Meeting called to order by Council President Hammon.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor John Willis of Agape Storehouse and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda with an amendment to remove R-5.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated January 19, 2016.

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

ORDER # 16027 ORDER DECLARING THREE (3) LASERS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THE TASERS TO THE MARION, MS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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. #6034 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($7,500,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR (1) CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING OR PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS, PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES, AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR;
AND (II) PURCHASING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES WEIGHING NOT LESS THAN TWELVE THOUSAND (12,000) POUNDS, WHICH HAVE AN EXPECTED USEFUL LIFE IN EXCESS OF TEN (10) YEARS WHICH EXPECTED USEFUL LIFE SHALL EXCEED THE LIFE OF THE BONDS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 21-33-301 ET SEQ., AND (III) PAYING THE COST OF ISSUANCE FOR THE BONDS (TOGETHER, THE “PROJECT”); RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SIGNING AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

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 #16028 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT (JOINT TASK FORCE)

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 #16029 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND NEWTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT (JOINT TASK FORCE)

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 #16030 ORDER APPROVING THE ENTRY ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1103 HIGHWAY 19 NORTH TO MAKE NEEDED REPAIR TO A WASHED OUT CULVERT WHICH THREATENS THE EMBANKMENT OF HIGHWAY 19 NORTH AND ACCEPTANCE OF HOLD HARMLESS 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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #6035 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EASEMENT AND AIR RIGHTS USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND CUMBERLAND TERRACE, LLC

And, Councilwoman Houston 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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated January 28, 2016 in the amount of $2,446,413.63.

President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. Planner Kevin Locke appeared to advise that Arbor Day will be observed on Friday, February 12, 2016. Cultural Affairs Director Laura Carmichael appeared and announced the Mardi Gras events planned for Saturday, February 6™. Mayor Bland presented a proclamation for Crisis Intervention Team Month™. He stated he wanted the City Council to approve a $35,000 contribution to the MCCSA homeless shelter at the next meeting. He stated that the proposed paving plan is not like the paving projects in the past. The new plan will give more internal control on the paving. They are moving forward with the bid process for the Velma Young Center. He thanked the City Council for moving forward with the bond issue.

President Hammon 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,