Meeting called to order by Council President Houston.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Ben Stears, of North Park Church 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 with amendment to C-5, changing the wording from: Order authorizing formal rejection of the bid for the Downtown Paving Project Phase II. To: Order rejecting bids for the Downtown Paving Project Phase II.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated April 18, 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:

May 14 - 20, 2017 – “Police Week”
May 2017 “Older Americans Month”

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

ORDER #16320
ORDER DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN POLICE VEHICLES ARE USED FOR CRIME DETECTION AND UNDERCOVER WORK AND SHOULD NOT BE MARKED SO AS TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AS CITY VEHICLES

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 #16321 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASTE PRO AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (MERIDIAN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY)

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 #16322 ORDER REJECTING BIDS FOR DOWNTOWN STREET PAVING/REHABILITATION PHASE II

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 Resolution:

RESO. #6115 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, CORRECTING RESOLUTION #6072 AND GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES, BEGINNING IN 2017 TO ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1(D) AND 79-11-3 (C) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

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.

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

RESO. #6116 RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE

And, Councilman Thomas 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 Resolution:

RESO. #6117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017 (THE “BONDS”), OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE “CITY”), IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,500,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR (I) PURCHASING FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS, AND PROVIDING HOUSING FOR SAME, AND PURCHASING LAND THEREOF; (II) CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING OF PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS, PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES, AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR; (III) 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 SECTIONS 21-33-301 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED; AND (IV) PAYING THE COST OF ISSUANCE FOR THE BONDS; 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 #16323 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LPK ARCHITECTS, P.A. AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (#2 FIRE STATION)

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

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

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

ORDER #16324 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM LEADERSHIP LAUDERDALE OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE NEW VELMA YOUNG CENTER

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.

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

ORDER #16325 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM TOYS R US OF TOYS FOR THE NICKELODEAN DAY OF PLAY AT HIGHLAND PARK

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.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to open discussion on R-6 Order authorizing contract negotiations with Transmap, Inc. to
provide a Pavement Condition Index. Order was discussed and motion was made by Councilman Markham duly
seconded by Councilwoman Henson to Table R-6. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston. Voting nay:
Thomas, Hammon.

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 April 27, 2017 in the amount to $3,536,555.89.
Voting yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston. Voting nay: Hammon.

President Houston advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following:
   a) Asphalt recycler
   b) Downtown Paving Project Phase II
   c) Slope Stabilization – Highland Park bridge 19th Street & Magnolia Creek south of 31st Street

President Houston called on Mayor Bland for his report:

Mayor Bland and Public Works Director, Hugh Smith presented a plaque to recognize Thomas M. Irby, Director of Operations; he has been with the Public Works Department for over 50 years. Mr. Irby has served under the administration of numerous Mayors over the years; he has dedicated his life to service for the citizens. Mr. Smith said they wanted to take the time to let Mr. Thomas Irby know that he is appreciated, and it is an honor to work with him, to recognize and thank him as a man who has given and still gives, great service to the community. Mr. Irby said, “Thank all of you very much.” Mayor Bland also encouraged everyone to support the Jimmie Rodgers Festival this weekend.

President Houston called for citizens comments.
   a) Allen Shute spoke

President Houston 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,

Jo Ann Clark, Clerk of Council