REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 07, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Fannie Johnson.

Present: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Melinda Vincent Northam and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following amendments: Add R-6 (Order authorizing execution of second amendment to agreement for the purchase, and redevelopment of the Threefoot Building) Add: R-7 (Order authorizing execution of agency access agreement with Superion, LLC.) Add: R-8 (Order authorizing payment of leave time to Kelvin McGruder) Move C-2 and make it R-9 (Order authorizing admission/spectator fee of $2.00 for adult women’s kickball games.) Delete C-3 from the agenda: (Order authorizing approval of rental application for use of Velma Young Center.) Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated July 17, 2018. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

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

ORDER #16589 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A SURPLUS PROPERTY APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

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

ORDER #16590  ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 15615 DATED APRIL 1, 2014 ENTITLED “IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JAMIE BULLOCK CATER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT” IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE TERM TO EXPIRE DATE

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

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16591  ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 16354 DATED JUNE 20, 2017 ENTITLED “IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ALEX WEDDINGTON TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT” IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE TERM TO EXPIRE DATE

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

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16592  ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 16515 DATED MARCH 20, 2018 ENTITLED “IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TOMMY DULANEY TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT” IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE TERM TO EXPIRE DATE

And, Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:
Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #16593  ORDER RATIFYING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND WILLIAM C. HAMMACK WITH GLOVER, YOUNG, HAMMACK, WALTON & SIMMONS, PLLC TO SERVE AS CITY ATTORNEY

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

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston.
Nay: Lindemann.

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

RESO. #6194  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND EXECUTION OF DEEDS FOR ONE (1) LOT UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE § 21-17-1(11)

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

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #6195  RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO
And, Councilman T. Johnson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated August 2, 2018 in the amount of $3,496,623.22. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson. Voting nay: Houston, Lindemann.

R-5 (Order authorizing claims docket be split into three parts, beginning the August 21, 2018 docket: a) Expenditures less payroll. b) All payroll that fall within job pay bands. c) All payroll that fall outside of job pay bands and all payroll without approved billeted positions.) Motion to open discussion was not seconded by Council. R-5 Failed, no motion to open discussion.

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

ORDER #16594  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE, PURCHASE, AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THREEFOOT BUILDING, CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16595  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGENCY ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUPERION, LLC AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR ACCESS TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE OF E-911 SYSTEM

And, Councilman Lindemann seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:
Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston to discuss R-8 (Order authorizing payment of accrued hours while on administrative leave.) After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Houston and duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by majority vote to table the issue. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann.

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

ORDER #16596 ORDER SETTING ADMISSION/SPECTATOR FEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION EVENT (ADULT WOMEN’S KICKBALL)

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

Yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: T. Johnson.

President F. Johnson advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following:

a) Clearing of overgrown property behind 2nd Street
b) Proposed Garbage Fee Increase

President F. Johnson called for the Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bland said school is back in, so be safe while getting your kids to and from school. Parents get your kids prepared for school with a good breakfast, and get ready to be engaged. We are very excited about the school year and we are excited about the upcoming football season. So all the parents, grandparents and all the people taking care of the kids, let’s kick the 2018-2019 school year off to a great start. Next, Mayor Bland wanted to give an update on the tornado recovery work being done. Doug Stephens, Training Facility Director said Mr. Gianakos with Partners in Recovery, have their coordinators out working now for the people with tornado damage. Mr. Gianakos said their organization has been very diligent in their efforts to provide long term recovery for our citizens. They provide case workers who are out meeting with those affected by the tornado. Mr. Gianakos said they are currently working 63 cases, compiling the paperwork needed to get those persons the help they need. And we have about seven on the docket for approval right now, and they primarily concern roof replacements. So if
Help from the storm is needed, contact our caseworkers at Wesley House 601-485-4736.

President F. Johnson called for citizen comments:

a) Allen Shute – did not appear
b) Charles Kimbrough – did not appear
c) Tommy Williams – spoke
d) Marcus McCormick – did not appear
e) Tyfarri Lewis - spoke

President F. Johnson 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