for one skid loader.

President Thomas called for the Mayor’s report. She said they are planning an open house for the #9 fire station in the next four (4) weeks and for the police station between six (6) and eight (8) weeks. Mr. Chapman was in Meridian recently looking at the Bell South building and other opportunities in the city.
President Thomas called for citizen comments. Those appearing were: 1) Debra Keller (4015 Paulding); 2) Richard Lofton (4015 Paulding); and 3) 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