REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 01, 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 Derrick Wilson of Faith Baptist 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:
Remove: C-2 (Resolution authorizing employment of law firm McHugh Fuller Law Group, PLLC as lead counsel in pursuit of civil litigation to abate the opioid crisis.) Remove R-8 (Ad valorem tax exemption for Tru Hotel by Hilton.) Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

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

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following Proclamations to be issued by the Mayor:

May 13-19, 2018 – “Police Memorial Week”

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

ORDER #16542 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE RILEY FOUNDATION FOR JEANNIE’S PLACE AT PLANET PLAYGROUND

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 Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16543  ORDER AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMS) AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

ORDER #16544  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AND LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (LAKEVIEW BOAT RAMP AND CLEAR SHORELINE)

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

ORDER #16545  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN PYROTECNICO, NEW CASTLE, PA AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (JULY 4, 2018 FIREWORKS DISPLAY)

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 Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16546  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF EAST MISSISSIPPI, INC. (VELMA YOUNG CLUB USE)

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 #16547  ORDER APPROVING THE PLAT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS OF CONVEYANCE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (33RD STREET RELOCATION)

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

RESO. #6180  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF LIS PENDENS NOTICES AND FILING OF CONFIRMATION DECLARING PROPERTIES TO BE FREE OF LIS PENDENS PLACED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AS OF MAY 1, 2018 (PPIN 25780, 5188, AND 13888)

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

RESO. #6181 RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK FOR THE ONGOING DOWN-TOWN MASTER PLAN (MAY 14, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.)

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.

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 April 26, 2018 in the amount of $3,563,448.70. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report:

Mayor Bland made various comments.

President Thomas called for citizen comments:

a) Allen Shute – spoke
b) Paul Bucurel - spoke
c) Tricia LaBiche – spoke

President Thomas 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