REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018 AT 5:00 P.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 Pastor A. D. Lewis of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following amendments: Add number 5 to the Consent Agenda (Order authorizing acceptance of sponsorship, services and cash donations for Moonlight Run Event.) Add: R-10 (Sentence in the Employee Handbook in Section 610 Chain of Command, Paragraph 4 (“When the Council makes an information request to an employee, the employee must inform the Chief Administrative Officer so that he/she is aware of such request.”) Add: R-11 (Order authorizing execution of camera data storage contract with Securamax by Pro-Vision for the Meridian Police Department.) Add: R-12 (Order authorizing the waving of pool and splash pad admission fees for Highland Park and Magnolia Park through July 31, 2018.) 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 add to the Agenda the change of the claims docket, separating the claims docket into two (2) dockets. By removing payroll claims out of the total docket and into a claims docket consisting of payroll only. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated July 03, 2018. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

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

ORDER #16577 ORDER DESIGNATING HEURESIS CORPORATION AS THE SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR THE HB1-120 BACK-SCATTER X-RAY IMAGER FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

ORDER #16578 ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO RETIRED SENIOR PATROL OFFICER RONALD BROOKS 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, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16579 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM FRIENDS OF THE YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR THE CITY’S YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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

ORDER #16580 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF SERVICES, FOOD AND CASH FROM BRAINSTORM CREATIVE GROUP, LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA AND PIGGLY WIGGLY OF COLLINSVILLE FOR THE CITY’S MOONLIGHT RUN EVENT

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

ORDER #16581 IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF REBECCA COMBS-DULANEY TO THE MERIDIAN MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES

And, Councilwoman F. 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, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16582 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE EARTH’S BOUNTY FARMERS MARKET ACTIVITIES 2019

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

ORDER #16583 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO LAUDERDALE
COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE JUNETEENTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES 2019

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

ORDER #16584 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE MERIDIAN MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES 2019

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

ORDER #16585 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN JOHNSON CONTROLS AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT ARTS DISTRICT PARKING GARAGE)

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 T. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16586
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF MCHUGH FULLER LAW GROUP, PLLC, AS LEAD COUNSEL, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SUCH LAW FIRMS THAT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AS RECOMMENDED BY LEAD COUNSEL TO FILE SUIT FOR DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF THIS OPIOID EPIDEMIC

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

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

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

RESO. #6192
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND EXECUTION OF DEEDS FOR THIRTEEN (13) LOTS UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE § 21-17-1(11)

And, Councilman Lindemann 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 T. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO, #6193

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.
Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman T, Johnson to open discussion of the claims docket. After much discussion a motion was made by Councilman Thomas and duly seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed by unanimous vote of the Council to separate the claims with payroll in a docket of its own and table the payroll claims docket.

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 less payroll, dated July 13, 2018 in the amount of $1,964,313.27 Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson. Voting nay: Houston, Lindemann.

Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston to discuss R-10 (To remove sentence from ‘Employee Handbook’, 610-Chain of Command, Paragraph 4: (“When the Council makes an information request to an employee, the employee must inform the Chief Administrative Officer so that he/she is aware of such request.”) After discussion a vote was taken and the issue failed by majority vote of the Council. Voting yea: Lindemann. Voting nay: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson Houston.

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

ORDER #16587 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SOFTWARE SERVICE AND HOSTING CONTRACT BETWEEN SECURAMAX BY PRO-VISION AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (CAMERA DATA STORAGE FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT)

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

ORDER #16588 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF SWIMMING POOL ADMISSION FEES AND SPLASH PAD FEES FOR HIGHLAND PARK AND MAGNOLIA PARK THROUGH JULY 31, 2018
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.

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

Mayor Bland said that this administration will try to be the best administration that we can be.

President F. Johnson called for citizen comments:

a) Allen Shute – spoke
b) Charles Kimbrough – spoke
c) Romande Walker – spoke

President F. Johnson called for Council comments:

Various comments were made.

An executive session was requested regarding personnel matters. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss personnel matters. Councilwoman Houston had to leave the meeting due to another appointment. The remaining Council went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to go out of executive session. Voting Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Lindemann. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Houston. The meeting was called to order.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to lift the payroll claims docket from the table for discussion. The claims docket, consisting of payroll only, dated July 13, 2018 in the amount of $1,191,163.76 was approved. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson. Voting nay: Lindemann. Absent: Houston.

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