PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2014 BUDGET, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 AT 5:15 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

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

Absent: None.

President Thomas advised that this was a public hearing on the FY 2014 budget.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to open the public hearing.

Those who signed up to speak were as follows: 1) Mrs. Johnnie Delk, 6109 Oakland Heights Street: She wants the Council to take the United Health Care proposal and to pay Police Chief James Lee $85,000.00. 2) Wade Demers, 4015 Paulding Street. 3) Dawn Wright, 1902 61st Court: She wants the Council to take the United Health Care proposal and to pay the Police Chief and others the salaries the Mayor wanted to pay them. 4) David Nickles, 802 Rubush Avenue: He talks about raises for employees. 5) John Martin, 2326 32nd Street: He made comments about the school millage. 6) David Stehle, 3021 29th Avenue: He stated that the department heads were good and asked the Council not to take $200,000 from the training facility. 7) William Carey, 1307 61st Court: He made comments about the department heads and asked the Council to let them keep their salaries. 8) Dr. Oatis Gowdy, 8263 Eagle Point: He was there representing the Council of Organizations and asked the Council to grant them the $5,000 subsidy they need for the Meridian Picnic to be held June 25-29, 2014 at Highland Park. 9) Jeanell Kidd, 4620 28th Street: She said the Police Chief is doing a fine job and the Council needs to keep the salaries for the Police Chief. 10) Rev. Billy Smith, 728 11th Avenue: He talked about raises. 11) Kevin Locke, 3803 23rd Avenue: He was there as President of the Employee Council. He discussed salaries and raises, and the $9.00 livable wage. 12) Annie Ramsey, 1004 24th Street: She stated that the lighting on 10th Street is very poor and something needs to be done about it.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson 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