



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024
6:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 07:15 PM.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Council Member, Ward I, Seat II Matthew Jarrett

Members of the Public in Attendance

Larry McKee, Sherry Chapman, Cyndi Pelton, Art Brown, Susan Brown, David Farrow, Reni Johnmeyer, Elizabeth Major, Pam Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Vernon Compton, Jeff Crigler, Jim Anderson, Rick Rogers, Cassandra Sharp, Lauren Odgers, Buddy Fisher, Gwen Sachar, Ashley Fretwell, Joe Fretwell, Alfred Picardi, Barbara Buss, Lynn Buss, JD Blake, Chris Curb, Dan Mullins, Vicki Mullins, Dean Leightey, Theresa Messick, Jimmy Messick, Lynwood Hurston, Carol Rich,

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Attorney, Alex Andrade
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
IT Systems Analyst, Brittney Ballard
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson
Economic Development Director, Stephen Prestesater
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
CFO, Curtis Crebs
Events Coordinator, Jay Conrad
Chief of Police, Tony Tindell

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Steve Warren

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2024-2833

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024

ACTION:	Motion to Approve as amended by Casey Powell; second by Shari Sebastiao; Motion passed - 7:0
YEAS:	Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Councilwoman Farrow made a correction at the work session for this item to change #14 to "the council showed *consensus* for the singing of the national anthem before the youth games"

Item # 2024-2863

FY25 Budget Public Hearing 1 Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2024

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by Marilyn Farrow; Motion passed - 7:0
YEAS:	Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Item # 2024-2864

FY25 Budget Public Hearing 2 for September 19, 2024

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Gavin Hawthorne; Motion passed - 7:0
YEAS:	Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn

Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item # 2024-2865

Special Called Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2024

ACTION: Motion to Approve as amended by Jeff Snow; second by Gavin Hawthorne;

Motion passed - 7:0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilwoman Farrow made the correction that the motion did not state that Councilman Snow made to "extend the bid for 10 days for negotiations" and should be changed.

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve as Amended by Marilynn Farrow; second by Mike Cusack;

Motion passed - 6:1

YEAS: Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: Roxanne Meiss

ABSTAIN: None

Council Added the Tree removal item for the Historical Society to this agenda and moved new items from the work session agenda that weren't discussed to the December 10th Council Meeting agenda.

5 items moving to consent (that were discussed during the work session):

- MLK Parade
- Employee Christmas Luncheon
- Wreaths Across America Sponsorship
- Residential Facade Grant for Combs Street
- Lift Station Crane Truck Purchase

Additionally, at the request of the public, council moved the last two items under #20 up to after Ordinances & Resolution.

- Item# 2024-2810 Invitation to Bid#2024-10Effluent Disposal System and Sprayfields 1&2
- Item# 2024-2886 Bid Opening for ITB 2024.11 Milton Force Main Interconnect Materials Phase 2&3 Project

The facade grant for the Henderson House was not added to the agenda as discussed during the work session

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Item # 2024-2869

Captain's Oath of Office / Pinning Ceremony MFD - Maddox

Pinning Ceremony was held during the work session

Item # 2024-2870

Milton Fire Department - FMIT Certificate of Safety Recognition

FMIT Certificate of Safety Recognition was held during the work session

Item # 2024-2875

Check Presentation to Milton Historic Cemetery Fund

Check presentation was held during the work session

Item # 2024-2874

Veterans Day Proclamation

Mayor Lindsay read the Veterans Day Proclamation

6. Public Hearings

No Public Hearings

7. Invited Speakers

No Invited Speakers

8. Persons to Appear

Public input was provided by: Sherry Chapman, Alfred Picardi (Midway Water Board), Theresa Messick, Pam Mitchell, Jerry Couey, Cindy Smith, Larry McKee, David Samples

9. General Consent Agenda

Item # 2024-2834

General Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve as amended by
Jeff Snow; second by Shari
Sebastiao;
Motion passed - 7:0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Items that were added to the consent agenda

- Item# 2024-2891 SEPA: MKL JR Parade
- Item# 2024-2873 Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon
- Item# 2024-2740 Wreaths Across America Sponsorship
- Item# 2024-2872 Lift Station Crane Truck

Item # 2024-2798
2025 Proposed Council Meeting Schedule

Item # 2024-2861
Vehicle Purchase- Ford Ranger for Meter Department

Item # 2024-2862
Vehicle Purchase - Garbage Truck for Sanitation
Department

10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2024-2806
Ordinance #20-24 Architectural Design Standards in CRA Areas
2nd Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey
Powell; second by Marilynn
Farrow;
Motion passed - 7:0

YEAS: Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey
Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn

Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari
Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**City Attorney Alex Andrade read second reading of
Ordinance #20-24**

Item # 2024-2889

Resolution # 2024-39 Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow;
second by Casey Powell;
Motion passed - 7:0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**City Attorney Alex Andrade read Resolution #2024-
39**

Item # 2024-2890

Resolution # 2024-40 FY24 Budget Amendment

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow;
second by Gavin Hawthorne;
Motion passed - 7:0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**City Attorney Alex Andrade read Resolution #2024-
40**

11. City of Milton Events

Item # 2024-2891

SEPA: Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Celebration (1/20/25)

Motion passed with Consent Agenda

12. Public Information Officer Report

Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson reported to council

13. Planning Board

Councilman Cusack reported to council

14. Administration, Emerald Coast Regional Council

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council

- The State Audit Response item from the work session was discussed by council.

(Councilwoman Farrow passed out a document with her comments and reviewed it with council)

IT Director, Krystle Nowlin reported to council in regard to policy for electronic records and audio at council meetings

- Item# 2024-2878 Exploring options for improvement to consistent audio during meetings- was not discussed during work session. Councilwoman Farrow stated that it was much better this meeting

IT Director, Krystle Nowlin reported to council

Item # 2024-2873

City of Milton Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon (**action item**)

Added to consent agenda

Item # 2024-2740

Wreaths Across America Sponsorship (**action item**)

Added to consent agenda

Item # 2024-2888

Board Vacancy - Historic Preservation Board (**discussion item**)

Discussed at the work session

15. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council

16. LEAP

Councilwoman Sebastiao reported to council

Krystle Nowlin reported to council regarding the Internship Program and the intern that was hired by the City to work in the IT Department.

17. Board of Adjustments

No Report

18. Historic Preservation Board, Transportation Planning Organization

Councilwoman Meiss reported to council

19. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

Councilman Snow reported to council

Item # 2024-2876

Residential Facade Grant - 5055 Canal St. **(action item)**

20. Finance, Public Works

Councilman Powell reported to council

Public input was provided by: Cindy Smith

Item # 2024-2872

Lift Station Crane Truck **(action item)**

Item # 2024-2810

Invitation to Bid #2024-10 Effluent Disposal System and Sprayfields 1 & 2 **(action item)**

ACTION:	Motion to Move to December 10th Meeting by Jeff Snow; second by Casey Powell; Motion passed - 7:0
YEAS:	Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

(This item was moved up after ordinances and resolutions)

Members of Council discussed the benefit of not going forward or going forward with this item as well as losing the \$5M in funding if the contract is not executed by December 31.

Mr. Chavers of Chavers Construction spoke and answered questions from council.

Councilmembers Elect McKee and Fretwell spoke on this item also.

Item # 2024-2886

Bid Opening for ITB 2024.11 Milton Force Main Interconnect Materials Phase 2 & 3 Project **(action item)**

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Jeff Snow; Motion passed - 7:0
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YEAS: Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Shari Sebastiao

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

21. Mayor Report: Public Safety, Ordinance Committee

Mayor Lindsay reported to council

22. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Alex Andrade reported to council

23. City Manager's Business

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Shari Sebastiao;

Motion passed - 7:0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM ADDED

Enter into agreement with the Historical Society to temporarily remove trees along canal street to facilitate the moving of the house

24. Public Input

Public input was provided by: Jimmy Messick (provided paperwork to Council), Howard Steele, Tina Pintor, Vernon Compton, Theresa Messick, Nicole Jackson

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 09:04 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date