REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary Morris and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: remove R-3; remove R-5; add to R-15 an amendment to the claims docket; add as R-17 an order authorizing upgrade of lights at the Meridian Youth Soccer Complex.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated March 17, 2015.

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

ORDER #15832 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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.

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

ORDER #15833 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF A HP LASERJET PRINTER, MODEL P2015DN, SERIAL NUMBER CNBJM111615 FOR USE AT THE MERIDIAN ACTIVITY CENTER

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.
Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5954  RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COURT CLERKS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15834  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASTE PRO AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (MERIDIAN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY)

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.

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

ORDER #15835  ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SECOND TOLLING AGREEMENT FOR CLAIMS UNDER CLEAN ACT RELATING TO CITY OF MERIDIAN POTWs AND ASSOCIATED WASTE-WATER COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

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.

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

RESO. #5955  RESOLUTION CALLING HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IS IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY (MAY 5, 2015 @ 9:15 A.M.)

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15836 ORDER WAIVING COST OF WATER TAP FEES FOR GO GREEN MERIDIAN/ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH LOCATED AT 2221 17TH AVENUE

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

ORDER #15837 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF OF KAY RUCKER TO THE TAXICAB ADVISORY BOARD

And, Councilman Thomas 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 #15838 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DR. RONNYE PURVIS TO THE MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

ORDER #15839 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF REV. GARY D. HOUSTON TO THE MERIDIAN MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Yea: Markham, Henson, Hammon.
Nay: None.
Not Voting: Thomas, Houston.

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

ORDER #15840 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MARKETING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TO THE POINT COMMUNICATIONS AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (ANNUAL REPORT)

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 Resolution:

RESO. #5956 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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #15841 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF 2015 HEALTHY HOMETOWN AWARDS APPLICATION THROUGH BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION
And, Councilman Thomas 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 #15842 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC. (5TH STREET & 25TH AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT)

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 #15843 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE)

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

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

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

ORDER #15844 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THREE (3) EASEMENTS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FAVOR OF MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY (5TH STREET & 25TH AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT)

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.

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

ORDER #15845  ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR HERBICIDE/SOWASHEE CREEK FROM PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS, NEWTON, MS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,250.40

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.

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

RESO. #5957  RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO

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

ORDER #15846  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS, LLC

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.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #15847 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DAVID C. WHITAKER AS CITY CLERK/CHIEF FINANCIAL 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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated April 02, 2015 in the amount of $2,119,793.90 with an amendment to add Purchase Order No. 502288 in the amount of $1,687.12. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

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

ORDER #15848 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TASK ORDER PROPOSAL FOR A SEWER RATE AND AFFORDABILITY STUDY BETWEEN CDM SMITH AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (EPA CWA ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE CITY OF MERIDIAN)

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.

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

ORDER #15849 ORDER AUTHORIZING MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY TO REPLACE THE LIGHTS AND LIGHT STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1500 OLD 8TH STREET ROAD (MERIDIAN YOUTH SOCCER COMPLEX)

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.

President Markham advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: 1) two stand-by generators – North FWTP; 2) turn around access driveway – East WWTP.
President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He mentioned two proclamations that he issued – Sexual Assault Month and Prevent Child Abuse Month. He advised that Eugene Perry was name purchasing agent of the year. There were a lot of events held this past weekend and a lot more planned for April and May. Odell Hopkins appeared and reminded everyone of household hazardous waste day to be held on April 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Places to take these items are the public works complex and at Family Bowl Lanes.

President Markham called for Council comments. Various comments were made.

An executive session was requested regarding pending litigation. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss pending litigation. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by Council to go out of executive session.

President Markham called the regular meeting back to order.

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

ORDER #15850 ORDER AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE COMPROMISE OF UNLIQUIDATED CLAIM OF 2818 8TH STREET, LLC

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.

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

ORDER #15851 ORDER AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE COMPROMISE OF UNLIQUIDATED CLAIM OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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.
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