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 Lovell Mosley of St. John Missionary 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: Add: R-9 (Order authorizing agreement between the city and Mississippi Military Department-Key Field, for mutual aid fire protection.) Request to move the Mayors recognition of students with excellent ACT Scores to be presented on the agenda before regular agenda items. 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 passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated May 1, 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 Resolution:

RESO. #6182 RESOLUTION DECLARING OPIOID CRISIS A PUBLIC NUISANCE WHICH MUST BE ABATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AND ITS CITIZENS AND AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE AND PURSUE CIVIL LITIGATION TO ABATE OR CAUSE TO BE ABATED THE PUBLIC NUISANCE

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 F. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following Proclamations to be issued by the Mayor: May 20-26, 2018 – “National Public Works Week”
President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report:

Mayor Bland thanked the Public Works Department; this is Public Works Week and he wants to give them thanks for all the work they do to make the city livable. Mayor Bland introduced Dr. Carlisle, from East Mississippi State Hospital to talk about May being Mental Health Awareness Month. Dr. Carlisle said he wanted people to be aware that help is available and to reach out to get help when needed. Dr. Carlisle mentioned the great partnership between the city and EMSH also that the hospital had some property out near the soccer fields and that they will look at doing something to expand the soccer field.

Mayor Bland and Meridian High School Principal, Mr. Victor Hubbard, announced the students that have made ACT Scores of 25 and above, to come forward and be presented with a certificate of achievement. These 15 students are members of the MHS ACT 25+ Club:

TaKiedra Dean    Audra Robinson
Guadalupe Devora LaCamiyah Taylor
Kyra Grant       Daradell Thompson II
Zykeyah Horn     Felicity Walters
Samuel Madden    Michael Wood
Miles Miller     John Young
Adora Norman     David Zheng
James Prewitt

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

ORDER #16548 IN THE MATTER OF: THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANNIE M. MCMILLAN TO THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION

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 #16549 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUB-RECIPIENT GRANT AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF HOME-
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 #16550 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY ON THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE ON A RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDY OF DECISION-MAKING AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 #16551 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CARDX, LLC, ELAVON, INC., AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR CREDIT CARD TERMINALS

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

ORDER #16552 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE WECHSLER FOUNDATION (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT)
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 Resolution:

RESO. #6183    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000.00 FROM THE WECHSLER FOUNDATION

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 Order:

ORDER #16553    ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH ARCHER ARCHITECTURE TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR WECHSLER FOUNDATION IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (RFQ #18-06)

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman F. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated May 11, 2018 in the amount of $4,022,050.09. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:
ORDER #16554
ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT (KEY FIELD) AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR FIRE PROTECTION

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.

President Thomas advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following:
   a) Water Filtration Repair – North Freshwater Treatment Plant

President Thomas called for citizen comments:
   a) Allen Shute – did not appear

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