Meeting called to order by Council President, Houston.

Present: Thomas, F. Johnson via phone, Houston, Lindemann.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary Houston, of Life Church and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Lindemann and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to confirm the agenda with the following changes: Add R-6 (Order extending the no late fees and no disconnections to water accounts through May 31, 2020.) Add (Executive Session: personnel performance, potential litigation.) Add R-7 (Order postponing the election date to June 23, 2020, for the Ward 2 City Council Seat.) Add Amendment to Claims Docket’s Mandatory & Operational Items (Payment #203413 in the amount of $504,943.75.) Voting yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

Motion made by Councilman Lindemann duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes dated May 05, 2020. Voting yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: None.

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

ORDER #16953 ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO, 16935 ENTITLED “ORDER DESIGNATING MUELLER SYSTEMS AS THE SOLE SOURCE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE MUELLER SYSTEMS WATER METERS FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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

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

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

ORDER #16954 IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ROB ROBINSON TO THE ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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

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

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


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

Yea: Thomas, 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 discuss R-3 (Order authorizing acceptance of three-year use agreement with East Coast Sox of the Q.V. Sykes Park.) After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Lindemann and duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston to TABLE the issue. Voting yea: F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemann. Voting nay: Thomas.

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

RESO. #6270 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, Councilman Lindemann seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston.
Nay: 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 $969,299.97. Voting yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston. Voting nay: Lindemann.
Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Lindemmann and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to approve Section (2) Mandatory & Operational Items of the claims docket in the amount of $1,065,491.43 with added payment #203413 for $504,943.75 Voting yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemmann. Voting nay: None.


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

ORDER #16956 ORDER EXTENDING THE WAIVING OF LATE FEES AND NO DISCONNECTIONS OF WATER SERVICES THROUGH MAY 31, 2020 DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS (CORONAVIRUS) COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC

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

Yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemmann.
Nay: None.

Vice-President Houston called for the Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bland and Hugh Smith said there was an emergency situation of a water line break at 4210 North Frontage Road. A temporary repair was done by public works crews, but a contractor will be needed for the permanent repair of the line break.

Vice-President Houston called for Council comments:

Various comments were made by the Council Members.

An executive session was requested regarding personnel performance and potential litigation. Motion was made by Councilman Lindemmann duly seconded by Councilman Thomas 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 Councilman Lindemmann and unanimously passed by the Council to declare an executive session in order to discuss personnel performance and potential litigation. The Council then went into executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Lindemmann and unanimously passed by the Council to go out of executive session. The Regular Meeting was reconvened with the following action:

Motion was made by Councilman Lindemmann duly seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council to amend the agenda with the following changes: Add R-7 (Order authorizing the postponing of Ward 2 City Council Special Election date to June 23, 2020.) Voting yea: Thomas, F. Johnson, Houston, Lindemmann. Voting nay: None.
Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #16957  EMERGENCY ORDER POSTPONING TO JUNE 23, 2020, THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL SEAT

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

Yea: Thomas, 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