REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 5:00 P.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 Councilwoman F. Johnson and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following amendments: Add R-7 (Order authorizing execution of donation of Union Station room space for Mission Mississippi-Meridian prayer breakfast on January 28, 2020.) Remove Executive Session topic of prospective property sale and Add potential litigation. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.


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

RESO. #6251  RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COURT CLERKS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

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, T. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann.
Nay: None.

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

ORDER #16892  ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SECURAMAX BY PRO-VISION AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (DATA HOSTING FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT)

And, Councilwoman F. Johnson seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:
Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #16893 ORDER ACCEPTING HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FROM DAROLD WHITE TO REMOVE SILT FROM OPEN DITCH TO ALLEVIATE A POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARD CAUSED BY A SANITARY SEWER DISCHARGE ON PROPERTY AT 4830 18TH STREET, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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.

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

ORDER #16894 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF VENUE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND THE STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.

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.

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

RESO. #6252 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 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.
Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman F. Johnson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to **approve Section (1) Payroll** of the claims docket in the amount of $2,066,856.73. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann.

Motion was made by Councilwoman F. Johnson duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to **approve Section (2) Mandatory & Operational Items** of the claims docket in the amount of $3,194,677.24. Voting yea: Thomas, T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

**Total amount approved/passed** $5,261,533.97 claims docket dated, January 17, 2020.

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

**ORDER #16895**  
ORDER AUTHORIZING DONATION OF THE USE OF A ROOM AT UNION STATION FOR PRAYER BREAKFAST (JANUARY 28, 2020) FOR THE MISSION MISSISSIPPI-MERIDIAN CHAPTER

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 Johnson called for the Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bland – Gray Davis and Henry Prewitt are two of our Local Boy Scouts, and to complete one of their merit badges they had to have some city government engagement. They have come out this evening attending this Council Meeting to experience local government in action. Gray said he goes to Lamar School and Henry said he goes to Northwest Middle School.

Mayor Bland – I will be going to the Mayor’s Conference this week in Washington. We look forward to the work session next Tuesday in regards to certain things we want to talk about. We will also have our financial team here discussing those issues that some of you want to talk about. We will also give some time-lines about some of the projects we are working on. At the end of this month on the 30th of January, we will have our kickoff for the Mississippi State Lottery and also at Dumont Plaza we will have the Chili Cook-off Event sponsored by Magnolia for the community, this will be a good event.

Councilman Thomas – You will report on the Debt Collection Hearing Officer and the Fire Station?
Mayor Bland – Correct, we will have the data on the Fire Station tomorrow, we have had four good months of positive cash flow as it relates to our sales tax dollars coming in. For the last four months we have been in the black in our budgeted line items. The sales tax diversion money came in looks like we will get $168,000 in January and July, about $340,000 this year. It should go up incrementally each year; in about three or four years getting us to about $1,350,000. One thing we want to do with this sales tax diversion money is put into our roads and streets. That what the people have said they want to see done.

Councilman Thomas – Will we have the firm doing the 22nd Avenue Project, be at the work session also?

Hugh Smith – I don’t know if I can get them here, but I spoke with them this afternoon and they are working on some things in preparation for that meeting.

Councilman Thomas – There are three things I want you to talk about, at least; traffic-controlled lights, cost and installation.

President Johnson called for citizen comments:

a) Melinda Vinson Northam - spoke

President Johnson 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