REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President, Tyrone Johnson.

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Glenn Jackson, Central 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: R-7 (Order authorizing acceptance of engagement letter from Breazeale, Saunders & O'Neil LTD to conduct the city’s FY’2018 audit.) Add: (Personnel performance to the Executive Session.) Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Upon reconvening after executive session, motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson to add to the agenda R-8 (Order authorizing the law firm of Jernigan Copeland & Anderson, PLLC to file suit.) Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Motion made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated October 11 & 16, 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 #16636 ORDER AUTHORIZING POWERDMS AS THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER AS THE EXCLUSIVE SOFTWARE OPTION FOR DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

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

ORDER #16643  ORDER DECLARING VEHICLES SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS VEHICLES

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 #16644  ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 16623 ENTITLED “ORDER DECLARING VEHICLES SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS VEHICLES”

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 #16645  ORDER DECLARING MALE BELGIAN MALINOIS K-9 DOG “DUSTY” SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF THIS DOG TO PHILLIP WALK

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 Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the following Proclamation to be issued by the Mayor:

The Month of November 2018 – “National American Indian Month”

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

**ORDER #16646** ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF APPROVAL AGREEMENT TO COLLECT OVERHEAD PHOTOGRAPHS AND REMOTE SENSED DATA BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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 #16647** ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SOFTWARE LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN IMAGE TREND, INC., AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR MODIFICATION TO A SYSTEM (E-911 UPGRADE)

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 #16648** ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEETING SPACE CONTRACT BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY RILEY CENTER AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE MERRY MERIDIAN MARKET EVENT (NOVEMBER 17, 2018)
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 Ordinance:

ORDI. #4503 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 16, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 20, SECTION 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

And, Councilman Thomas 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.

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

ORDER #16649 ORDER SETTLING CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FROM STRADA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC UPON 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated November 01, 2018 in the amount of $1,802,164.24. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann.

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

ORDER #16650 ORDER RETAINING THE FIRM OF BREAZEALE, SAUNDERS
& O'NEIL, LTD. TO PREPARE THE EXAMINATION OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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.
Nay: Lindemann.

President Johnson called for the Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bland said there will be a meeting November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Walker Chapel Church in Councilman Johnson’s ward, to discuss a road closure and economic development issue for that area; more information will follow on this meeting. We are going to address the concerns of the people in that community. We have already talked to some of the people and Bill Hannah and his team will be providing some information related to that site they are trying to get established in that area off of Sweet Gum Bottom Road. We went to this area about three or four years ago to deal with some road issues and we communicated with the people about what we were trying to do. The paving did take some time, be we eventually got the road paved and also added some LED lights; there was a need of lights out there. So, this is a big issue that relates to economic development and also there are some other concerns within that community. We are going to hear both sides, and then we will have to make some decisions as it relates to economic development in that area and how it may impact the citizens that live there.

This Sunday coming up, November 11th at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Veteran’s Day Ceremony and a Parade to follow, that will begin at 3:00 p.m. I encourage everyone to go vote, vote, and vote today. The polls will be open until 7:00 p.m. There are a lot of people providing rides, there are contact numbers available, you may call our office at 601-485-1926 if special transportation is needed to go vote. We had training last week with three of the Council Members, and we will try to take some of those best practices and move forward with them. We hope to have some more work sessions with the Council. We have some projects and some things we need to discuss, just let us know. We are in the process of upgrading our water meters, if you have questions or concerns about your water bill please call 601-484-7173. The holiday dates that City Hall will be closed are:

President Johnson called for citizen comments:

a) Linda Posey – did not appear
b) Melinda Vinson Northan -spoke
c) Fannie M. Jennings - spoke
d) Tommy Williams - spoke
President Johnson called for Council comments:

Various comments were made.

An executive session was requested regarding potential litigation, pending litigation and personnel performance with possible action to follow. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas 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 Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss potential litigation, pending litigation and personnel performance with possible action to follow. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and unanimously passed by the Council to go out of executive session with the following action.

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

ORDER #16651 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF JERNIGAN COPELAND & ANDERSON, PLLC TO PROCEED WITH FILING SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR REPAIRS TO IHOP DRAINAGE STRUCTURE COLLAPSE

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.

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