Meeting called to order by Council President, Tyrone Johnson.

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

Absent: F. Johnson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Odell Hopkins, of West Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman T. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman Lindemann and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following changes: Add: R-15 (“Order authorizing amendment of Order No. 16851 (Order authorizing the execution of lease agreement between Meyer & Rosenbaum, Inc., and the City of Meridian (Office space at Union Station))”). Add: R-16 (Lift from Table “Minutes dated May 28, 2019”) Remove: R-7 (Order authorizing acceptance of engagement letter from BDK, LLP to prepare the city’s FY’2019 audit.) Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None. Absent: F. Johnson.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated November 19, 2019. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None. Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16869 ORDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM SPONSORSHIP FROM HILL REAL ESTATE GROUP FOR THE MERIDIAN CANDY CRAWL

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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16870 ORDER AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF BENCHES, PAINTING, AND LABOR FROM WILL MCCARTY, MEMBER OF TRAIL LIFE USA FOR THE NORTHEAST TENNIS CENTER
And, Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16871 ORDER AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF FLOWER BULBS FROM AN ANONYMOUS BENEFACITOR TO BE USED FOR THE BONITA LAKES PARK

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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16872 ORDER AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AWARDED TO THE CITY OF MERIDIAN THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (FY 19 JAG)

And, Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16873 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUB-RECIPIENT GRANT AWARD LETTER/GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FROM STATE OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
And, Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, Passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16874 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOMELAND SECURITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (FISCAL YEAR 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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16875 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALTAWORX AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16876 ORDER AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER AND AMENDMENT TO LAUDERDALE COUNTY’S E-911 COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SOFTWARE AND REIMBURSEMENT TO LAUDERDALE COUNTY 911 DISTRICT
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, Houston.
Nay: Lindemann.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

ORDER #16877 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 BETWEEN HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (NORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT AND BASIN REPAIR)

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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

RESO. #6246 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND EXECUTION OF DEEDS FOR ONE (1) LOT UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE § 21-17-1(11)

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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

RESO. #6247 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (THE “CITY”), TO EITHER ISSUE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY, ISSUE A REVENUE BOND OF SAID CITY FOR SALE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK (THE “BANK”) OR ENTER INTO A LOAN WITH THE BANK,
ALL IN THE TOTAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FORTY ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND 00/100 ($41,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, AND/OR EXTENDING THE COMBINED WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

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

RESO. #6248 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, 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, Houston.
Nay: Lindemann.
Absent: F. Johnson.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve Section (1) Payroll of the claims docket in the amount of $757,679.46. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann. Absent: F. Johnson.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman T. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve Section (2) Mandatory & Operational Items of the claims docket in the amount of $704,169.53. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann. Absent: F. Johnson.

Total amount approved/passed $1,461,848.99 claims docket dated, November 21, 2019.

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

ORDER #16878 ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 16851 ENTITLED “ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT"
And, Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.
Absent: F. Johnson.

Motion was made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a unanimous vote to lift from the table for discussion the Minutes dated May 28, 2019.
Discussion was made to accept the minutes with corrections or accept the minutes as transcribed from stenographer. Another issue was whether to wait for the transcribing of an additional recording or accept what we have and amend them later. The final decision was to Table them again.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman T. Johnson and passed by majority vote to Table the minutes until we have the complete details for review. Voting yea: T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: Thomas. Absent: F. Johnson.

President T. Johnson advised of the notification of legal advertisement for the following: a) Renovations to B Street Water Treatment Plant.

Ms. Betty Lou Jones is here representing Merrehope and F. W. Williams Historic Properties here in Meridian. I came to tell you that we appreciate the support of the city and all of the different departments. These properties were secured in 1968 and were restored and saved from demolition. They have been turned into property that is used by our city, recognized by the National Historic Registry also as a Mississippi Landmark. And today we function as a very important part of our tourism program here in Lauderdale County. For 52 years we have maintained these properties with the help of the City of Meridian and the residents of this community for people to use. To thank the city for helping us and asking for continued help through the budgetary process and any way you can. Today we want to pay special tribute to the Fire and Police Departments by offering tickets for them to come to the Trees of Christmas again this year. We will be open from 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Saturday, and we will be open three Sundays this December.

President T. Johnson called for the Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bland – We have our Christmas Tree Lighting tonight on City Hall Lawn at 5:30. Saturday, December 7th, at 5:00 we will have our Christmas Parade.
I am asking the Council if we are going to have a work session this month, because a lot of people are taking off for the holidays.
Council President- December 10th at 9:00 is the time for the next work session.
Councilman Thomas- Is the traffic light still on schedule?
Director Smith- Yes.
President T. Johnson called for citizen comments:

a. Melinda Vinson Northam – spoke

President T. Johnson called for Council comments:

Various comments were made by the Council Members.

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