REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 05, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary Morris of Life Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following amendments: Move C-6 to the Routine Agenda and make it R-8a (Order authorizing acceptance of sponsorship and donations to the Juneteenth Heritage Festival.) Add: R-1a (Resolution authorizing the determination and necessity for amending the 2006 Tax Increment Financing Plan.) Add: R-2a (Order authorizing payment of Invoice for banners from grant money.) Add: R-8b (Order authorizing execution of entertainment contracts for the Juneteenth Heritage Festival.) Add: R-10 (Order authorizing change of time for the June 19, 2018 City Council Meeting to 10:00 A.M.) Add: (Tommy Williams to the Citizens Comments Agenda.) Add: (Potential Executive Session for personnel performance.) Add: (Claims docket with amendments of +20,232.50 and -850.00.) Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to change Agenda item R-8 to a $7,000.00 contribution to the Juneteenth Heritage Festival. Voting yea: T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: Thomas.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to re-present R-8 as a budget amendment of $5,000.00 for the Juneteenth Heritage Festival. Voting yea: T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: Thomas.

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated May 15, 2018. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.
Councilman T. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #16555  ORDER DESIGNATING PRO-VISION VIDEO SYSTEMS AS THE SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR BC-300 HD BODY CAMERA AND BC-380 10 CAMERA DOCK FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 #16556  ORDER DESIGNATING PRO-VISION VIDEO SYSTEMS AS THE SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER FOR 1080P HD IN-CAR VIDEO BASE KIT PLUS AND DVR-828 HD AUTOMATIC WIRELESS FILE TRANSFER KIT FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 #16557  ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM LAUDERDALE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC., OF VIDEO/AUDIO EQUIPMENT FOR USE AT THE MERIDIAN ACTIVITY CTR.

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

RESO. #6184  RESOLUTION STAYING DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD
UNDER AGREEMENT WITH LION INVESTMENTS,
LLC, PURSUANT TO COUNCIL ORDER NO. 16526

And, Councilwoman F. 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.

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

ORDER #16558  ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY ON THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ON A STUDY OF EFFECTIVENESS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT BY USE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

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, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

RESO. #6185  RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE “CITY”) DETERMINING THE NECESSITY FOR AMENDING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF 2006 (MERIDIAN CROSSROADS PROJECT); PROVIDING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE CONDUCTED FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING;
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

And, Councilwoman F. 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.

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


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, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16560 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY LEADING EDGES ADVERTISING FOR POLE BANNERS (PLACED AROUND THE CITY BEFORE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MUSEUM)

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, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Councilman T. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #16561 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF WIRELESS ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR WIRELESS ATTACHMENTS ON POLES (WATER METERS UPGRADES)

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 #16562 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MAGNOLIA STEEL COMPANY, INC., AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (R.O.W. AREA LYING BENEATH AND IN AREA OF 18TH AVENUE UNDERPASS)

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 Resolution:

RESO. #6186 FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO MAGNOLIA STEEL CO. INC., AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101 ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilwoman F. 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.

Councilwoman F. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #6187  FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO MEADOWBROOK HEALTH & REHAB DBA NORTH POINTE HEALTH & REHABILITATION, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 57-117-7 ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

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.

Councilwoman F. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #6188  FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD TO VAN ZYVERDEN, INC., AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-105 ET SEQ., OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilwoman Houston 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.

Order authorizing contribution of $5000.00 (agenda amended to $7,000.00) to the Juneteenth Heritage Festival failed by a vote of two yeas and three nays.  Yea: T. Johnson, Houston.  Nay: Thomas, F. Johnson, Lindemann.
The agenda was amended to reflect a budget amendment for $5,000.00 to the Juneteenth Heritage Festival with the resulting Resolution below:

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

RESO. #6189  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: T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: Thomas.

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

ORDER #16563  ORDER ACCEPTING DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2018

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, Lindemann.
Nay: None

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

ORDER #16564  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS WITH EIGHT (8) ARTISTS (ANNUAL JUNETEENTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2018)

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
Motion was made by Councilwoman F. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated May 31, 2018 in the amount of $2,725,447.99 with the following amendments: add $20,232.80 and remove $850.00 bringing the claims docket total to $2,744,830.49. Voting yea: T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Lindemann. Voting nay: Thomas, Houston.

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

ORDER #16565 ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE JUNE 19, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 10:00 A.M. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

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

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following:

a) Q&E General Civil Engineering Services
b) CPA/Auditor
c) Asphalt Mix (source of supply)
d) Concrete Mix (source of supply)
e) Concrete Pipe (source of supply)
f) Sign Blanks & Materials (source of supply)
g) Traffic Paint (source of supply)

President Thomas called for the Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bland said the most important thing that has happened in this city in the last 150 years is the passing by the board of this 126 million dollar EPA consent decree. As we do a lot of work to continue to upgrade our infrastructure needs, this Administration, Public Works and our Attorneys, here and in Jackson, have been in negotiation with the people in Atlanta and Washington since 2014, to come to an agreement on this consent decree so we can spread out the cost of these upgrade demands. I want to thank Hugh Smith, our Attorneys, the Engineers and all the individuals that helped during this making of a consent decree with the EPA. As we are doing this, we are also changing our residential and commercial water meters. We are in the process of trying to change our outdated information system that we currently have in our Human Resource Division. We will continue to address these eyesores in the community, things that have been issues for years, from knocking down houses to
renovating the Threefoot Building. We want the city to prosper and be a more attractive place for everyone. We continue to work with Mississippi Power on our LED Lighting Program, the raises for Police and Firefighters; these are some of the things put in place to improve the quality of life in a community.

President Thomas called for citizen comments:

a) Allen Shute – spoke
b) Victoria Nelson – did not appear
c) Tarrius D. Holt – spoke
d) Tommy Williams - spoke

President Thomas called for Council comments:

Various comments were made.

An executive session was requested regarding personnel performance. Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman F. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss personnel performance. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to go out of executive session. The meeting was called to order with no action 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