REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Houston, Hammon.

Absent: Henson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary Houston 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 add an amendment to R-6 (claims docket).

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

ORDER #15826 ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRING POLICE DETECTIVE WILLIAM POWELL 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.

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

ORDER #15827 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMBERLY HANCOCK D/B/A KREATIVE SWEETS AND KATERING AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (CAFÉ SPACE AT UNION STATION)

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

ORDER #15828 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.

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 #15829 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF FY 2016 ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING (ALCOHOL COUNTERMEASURES)

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 #15830 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF FY 2016 ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING (POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES)

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 Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Ordinance:
ORDIN. #4456  AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (ORDINANCE
NO. 3878, AUGUST 7, 1990) BY ADDING A PROVISION LIMITING THE
NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS THAT CAN BE KEPT BY CITY RESIDENTS;
AND, INCREASING THE MINIMUM FINES FOR VIOLATIONS

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

Yea:  Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  Markham.
Abstain:  Thomas.

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

ORDER #15831  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE A
CONTRACT WITH ARJEN LAGENDIJK ARCHITECT PLLC TO
PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE VELMA YOUNG
CENTER PROJECT

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.

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 March 12, 2015 in the
amount of $2,302,970.16 with an amendment to add Purchase Order No. 502533 in the amount of
$505.00.

At this time Norm and Natalie Copeland with the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
Celebration appeared before the Council. There will be a luncheon for Vietnam Veterans on
March 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the Frank Cochran Center. They also asked that the weekend of March
28th & 29th be declared Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans weekend.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Ruth Jones. She appeared regarding National Women’s History
Month. She talked about Mrs. Lucile Rosenbaum and Mrs. Polly Heidelberg.
President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He thanked Detective William Powell for his 25 years of service to the Meridian Police Department. Chief Benny Dubose presented a retirement plaque to Detective Powell. He read and presented a proclamation regarding National Women’s History Month to Ms. Ruth Jones.

President Markham 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