



CITY COUNCIL
Special Called Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025
6:00 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 06:02 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 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

Members Absent:

Council Member, Ward III, Seat I Gavin Hawthorne

Members of the Public in Attendance

David Farrow, Pam Mitchel, David Samples, Roxanne Meiss, Theresa Messick,
Howard Steele, Orrin Smith

Staff in Attendance

Assistant City Manager, Sandra Woodbery
City Attorney, John Adams
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Systems Analyst, Ashley Johnston
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Police Captain, Mike Cline

2. Persons to Appear

3. Special Called Meeting Subject

Item # 2025-3177

City Attorney Recommendation For Proceeding With Case No.: 24-000269-CA
(action item)

City Attorney John Adams reported to council
Council discussed the proposed resolution to resolve the
ongoing public records litigation with Case No. 24-000269-CA

The motion is as follows:

City Attorney Proposed Resolution to Resolve Public Records

Litigation. Authorize the City Attorney to work with the Mayor's legal

counsel to prepare and file a joint motion asking the Santa Rosa County Circuit Court to enter an Order in the Circuit Court Proceeding styled The City of Milton v. Heather Lindsay, Case NO.

24-000269 awarding the following relief.

1. Sustaining the Mayor's Objections to the approximate 315 documents which the Circuit Court determined to be Public Records but to which the Mayor objected or the Court had questions and to the extent necessary have the Court reconsider its

prior ruling on January 31, 2025 and subsequent order to sustain the Mayor's Objections.

2. Enter a Final Order confirming the Mayor has produced the remaining documents identified as Public Records in the Court's January 31, 2025 Order to which there were no objections from the

Mayor or the Court.

3. Order that the Mayor and the City will each bear their own attorney's fees and costs such that there will be no taxation of attorney's fees and costs for or against either the Mayor or the City.

4. Dismiss the Litigation with Prejudice.

Public input was provided by: Howard Steele, Pam Mitchell, Lauren Odgers, Orin Smith

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; second by Marilyn Farrow;

Motion passed - 6:1

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: Casey Powell

ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Powell stated that he is not in favor of not requiring production of the remainder of the records deemed public records by the Judge.

4. Public Input

No additional public input

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 06:26 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date