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 of New Hope Blackwater MB Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add as P-3 a presentation by Ricky Hood with the Boys & Girls Club; remove R-4; add as C-7 declaration of a state of emergency; add as R-8 an interlocal cooperative agreement with Lauderdale County regarding Project Bronco; add as R-9 a Memorandum of Agreement with Lauderdale County and the Lauderdale County Economic Development District regarding Project Bronco; add as R-10 a resolution in regard to Section 42 housing.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated January 21, 2014.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following proclamations to be issued by the Mayor:

February 14, 2014 – “Arbor Day”
February 3-7, 2014 – “National School Counselors Week”

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

ORDER #15580 ORDER DECLARING 1975 WARD-LAF 1-K FIRE ENGINE PUMPER, SERIAL NO. 801-19-AAA, CONTROL NO. P01074 SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZED TO BE SOLD

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.

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

ORDER #15581 ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT
AT 23RD AVENUE AND FRONT STREET

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.

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

ORDER #15582  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE
STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC. (USE OF NORTHEAST
PARK SOCCER COMPLEX)

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.

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

ORDER #15583  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE
STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC. (USE OF JAYCEE SOCCER
COMPLEX AND HIGHLAND PARK)

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.

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

ORDER #15584  ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN ON JANUARY 28, JANUARY 29, JANUARY 30 AND
JANUARY 31, 2014 DUE TO ICE AND SNOW AND THE FREEZE

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

RESO. #5885 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER AND SEWER BONDS, SERIES 2013, OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, DATED THE DATE OF DELIVERY THEREOF, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,200,000)

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.

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

ORDER #15585 ORDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FROM WATERS INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, INC., MERIDIAN, MS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $73,265.86

And, Councilman Hammon 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.

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

ORDER #15586 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MICHAEL J. MCGREVEY AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.
ORDER #15587  ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO MERIDIAN/LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOURISM BUREAU TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF CERTAIN DEDICATED STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND CITY OWNED PROPERTY, AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A MARKER AGREEMENT

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

ORDER #15588  ORDER ADOPTING POLICY REGARDING NON-MUNICIPAL USE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

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 passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated January 30, 2014 in the amount of $1,328,228.29. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

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

ORDER #15589  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (“PROJECT BRONCO” CDBG APPLICATION)

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

RESO. #5886  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN; LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND LAUDERDALE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (“PROJECT BRONCO” CDBG GRANT)

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 Resolution:

RESO. #5887  RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THAT CERTAIN 2005 LEGISLATION, SENATE BILL NO. 3100, GRANTING AD VALOREM TAX BREAKS TO FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED SECTION 42 HOUSING PROPERTIES SO THAT THE CITY DOES NOT CONTINUE TO LOSE LOCAL TAX REVENUES THAT COULD BE USED TO SUPPORT IMPORTANT CITY SERVICES

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.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for a dump truck.

President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report. He thanked the City Council for confirming Michael McGrevey as CAO. He thanked the police, fire, public safety and public works employees for the job they did the week before during the ice and snow. He was attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington D.C. at the time of the last meeting. He said all the meetings he attended went well.

President Thomas called on Ricky Hood with the Boys & Girls Club. He went over some facts regarding activities at the Boys & Girls Clubs at the West End site, the Northeast site, and the Velma Young site. They have four full-time employees and 37 part-time employees. There are a lot of volunteers who help keep their programs going. They will be hosting the annual All Staff Training from April 22-25, 2014 with 200 participants from 22 Boys & Girls Club organizations.

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