



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes - CORRECTED - Section
22.

February 11, 2025
6:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 06:35 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

Donna Long, Renee Johnmeyer, Cindy Smith, Sherry Chapman, Buddy Fisher, Jerry Mitchell, Pam Mitchell, Vernon Compton, Gwen Sachar, Lauren Odgers, Rick Delp, Joshua Bollinger, Jim Anderson, Carol Rich, Rev Leanne B, Vicki McKee, Richard McCool, David Samples, Jamie Wells, David Farrow, Paul Delmas, Theresa Messick, Jimmy Messick

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Attorney, Erick Meade
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson
Planning Director, Tim Milstead
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Events Coordinator, Jay Conrad
Chief of Police, Tony Tindell
EDD, Stephen Prestesater
ACM, Sandra Woodbery

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2024-2968
January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; second by Casey Powell; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION:	Motion to Approve as Amended by Marilynn Farrow; second by Ashley Fretwell; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Items moved to the Consent Agenda:

- 2025-3028 SEPA - Reimagine Milton
- 2025-3049 SEPA - Beats & Eats Jazz Festival
- 2025-3050 SEPA - Worship Night on the Blackwater 2025
- 2025-2990 ARPA Funds Project List
- 2025-2979 City of Milton Policies
- 2025-3027 Safe Streets for All - DOT Grant Application
- 2025-3034 Purchase of Front Loader Sanitation Truck
- 2025-3035 WWTP HMGP Grant Agreement
- 2025-3037 Building Security Access Control System

Items moved up from Section 18 to under Section 11:

- 2025-3043 Business Improvement Grant App - 5158 Elmira Street
- 2025-3045 Business Improvement Grant App - 5181 Elmira Street

**Item moved from Section 22 City Attorney's Report to Section 16.
Councilman Leek's Report**

- 2025-3039 Reserved for Action Stemming from February 10th Shade Meeting

Items moved from Section 13 to February 20th work session

- 2025-3011 Water, Sewer, Trash Monthly Costs Review
- 2025-3044 Administration Review

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Mayor Lindsay read a Black History Month Proclamation

6. Public Hearings

No Public Hearing

7. Invited Speakers

Item # 2025-3026

Update on WWTP- BDI

BDI presented a EMRWRF project overview to Council

- Jim Anderson of BDI answered questions from Council.

Public input was provided by: David Samples, Pam Mitchell,
Sherry Chapman, Lauren Odgers

8. Persons to Appear

Public input was provided by:

9. General Consent Agenda

Item # 2024-2969

General Consent Agenda

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Marilyn Farrow; second by Gavin Hawthorne; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2025-3038

Resolution# 2025-02 Public Records Exemption for City Clerks

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Gavin Hawthorne; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

City Attorney Erick Meade read Resolution #2025-02

Item # 2025-3014

Ordinance# 01-25 Amending Chap. 38 Fire Pension Trust Fund - Short Term Disability

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack; second by Casey Powell; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None

ABSTAIN: None

**City Attorney Erick Meade read First Reading of
Ordinance# 01-25**

Item # 2025-3040

Ordinance# 02-25 UDC Update - Monument Signs - 1st Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack;
second by Tom Powers;

Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek,
Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry
McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**City Attorney Erick Meade read First Reading of
Ordinance# 02-25**

Item # 2025-3041

Ordinance #13-24 - Amending Orderly Operations of Public Meetings

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Marilynn Farrow;

Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek,
Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry
McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**City Attorney Erick Meade read First Reading of
Ordinance# 13-24**

Public input was provided by: Jerry Couey

11. City of Milton Events

Item # 2025-3028

SEPA - Reimagine Milton (3/1/25)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3049

SEPA - Beats & Eats Jazz Festival (4/26/25)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3050

SEPA - Worship Night on the Blackwater 2025 (3/7/25)

Item passed on consent agenda

12. Public Information Officer Report

Bethany Anderson reported to council

13. Finance, Planning Board

Councilman Cusack reported to council

- Item 2025-2990 ARPA Funds Project List moved to consent
- Items 2025-3011 & 2025-3044 moved to work session on Feb 20th.

Item # 2025-2990

ARPA Funds Project List (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3011

Water, Sewer & Trash Monthly Costs Review (discussion item)

Item moved to next work session

Item # 2025-3044

Administration Review (discussion item)

Item moved to next work session

14. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council

- Recognized Staff during Winter Storm Enzo
- Recognized Laura McDill- received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Items 2025-2979 & 2025-3027 moved to consent

Item # 2025-2979

City of Milton Policies (action item)

Item moved to consent agenda

Item # 2025-3027

Safe Streets for All - DOT Grant Application (action item)

Item moved to consent agenda

15. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council

16. Public Works

Councilman Leek addressed - Reserved for action stemming from Shade meeting
(motion and vote under item 2025-3039)

Item # 2025-3034

Purchase of Front Loader Sanitation Truck (action item)

Item moved to consent agenda

Item # 2025-3035

WWTP HMGP Grant Agreement (action item)

Item moved to consent agenda

Item # 2025-3043

Chinquapin Watermain Upgrade (action item)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne; second by Casey Powell; Motion passed - 6:2
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee
NAYS:	Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow
ABSTAIN:	None

Joe Cook reported to council

Public input was provided by: Pam Mitchell, Sherry Chapman,
Lauren Odgers, Cindy Smith

17. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

Councilman McKee reported to council

18. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

No Report

Item # 2025-3043

Business Improvement Grant Application - 5158 Elmira St Exchange Hotel
(action item)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve Both Grant Applications by Tom Powers; second by Larry McKee; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Stephen Prestesater reported to council. (item moved up in the meeting to before Section 11 - Events)

Item # 2025-3045

Business Improvement Grant Application - 5181 Elmira St (action item)

Item 2025-3045 passed with item 2025-3043

19. LEAP, Youth Council

No Report

20. Public Safety

City Manager Ed Spears reported that he was able to attend the police academy graduation ceremony of 3 cadets as well as the swearing in of 4 new officers.

Councilwoman Fretwell reported to council

Item # 2025-3037

Building Security Access Control System (action item)

Item moved to consent

21. Mayor Report: ECRC, TPO

No Report

22. City Attorney's Report

Item # 2025-3039

Reserved for Action Stemming from February 10th Shade Meeting

ACTION: Motion to Dismiss lawsuit by Robert Leek;
second by Mike Cusack;

Motion passed - 5:3

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Robert
Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell

NAYS: Casey Powell, Gavin Hawthorne, Larry
McKee

ABSTAIN: None

**Councilman Leek addressed - Reserved for action
stemming from Shade meeting**

- Councilman Leek read a statement

City Attorney Eric Mead addressed the council prior to
Councilman Leek discussing the item.

Members of Council discussed with the City Attorney

Public input was provided by: Sherry Chapman, Lauren Odgers, David Farrow, Rene Johnmeyer, Pam Mitchell, Theresa Messick

Councilman McKee suggested staff put out an RFQ for Legal Representation.

Councilman Cusack asked Mr. Mead if Gray-Robinson represent BDI. (CORRECTION- "they" to "Gray Robinson")

23. City Manager's Business

Councilman Cusack made a motion to terminate the contract with Moore Hill & Westmoreland, P.A. effective May 3, 2025, and instructed the City to issue an RFQ for a new law firm to represent the City. In the meantime secure an interim law firm voted on by council until the new law firm is in place.

Seconded by Councilman McKee.

City Attorney Erick Mead informed the council that Gray Robinson's firm is also part of the contract.

Councilman McKee withdrew his second

Council agreed to discuss at the February 20, 2025 Work Session.

Council instructed staff to start the RFQ process immediately

24. Public Input

No additional public input

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 09:50 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date