Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Ralph Henson of Life Baptist Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: remove R-7; move R-8 to R-1a; make R-1 as R-1b.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated January 7, 2013.

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

ORDER #15570 ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRED POLICE CORPORAL THOMAS WILSON AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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 #15571 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MERIDIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (SUNFISH TRIATHLON)

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

ORDER #15572 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF FREDERICK LIDDELL TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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 #15573 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

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 #15574 ORDER WAIVING COST OF WATER, SEWER AND FIRE HYDRANT TAP FEES FOR JTM HOSPITALITY, LLC (NEW HOTEL ON VIRGINIA DRIVE)

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 #15575 ORDER ALLOWING DAVID C. MAJURE III TO UTILIZE CITY OF MERIDIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 2800 8TH STREET FOR PARKING
AND ACCEPTANCE OF HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

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 #15576 ORDER AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000.00 TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION COMMITTEE TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS FOR THE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND TO PERFORM IN THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE

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 #15577 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYROLL DEDUCTION OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR AFLAC INSURANCE POLICIES PURCHASED BY CITY OF MERIDIAN EMPLOYEES

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 #15578 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF CROSS ROOFING, INC. FOR HOLBROOK BUILDING RE-ROOFING IN THE AMOUNT OF $202,000.00

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston to approve the claims docket dated January 2, 2014 in the amount of $1,622,797.02. Discussion was held at this time regarding the claims docket. Councilman Thomas asked Acting CAO Hugh Smith about the two salaries that were discussed with him and Mayor Bland at the agenda setting meeting. He asked if these salaries had been adjusted. Mr. Smith stated he did not know but that Mayor Bland wanted to talk to him and Councilman Markham again about these salaries and other salaries that are above the maximum. Councilman Markham brought up Purchase Order No. 401695 in the amount of $10,120.00 for professional services (city attorney bill). He said the amount should be adjusted $6,800.00. This purchase order included a bill for work on the employee handbook. An entry for payment to S & L Mediation Services in the amount of $1,175.00 for work on the handbook needed to be added. There was no purchase order for this $1,175.00 so it has to be delayed until a bill can be sent to the city and a purchase order completed and placed on the next claims docket. City Attorney Goggans stated the $6,800.00 amount should be $6,680.00. Councilwoman Houston stated that she feels no more money should be paid out for the employee handbook until the Council members see it. The city has already spent $10,000.00 on this. City Attorney Goggans said they should have the final version to them before the first meeting in February. Councilman Markham agreed that no more money should be spent on the handbook until they receive a copy. Council-man Thomas stated that he would not vote for this claims docket until those two salaries are adjusted. Councilman Hammon mentioned two purchase orders (No. 401509 and #401300). Councilman Thomas called for a vote on the claims docket. Councilwoman Henson is the only one who vote to approve the claims docket at that time. Further discussion was held and Councilman Thomas advised that if they did not approve the claims docket that city employees would not be paid and not bill would be paid. He called for a vote again to include an amendment to amend Purchase Order No. 401695 by changing the payable amount to $6,680.00. Said motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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

ORDER #15579 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF HUD-1 IN REGARD TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3313 39TH AVENUE WHICH WAS DONATED TO THE CITY OF MERIDIAN BY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AND ACCEPTANCE OF QUITCLAIM DEED

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.

President Thomas called for the Mayor’s report. Acting CAO/Public Works Director Hugh Smith appeared to give this report. He stated that Mayor Bland was out of town. He passed along Mayor Bland’s appreciation to those who participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King parade and celebration that was successful. Mr. Smith
advised that next month will be celebrated as Black History Month. He thanked the City Council for confirming Mr. Liddell.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Those who signed up to speak were: 1) Mike Russell (4524 36th Avenue) – regarding a drainage ditch on his property; 2) Marzell Love (525 21st Street) – problems with city court.

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