REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 AT 5:00 P.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 Dr. Rhett Payne of First Presbyterian Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a majority vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following amendments: Add R-14 (Order authorizing surplus of Old Police Station.); Add R-11a (Take from the table: Order authorizing execution of agreement for sale, purchase, and redevelopment of Old Police Station); and add R-15 (Take from the table: Order authorizing agreement with Couvillion Design Build for City Hall park design.) An executive session was added concerning the cell tower appeal. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann.

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated March 06, 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 #16514 IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF KENNETH R. (KEN) STORMS TO THE MERIDIAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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.

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

ORDER. #16515 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

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.

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

ORDER #16516 IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DAVID STEPHENS TO THE MERIDIAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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.

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

ORDER #16517 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION FOR A “HEALTHY HEROES PROGRAM” GRANT

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.

Councilwoman F. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16518 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMO-
RANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY
OF MERIDIAN AND IT’S GOVERNING AUTHORITIES
AND THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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.

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

ORDER #16519 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VENUE
USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN
AND THE STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.

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.

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

ORDER #16520 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF USE OF
FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT
OF THE AIR FORCE AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN
(USE OF PUBLIC TRAINING FACILITY)

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 #16521 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF APPROVAL AGREEMENT TO COLLECT OVERHEAD PHOTOGRAPHS AND REMOTE SENSED DATA BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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 Order:
ORDER #16522 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF USE OF FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (USE OF PUBLIC TRAINING FACILITY)

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.

Councilwoman F. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16523 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE ENGAGEMENT LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTLER SNOW LLP AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (DISSEMINATION AGENT)

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.

Councilwoman F. Johnson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16524  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SOFTWARE AND SERVICES PROPOSAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCCI LASERFICHE AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

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

ORDER #16525  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT AGREEMENT TO THE WATER USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

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 Ordinance:

ORDI. #4497  ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, TO PROVIDE FOR REDUCING OR WAIVING A PORTION OF BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES FOR RENOVATION OR REHABILITATION PROJECTS ON EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE MERIDIAN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

And, Councilman T. Johnson seconded the motion, whereupon said Ordinance 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 T. Johnson and passed by the majority of the Council to “Take From the Table” Order authorizing the execution of agreement for the sale, purchase, and redevelopment of the Old Police Station. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Lindemann. Order below:

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

ORDER #16526 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE, PURCHASE, AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD POLICE STATION AND THE VACANT BROOKSHIRE LOTS, CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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: None.
Abstain: Lindemann.

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

RESO. #1676 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, 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.

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated March 16, 2018 in the amount of $3,855,980.09. 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 the unanimous of the Council to “Take From the Table” Order authorizing the execution of agreement with Couvillion Design Build for City Hall park design. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None. Order below:

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

ORDER #16527  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUVILLION DESIGN BUILD AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (CITY HALL PARK)

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.

President Thomas called for Ricky Hood-Boys and Girls Club: Mr. Hood had cancelled. President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report: Mayor Bland had nothing to add.

The hour of 5:15 p.m. having arrived, the hearing as called for in Resolution No. 6168 regarding the appeal by Southern Linc for a cell tower placement on property located at 5021 Highway 493, Meridian Mississippi 39303, was opened with motion by Councilwoman F. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council. Those who signed up to speak were as follows:

1) Andy Rotenstreich (420 20th St. N St. 1900 Birmingham, AL 35203)
2) Chris Belvin (5020 Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian, MS)
3) Dalton Henry (Choctaw Transit, Choctaw, MS)
4) Jason Fortenberry (188 E Capital Street, Jackson, MS 39201)
5) Hartley Peavey (No address)
An executive session was requested regarding the cell tower appeal. Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an executive session. Councilwoman F. Johnson said that there may be a conflict on her part and excused herself and left the meeting. Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the remaining Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss the cell tower appeal. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman Lindemann and unanimously passed by the remaining Council to go out of executive session. The meeting was called to order, Councilwoman F. Johnson returned to the meeting and the following action taken:

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

ORDER #16528   ORDER AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF APPEAL BY SOUTHERN LINC TO PLACE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5021 HIGHWAY 493 NORTH, MERIDIAN, MS

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

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

President Thomas called for citizens comments.

a) Allen Shute – did not speak
b) Rod Brown – did not appear
c) Nathan Harding – did not appear
d) Marie Franklin – did not appear

President Thomas called for Council comments:

Councilman Lindemann, Councilwoman Houston, Councilwoman F. Johnson, Councilman T. Johnson and Council President Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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