



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
(CORRECTED - SECTION 22)

April 8, 2025
6:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 06:30 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

Members Absent:

Members of the Public in Attendance

Cindy Smith, Donna Long, David Farrow, Ella Payne, Tanner Lemmon, Shari Sebastiao, Pam Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Victoria McKee, David Samples, Theresa Harris, Tracy Hamilton, Amber Leek

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Attorney, John Adams
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Systems Analyst, Brittney Ballard
Planning Director, Tim Milstead
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Events Coordinator, Jay Conrad
Captain Ferguson
Assistant City Manager, Sandra Woodbery
EDD, Stephen Prestesater

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Tim Chandler, Marine Corps League

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2025-3173
March 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to Approve as amended by
Marilynn Farrow; 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

Councilwoman Farrow made the following correction to the
March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:

- Section 14. Admin under Item# 2025-3124 MOU for
Legal Services
- Motion 1- Approving GrayRobinson as Interim General
Council at \$350/hr
- Motion 2 - Engaging GrayRobinson for Litigation
Services for the pending lawsuit.

Item # 2025-3187
March 20, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Marilynn Farrow;
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

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve as Amended 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

10 Items moved to consent agenda

- 2025-3131 Service of Process Policy
- 2025-3200 New Pump at Hospital Water Well
- 2025-3201 New Truck for WWTP
- 2025-3203 ITB 2025.03 Materials for Natural Gas Dist. Project
- 2025-3204 ITB 2025.02 Cedar Ridge Sanitary Sewer Repairs
- 2025-3186 Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Mitigation Plan & Plan for Public Information
- 2025-3191 ROW Abandonment Request - 5639 Alabama Street
- 2025-3194 ROW Abandonment Request - Peach St. - Milton Housing Authority
- 2025-3189 RFQ 2025.04 City Attorney Services
- 2025-3167 CIB Vacancy

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Mayor Lindsay read the Sexual Assault Awareness 2025 Proclamation

Item # 2025-3178

Bus Driver Appreciation Proclamation

Councilman McKee & Mayor Lindsay read proclamations for bus driver appreciation and the bus drivers in attendance were recognized.

6. Public Hearings

No Public Hearing

7. Invited Speakers

Allison Hartman, Milton Market

Mrs. Alison Hartman reported to council regarding the Milton Market that is held on Thursday evenings.

City Manager Ed Spears & Councilman Leek discussed drafting a new special event permit for bathrooms and road closures at the market.

8. Persons to Appear

No Persons to Appear

9. General Consent Agenda

Item # 2025-3174
General Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Ashley Fretwell;
second by Casey Powell;
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

Items moved and passed on consent agenda

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10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2025-3197
Resolution #2025-04 Budget Amendment FY25

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Mike Cusack;
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

City Attorney John Adams read Resolution #2025-04

Item # 2025-3041

Ordinance # 03-25 - Amending Sec. 2-32 Orderly Operations of Public
Meetings - 2nd Reading

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 John Adams read Second Reading of Ordinance
03-25

Item # 2025-3188

Ordinance # 04-25 UDC Update - Commercial Fences - 1st Reading

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 John Adams read First Reading of Ordinance #
04-25

Item # 2025-3148

Ordinance # 05-25 Mayor & Council Compensation - 1st Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne;
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 John Adams read First Reading of Ordinance # 05-25

11. City of Milton Events

No events

12. Finance, Planning Board

Councilman Cusack reported to council

- Planning Board Meeting on March 18th - discussed further clarification of the citizen's request to allow miniature goats; reviewed UDC articles 13 & 14, and spoke on amending parking spaces for small businesses in the RC1 District, Dollar General at Berryhill & Vanity Fair.
- Next meeting is April 15th.

13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council

- Veterans Treatment Court - First candidate for community service will start next week. She also mentioned there is still a great need for mentors for the program (meets every other Wednesday).
- Historic Preservation Board - Approved safety access at 6823 Oak Street (board approved modifications to make safer access) The board also nominated Jeff Martin's home for Historic Excellence and they're continuing to collect information for the historic lamp post signs. Next meeting is Thursday, April 10th.

Item # 2025-3167

Community Improvement Board Vacancy (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3189

RFQ2025.04 City Attorney Services (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3131

Service of Process Policy (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3196

HMGP Grant Applications (information item)

Item was discussed at work session.

14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council

Sports Sign ups

- Baseball, Tee ball & Basketball May 5th is the deadline
- Cheer sign up deadline is April 19th
- Football sign up deadline is July 19th
- Indoor Soccer sign up deadline is June 6th
- Pickle ball ribbon cutting - April 24th @ 9am
- Basketball court issues with middle school kids not utilizing the courts properly (right after school is out). Requested routine police presence.

CIB Meeting -March 25th -

- Sidewalk repairs within CRA 1 was discussed, Berryhill, Alabama sidewalks were discussed,
- The Riverfront Redevelopment Masterplan was reviewed. Last update was 2015.

15. Public Works

Councilman Leek reported to council

- Met with BDI & County Comm. re: WWTP

Councilman Cusack discussed needing a staff member to be Project Manager for the new plant.

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council regarding meeting with the County regarding the WWTP.

Item # 2025-3200

Installation of New Pump for Hospital Water Well (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3201

Purchase of New Truck for Wastewater Treatment Plant (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3203

ITB 2025.03 Materials - Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Project (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3204

ITB 2025.02 – Cedar Ridge Sanitary Sewer Repairs

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

No Report

Item # 2025-3186

Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Mitigation Plan and the Plan for Public Information

Item was discussed at work session

17. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

No Report

Item # 2025-3191

ROW Abandonment Request - 5639 Alabama St. (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

Item # 2025-3194

ROW Abandonment Request - Peachtree St - Milton Housing Authority (action item)

Item was discussed at work session and passed on the consent agenda.

18. LEAP, Youth Council

No Report

19. Public Safety

Councilwoman Fretwell reported to council

- A Citizen inquired about putting speed bumps on Cherry Laurel. (City Manager and Council discussed why many are opposed to speed bumps)

20. Mayor Report: ECRC, TPO

Mayor Lindsay reported to council

- Recognition of IT Director, Krystle Nowlin as a Raising Star of 2025
- Survey from ECRC regarding transportation needs

21. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney John Adams gave council an update of the lawsuit and the revised joint stipulation and motion to dismiss.

22. City Manager's Business

*****CORRECTION - AUG 223RD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CORRECTED TO APRIL 23RD
AUG 25TH ARBOR DAY CEREMONY CORRECTED TO APRIL 25TH.**

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council.

- Bands on the Blackwater - Friday Night
- Milton HS Archeology class will be doing a dig on Friday 9:30-Noon.
- 16th is the 2nd community cleanup.
- Special Called Meeting Aug 23rd (**APRIL 23**)
- Arbor Day Ceremony Aug 25th at Milton HS (**APRIL 25**)

23. Public Input

Public input was provided by: Shari Sebastiao

City Manager Ed Spears - Locklin Lake Update; Issuing bids this month and a 30-day solicitation and will be brought before council.

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 07:56 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date