SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

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

Absent: None.

COPY OF CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

COPY OF WAIVER OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

President Thomas called the meeting to order. He stated the reason for this special called meeting was to consider the Mayor’s veto.

VETO PACKET NO. 108

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham to over-ride the Mayor’s veto of Order No. 15518. Mayor Bland stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield, Fox Everett and United Health Care are all good companies. The put in their best prices and bids based on negotiated rates that they have agreed upon with doctors, clinics and hospitals. United Health Care gave the most competitive offer which was communicated to the city by the broker with BMG. Both companies presented information when it got down to the last two companies. Neither Fox Everett nor United Health Care spends any of their money. They are the plan administrator. Some of the questions the City council had were documented in the letter he gave to them. He stands firm on his decision because those issues have been addressed. The city can do a lot with $300,000. He stated he had a representative from United Health Care there to speak. Council President Thomas asked if the other companies were invited to speak. Mayor Bland said he asked only the company that they recommended to come and speak. Councilman Markham stated he agreed with Mr. Thomas that if they are going to listen to one, they should listen to the others. They are in a special meeting to consider a veto. There are three options: take no action and the veto stands, over-ride the veto by 2/3 vote, or fail to over-ride the veto. Mayor Bland said he agreed but he should be able to do it just so he can dispel some of the inaccuracies. President Thomas said this meeting is only to consider the veto. Councilman Markham said this meeting is just for consideration of the veto. The time period is very sensitive as relates to this. The City Council agreed to let Stan Neese with United Health Care to talk. Mr. Neese advised that they are prepared to take over the health insurance plan and that cards would be ready to give out on October 1st. Councilman Thomas called for the vote on the motion to over-ride the Mayor’s veto of Order No. 15518.

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

ORDER #15518 ORDER TO OVERRIDE MAYOR’S VETO OF ORDER NO. 15507
DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2013, ENTITLED “IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF FOX EVERETT INSURANCE FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR CITY OF MERIDIAN EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING “CONSULT A DOC” ADDITION)

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.
Nay: Hammon.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned. Sine die.