REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 06, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Houston.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary Houston, New Hope Blackwater Baptist Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda with amendment to Remove B-1 Bid Opening for Bond Sale; R-1 Resolution directing the sale and award of GO Bonds in the principal amount of $2,500,000.00. Add R-6 Amendment to the Threefoot Building Agreement for the sale, purchase, and redevelopment; R-7 Change date of July 4, 2017 City Council Meeting to July 5, 2017; and Executive Session – potential litigation.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated May 16, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following Proclamations to be issued by the Mayor:

July 2017 – “National Parks and Recreation Month”

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

ORDER #16335
ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE REMOVED FROM INVENTORY

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

ORDER #16336  ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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.

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

ORDER #16337  ORDER DECLARING VEHICLES SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID VEHICLES TO BE SOLD

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.

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

ORDER #16338  ORDER DECLARING TASER SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID ITEM TO LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS CAMPUS POLICE

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.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16339  ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRED POLICE OFFICER WILLIE DRAKE AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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.

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

ORDER #16340  ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRED POLICE OFFICER CLOIST JEMISON AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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.

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

ORDER #16341  ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRED POLICE OFFICER STEVEN CHAD JOHNSON AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW 45-9-131

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.

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

ORDER #16342  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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16343 IN THE MATTER OF: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 8 WITHIN MERIDIAN TOWN CENTER, LLC. A COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION OF 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.

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

ORDER #16344 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2017 THRU DECEMBER 14, 2017 FOR ASPHALT MIX FROM APAC-MISSISSIPPI, INC., MERIDIAN, MS

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, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: Thomas.

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

ORDER #16345 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BIDS FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2017 THRU JUNE 14, 2018 FOR CONCRETE MIX FROM MMC MATERIALS, MERIDIAN, MS

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

ORDER #16346  ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY
FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2017 THRU JUNE 14, 2018
FOR CONCRETE PIPE AND BITUMINOUS PLASTIC CEMENT
FROM FORTEERRA PIPE & PRECAST

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.

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

ORDER #16347 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR 12-MONTH SOURCE
OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2017 TO JUNE
14, 2018 FOR SIGN BLANKS AND MATERIALS FROM
VULCAN SIGNS, FOLEY, AL

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.

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

ORDER #16348 ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY
FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2017 THRU JUNE 14, 2018 FOR
TRAFFIC PAINT FROM ENNIS PAINT, INC., MERIDIAN, MS

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.
ORDER #16349  IN THE MATTER OF: PURCHASE OF WORK UNIFORMS
FROM ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SALEM, VA FOR
12-MONTH SOURCE OF SUPPLY (JUNE 2, 2017 THROUGH
JUNE 1, 2018)

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 Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and
passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated June 01, 2017 in
the amount to $5,863,851.72 with an amendment to remove payment #704977 in the amount of
$315,468.89 bringing the new claims docket total to $5,548,382.83.

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

ORDER #16350  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT
TO AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE, PURCHASE, AND REDEVELOP-
MENT OF THE THREEFOOT BUILDING, CITY OF MERIDIAN,
MISSISSIPPI

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 #16351  ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE
JULY 04, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TO JULY 05, 2017

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 Houston called on Mayor Bland for his report:

CAO, Richie McAlister said Mayor Bland was not present this morning because he was taking care of pressing city business.

President Houston called for citizens comments.

a) Allen Shute – spoke on city issues

President Houston called for Council comments:

Councilman Markham said everybody go out and vote. You can’t make the city better unless you go vote.

Councilman Thomas said we are living in interesting times. The whole world is facing a lot of challenges. As we have seen the things happening in Great Britain, thanks to the quick work of law enforcement over there; it is said that within eight minutes they had got on the scene and arrested or killed the lead persons that had put on that attack. We had a situation at the church that I attend, where we now have to have security guards at the church on Sunday. Then people come in during the week and break in the church. I don’t think there is a much worse thing you can do than steal a communion set out of the church. Thank goodness there were cameras there, so for that particular person, I assume the police chief will be picking up that guy within the next day or so. It’s just a weird time, even having people committing suicide; but at the same time having a lot of great things going on. The high schools, community college, all of county schools, a lot of kids are graduating and going off either to college or starting careers in other fields. Economic conditions in the United States according to the stock market, is the best that it has ever been in the history of the nation. But at the same time we’ve got a lot of people fussing and complaining about the leadership in the United States, it’s just an odd, odd time. The election will be over tonight at 7:00. I appreciate the people who are willing to run for office, I appreciate the people who are willing to get out and support the people who are running for office and I really appreciate the people who go out and vote. I’ve told you all before, my first election I won by one vote. So you people that don’t go vote and someone win by one vote, and you would have voted against them, well it’s your gift to them. If you live in the city and you don’t go vote you don’t have much to complain about folks. You have a choice when you vote. As we study in church, it doesn’t matter what you do or don’t do, we are still God’s people.

President Houston said Good morning, we thank everybody for coming out. Today is Election Day; make sure you exercise your right to vote. And also on that note we just want to send our condolences to the Durant Family concerning that tragic occurrence yesterday. Thank you all for coming and we ask that you continue to pray for our city. Watch out for the kids this summer, they are out and about and they are very busy, so make sure you look out for them. If possible, mentor them, take them under your wing, and don’t just let them roam the streets all day. Get them involved with Parks and Recreation or something, sign them up and get them
An executive session was requested regarding potential litigation. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an executive session. (At this point Councilman Hammon and Councilwoman Henson left the meeting.) Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the remaining Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss potential litigation. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the remaining Council to go out of executive session. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned. Sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Clark, Clerk of Council