



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024
5:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 05:33 PM.

Members Present:

Council Member Ward I, Seat II Matt Jarrett
Council Member Ward IV, Seat II Casey Powell
Council Member Ward III, Seat II Jeff Snow
Council Member, Ward III, Seat I Gavin Hawthorne
Council Member, Ward I, Seat I Mike Cusack
Council Member Ward II, Seat II Roxanne Meiss
Council Member, Ward II, Seat I Marilyn Farrow
Council Member, Ward 4, Seat I Shari Sebastiao
Mayor Heather Lindsay

Members Absent:

Members of the Public in Attendance

Kathy Ellis, Donna Long, Sherry Chapman, Brian McGuire, Troy Spradlin, Bobby Burkett, David Farrow, Gwen Schar, Desi Lee, Vernon Compton, Jean Samples, David Samples, Robert Leek, Tina Pintor, Vickie Mullins, Zachary Reinhart, Kristin Compton, Dan Mullins, Vera Cooper, A. Williams, Jimmy Messick

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Scott Collins
City Attorney, Alex Andrade
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Systems Analyst, Ashley Johnston
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Chief of Police, Tony Tindell

2. Invocation

Invocation was provided by Minister Troy Spradlin of Margaret Street Church of Christ.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack;
second by Shari Sebastiao;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack; second by Matt Jarrett;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike
Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilwoman Farrow added two items under Public Works. One concerning the Utility Bill and one concerning HB777

6. Recognitions, Proclamations & Awards

Item # 2024-2189
Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation
Mayor Lindsay read the Human Trafficking Awareness Month
Proclamation

Item # 2024-2190
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation
Mayor Lindsay read the Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Proclamation

7. Public Hearings/Meetings

No Public Hearing

8. Invited Speakers

Mr. Robert Smith, Chair Person of the Utility Systems Coalition of NSR County spoke on requested changes to HB1485.

Mr. Smith spoke with Rep Rudman and suggested making changes to the proposed bill - to have a temporary board with 5 specific members (listed proposed members)

Establish a temporary board to conduct a study and then, following implementation of the bill, 5 members would be elected to the board.

The requested amendment to the first part (temporary board) to consist of: The Mayor of Milton or her designee, The Mayor of the Town of Jay or his designee and the other members of the NSR County Coalition. Additionally, developers and Builders not be included in that initial body. Rep Rudman would take those requests to Senator Broxson. The coalition has not received an answer back on that yet.

HB1485 was filed by Rep Rudman who stated that what they filed was not the final bill and that changes and amendments would occur after filing.

(Read a text message from Rep Rudman from today) **(Rep Rudman)** "House Bill 1485 can now be pulled from the public record. After my meeting today I can tell you the bill no longer exists in the form as it was filed. It will be heavily amended, and I mean heavily, waiting to get the Senator's new suggestions. It's being written up right now. Things are moving in good direction. I am going to see the new language first before I make any comments. It may be that all of our changes are obsolete. It may be that even my suggestions become obsolete. But I am very hopeful."

(Mr. Smith's reply) "Doc, do you have any idea when we could expect a response from Senator Broxson? Mayor Lindsay has invited us to meet with the Milton City council at 5:30 for an updated report. I will share your message of tonight. I'm sure the question will arise what the final draft will contain. There is a big move to have a contingent of locals come to the first subcommittee meeting. I can tell you now, any changes in the makeup of the initial temporary board will not be accepted by our Coalition. Thank you for working with us and hopefully it can be worked out for your benefit as well as ours."

(Rep Rudman) "I'll let you know when I hear something. Things don't move as quickly as we would like."

Mr. Smith explained that the coalition is requesting from the City of Milton the following:

- 1) To help pay to conduct the study (1/11 of the cost)**
- 2) Attend 1st subcommittee meeting with the coalition on chartered buses. (estimate is \$3,800/ bus)**

9. Persons to Appear

Persons to Appear provided by: Desi Lee, David Samples, Melissa Simpson

10. General Consent Agenda

Item # 2023-2145
General Consent Agenda

ACTION:

Motion to Approve by Matt Jarrett; second
by Gavin Hawthorne;

YEAS: Motion passed - 8:0
Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Item # 2023-2171

SEPA - Tiny Acres Horse Rescue Fundraiser (2/9 & 2/10, 2024)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second
by Shari Sebastiao;

YEAS: Motion passed - 8:0
Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Item # 2023-2172

SEPA - Old Fashion 5k (5/25/24)

Item # 2024-2186

Resolution 2024-01 Amending Resolution #1590-23 NSRCUA
Representative

11. Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance 1994-23 Local Historic Resource addition to UDC - Sections 11.4
& 11.5 - Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second
by Shari Sebastiao;

YEAS: Motion passed - 6:2
Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow
ABSTAIN: None

Second Reading of ORD 1994-23 was read by City Attorney,
Alex Andrade

Ordinance 1995-23 - Residential Transparency Standards - Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Jeff Snow;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Second Reading of ORD 1995-23 was read by City Attorney, Alex
Andrade

Ordinance 1996-23 City Council Meeting and Work Session Schedule -
Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Mike Cusack;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Second Reading of ORD 1996-23 was read by City Attorney, Alex
Andrade

Ordinance 1997-23 Boards and Committees Appointment Policy -
Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Roxanne Meiss;
second by Shari Sebastiao;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Second Reading of ORD 1997-23 was read by City Attorney, Alex
Andrade

Ordinance 1998-23 City Clerk Appointment - Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by Matt Jarrett;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Second Reading of ORD 1998-23 was read by City Attorney, Alex Andrade
Council discussed ORD 1998-23 & City Manager Scott Collins explained the intent of the ordinance.

Molly Turnes is appointed as City Clerk for the City of Milton.

Ordinance 1999-23 City Council Vacancies Appointment Procedure
Amendment - Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by Shari Sebastiao;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Second Reading of ORD 1999-23 was read by City Attorney, Alex Andrade

Ordinance 01-24 City Council Meeting Agenda Format

The first reading of Ordinance 01-24 did not occur.
City Manager Scott Collins explained to council the intent of the proposed ordinance and suggested putting it on the February council meeting for the first reading.

Ordinance 02-24 City Council and City Boards Procedural Rules

The first reading of Ordinance 02-24 did not occur.
City Manager Scott Collins explained to council the intent of the proposed ordinance and suggested putting it on the February council meeting for the first reading.

Resolution 2024-02 Sanitation, Water & Wastewater Funds Forward

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Matt Jarrett; second by Casey Powell;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2024-02 was read by City Attorney, Alex Andrade

Resolution 2024-03 RESTORE Council Appointment

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by Shari Sebastiao;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2024-03 was read by City Attorney, Alex Andrade

Resolution 2024-04 New Plan Sponsor of Mission Square Retirement Plan

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Mike Cusack;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2024-04 was read by City Manager, Scott Collins

12. City of Milton Events

No Report

13. Public Information Officer Report

No Report

14. Finance, Planning Board

No Report

15. Administration, Emerald Coast Regional Council

Councilwoman Farrow reported to Council

Item # 2024-2185

City of Milton Board Vacancies

Councilman Farrow reported to Council.

Board Vacancies

- Historic Preservation Board has one vacancy - 2 applications - Jeff Martin & Mary Johnson
- Community Improvement Board- has one vacancy - 1 application - Cindy Smith
- Planning Board - one vacancy - 1 application - Kathy Ellis (appointment made by Ward IV Council Members)

Public input was provided by: Cynthia Smith, Kathy Ellis

16. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to Council.

17. LEAP

Mayor Lindsay asked Councilwoman Sebastiao if she would like to be on the LEAP Committee

18. Board of Adjustments

No Report

19. Historic Preservation Board, Transportation Planning Organization

No Report

20. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

Councilman Snow reported to Council.

21. Public Works

Councilman Powell reported to Council

(Discussion added to the agenda by Councilwoman Farrow re: Broxson Utility Bill 1485 & HB777)

Motion to Oppose the UT Bill as made by Councilwoman Farrow

Public Input: Elijah Bell, Wesley Meiss, Theresa Messick

City Manager Scott Collins stated he would draft a formal resolution stating Council opposes the bill as filed.

ACTION:

Motion to Oppose Utility HB 1485 by Marilynn Farrow;
second by Shari Sebastiao;

Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Second Motion for Opposition to HB 777

ACTION: Motion to Oppose HB 777 public works by Marilyn Farrow; second by Shari Sebastiao;
Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Email to be sent to the committee.

22. Mayor Report: Public Safety, Ordinance Committee

Mayor Lindsay had previously in the meeting reported.

23. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Alex Andrade reported to Council regarding "Form 6 Financial Disclosure."

24. City Manager's Report

City Manager Scott Collins reported to Council

25. Public Input

Public input was provided by: Theresa Messick, Robert Leak, Vernon Compton

26. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 07:40 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date