Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.

Absent:  Houston.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Charles Johnson 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: add as R-12 an Indemnification & Release from Allred Investments; add as R-13 a Marker Agreement from the Tourism Commission; add as R-14 acceptance of a bid for self-contained breathing apparatus; add as R-15 appointment of president of the City Council; add as R-16 appointment of vice-president of the City Council; add as P-1c notification of advertisement for bid for construction of the downtown drainage project.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated June 03, 2014.

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

ORDER #15668  ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TIM ALLRED TO THE MERIDIAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDER #15669  ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 15592 DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2014 ENTITLED “ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOMELAND SECURITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (FISCAL YEAR 2013)” IN ORDER CORRECT THE SUB-GRANT DESIGNEE
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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDER #15670  ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ON CONFEDERATE DRIVE FROM OLD COUNTRY CLUB ROAD EAST TO THE END OF MS POWER SERVICE

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDER #15671  ORDER DECLARING IBM TYPEWRITER, SERIAL NO. 11-NR-130, CONTROL NO. P09869 SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS TYPEWRITER

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDER #15672  ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRING POLICE OFFICER LEE WILSON AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDIN. #4439 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND WAYS

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

RESO. #5905 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2014 VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

RESO. #5906 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE “CITY”), AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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


And, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15673 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FY 13 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (GRANT NO. 13HS258)

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

ORDER #15674    ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMODE-X TERMS OF AGREEMENT

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDER #15675    ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE SOLUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SIMPLEX GRINNELL AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT ARTS DISTRICT PARKING GARAGE)

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDIN. #4440   AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.44 (C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN REGARD TO WHEN WATER AND SANITARY SEWER BILLS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.
Councilman Hammon offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15676  ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF VELMA YOUNG PARK TO SUPPORT THE VELMA YOUNG PARK’S “FIRST TO THE POOL” INITIATIVE

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

ORDER #15677  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE A LAWSUIT FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AS A RESULT OF MICHAEL POWERS’ ACTIONS

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, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

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

RESO. #5908  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 Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay:  None.
Absent:  Houston.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham and duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson to authorize the
execution and submission of the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Police Chief Benny Dubose advised that the equipment should be hand-held radios instead of digital in car video cameras. Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilman Hammon and unanimously passed by the Council to amend the application to include this change. Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15678  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF 2014 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM: LOCAL APPLICATION

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15679  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (2014 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT [JAG] PROGRAM AWARD)

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated June 13, 2014 in the amount of $5,588,827.88. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas. Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15680    ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE BETWEEN ALLRED INVESTMENTS, LLC AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 602 22ND AVENUE)

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15681    ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO MERIDIAN/LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOURISM BUREAU TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF CERTAIN DEDICATED CITY OWNED PROPERTY, AND APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A MARKER AGREEMENT (MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER)

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15682    ORDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FROM EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PROFESSIONALS, HORN LAKE, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF $180,460.50

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15683 ORDER APPOINTING K. DUSTIN MARKHAM AS PRESIDENT OF
THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

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

ORDER #15684 ORDER APPOINTING RANDY HAMMON AS VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

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, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Absent: Houston.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for: a) pipe, valves & fittings; b) asbestos
abatement and demolition of nine (9) houses; c) construction of downtown drainage project.

President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report. He mentioned the following events that will be
taking place in Meridian in the next few weeks: Civil Rights trail markers unveiling; 50th anniversary of Freedom
Summer; Mississippi Municipal League conference next week; June 20th opening ceremonies of the State Games
on the front lawn of city hall; Juneteenth Celebration on June 21st; Meridianites Picnic on June 28th; announcement
at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow for the airline recommendations at the airport.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Signed up to speak was: 1) Lucinda Johnson.

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