



CITY COUNCIL
Special Called Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2024
5:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 05:30 PM.

Members Present:

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 III, Seat II Robert Leek
Council Member Ward I, Seat II Tom Powers
Council Member, Ward IV, Seat I Ashley Fretwell
Council Member Ward II, Seat II Larry McKee
Mayor Heather Lindsay

Members Absent:

Members of the Public in Attendance

Vernon Compton, Roxanne Meiss, Pam Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Jim Anderson (BDI), David Samples, Jean Samples, Shari Sebastiao, Daniel Mullins, Chris Curb, Lauren Odgers, Serene Keick, Vera Cooper, Brian M'Guire, Buddy Fisher, Joe Lewis, Art Brown, Susan Brown, Donna Long, Angela Hole, Vickie McKee, Amber Leek, Francesca Sciolino, David Farrow, Vickie Mullins

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
IT Systems Analyst, Ashley Johnston
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson
Planning Director, Tim Milstead
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Events Coordinator, Jay Conrad
Economic Development Director, Stephen Prestesater
Chief of Police, Tony Tindell

2. Persons to Appear

Public input was provided by: Joe Lewis

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Redesign

Item # 2024-2971

Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. Task Order - New Wastewater Treatment Facility

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council concerning the BDI Task Order to redesign and move the WWTP project.

Three options to consider as outlined in the cover sheet of the agenda item.

1. Approve the "Fast Track" Task Order in the amount of \$2,531,825.
2. Approve the "Blank Page" Task Order in the amount of \$5,886,970.
3. Provide direction to staff.

1. FAST TRACK - The first is for a "Fast Track" process that will take the existing design and treatment methodology and sprayfield disposal method and re-site the plant on the new location. The Fast Track option will see the new design completed, permitted and ready to bid in 465 calendar days, provided there are no issues identified with the site from a geo-technical perspective and there are no challenges to the permit from the public. This option will be delivered for a fee of **\$2,531,825**.

2. BLANK PAGE - The second task order is for a "Blank Page" process completely starting over. This will allow the City to consider new treatment and disposal options to meet current or anticipated regulatory treatment levels. The Blank Page option will see the project ready to bid in 675 calendar days. This option will be delivered for a fee of **\$5,886,970**.

At the instruction of the City Manager, either option calls for BDI to design a 4 Million Gallon/ Day (MGD) plant capacity expandable to 8 MGD. The current downtown plant has a permitted capacity of 2.5 MGD. The previous design called for a new plant with initial capacity of 2 MGD expandable to 8 MGD. Building a 2 MGD plant would be a step back and provide less capacity that currently permitted. By starting at 4 MGD, the new plant, when placed into service will have immediate capacity to serve new areas outside the City Limits. Building to this size in the first phase will create additional customers and revenue from start-up. City Utilities Director Joe Cook has estimated that the City has foregone over \$5,000,000 in impact fees alone by denying requests for sewer service outside of the City Limits.

Council discussed the new WWTP Facility

- Santa Rosa County will be implementing the reverter clause, taking the parcel back.
- Discussed using the ARPA funds for other projects and possibly holding a Special Called Meeting on Dec 30th.
- Additional acreage will be needed to move the project. Approx. 211-400 additional acres (\$1.5mil to \$3mil)

Members of council and Mayor Lindsay asked questions and discussed the project.

- Jim Anderson from BDI reported to council regarding moving the plant, the sprayfields, RIBS and using reclaimed water.
- Public Works Director Joe Cook reported to council on the condition of the existing plant
- Assistant City Manager Sandra Woodbery reported to council regarding the ARPA funds

(Councilman Gavin Hawthorne excused at 6:54pm)

Public input was provided by: Chris Curb, Pam Mitchell, David Samples, Vernon Compton, Shari Sebastiao, Lauren Odgers

Motion: Fast Track option with the effluent disposal system taking priority

ACTION:	Motion to Approve Fast Track Option with the effluent disposal system taking priority by Robert Leek; second by Casey Powell;
	Motion passed - 7:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Public Input

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 07:33 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date