



**CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2025  
6:30 PM  
6738 Dixon Street  
Milton, FL 32570

**1. Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 06:54 PM.

**Members Present:**

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:**

Council Member, Casey Powell

**Members of the Public in Attendance**

Jim Hawthorne, Mary Johnson, Christy Cotton, Jerry Mitchell, Pam, Mitchell, Herbert, Patsy Lundsford, Vernon Compton, Jeff Ates, Buddy Fisher, Theresa Harris, Stacia LaDue, Howard Steele, Art Brown, Jimmy Messick, Theresa Messick, Matthew & Vickie Dollhouser, Richard McCool, David Farrow

**Staff in Attendance**

City Manager, Ed Spears  
City Attorney, John Adams  
City Clerk, Molly Turnes  
IT Systems Analyst, Ashley Johnston  
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson  
Planning Director, Tim Milstead  
Public Works Director, Joe Cook  
Events Coordinator, Jay Conrad  
Ec. Dev. Director, Stephen Prestesater  
ACM, Sandra Woodbery  
Fire Chief, John Reble  
HR Director, Nicki Vickery  
Officer Tia Lewis

**2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Pastor Steve Warren

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Item # 2025-3238  
April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve as amended by  
Marilynn Farrow; second by Ashley  
Fretwell;  
Motion passed - 7:0

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Corrections made by Councilwoman Farrow:**  
**#22 - Special Called Meeting Date April 23rd - Arbor Day**  
**April 25**

Item # 2025-3284  
April 23, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Marilynn Farrow;  
second by Gavin Hawthorne;  
Motion passed - 7:0

**YEAS:** 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 Gavin Hawthorne;  
second by Ashley Fretwell;  
Motion passed - 7:0

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Item# ADDED Item - Transfer Switch for PD Generator

**7 Items added to consent agenda:**

Item# 2025-3280 SEPA Juneteenth Celebration 2025  
Item# 2025-3289 SEPA Shoe & Shine Car Show 2025  
Item# 2025-3283 City of Milton Employee Spring Luncheon

Item# 2025-3236 Marina RFP  
Item# 2025-3276 Purchase of New natural gas truck  
Item# ADDED Item - Transfer Switch for PD Generator  
Item# 2025-3285 - 2025.05 ITB Locklin Lake Restoration

**5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions**

Item # 2025-3272

**Swearing-In & Reception of Chief Jennifer Frank (5:30PM)**

Swearing-In held at 5:30 during the work session

Item # 2025-3286

Memorial Day 2025 Proclamation

Mayor Lindsay added and read the National Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week Proclamation and presented to Officer Tia Lewis.

Mayor Lindsay read the Memorial Day 2025 Proclamation.

Item # 2025-3287

Mental Health Awareness Month 2025 Proclamation

Mayor Lindsay read the 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation.

**6. Public Hearings**

No Public Hearing

**7. Invited Speakers**

Item # 2025-3288

Kristen McAllister, CPA, Warren Averett

Kristin McAllister of Warren Averett, reported to council regarding the annual financial audit.

**8. Persons to Appear**

Public input was provided by: Vernon Compton, Howard Steele, Pam Mitchell, Pat Lundsford

**9. General Consent Agenda**

Item # 2025-3239

General Consent Agenda

**ACTION:**

Motion to Approve by Ashley Fretwell;  
second by Marilynn Farrow;  
Motion passed - 7:0

**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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**10. Ordinances & Resolutions**

Item # 2025-3188  
Ordinance # 04-25 UDC Update - Commercial Fences - 2nd Reading

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Robert Leek;  
second by Ashley Fretwell;  
Motion passed - 7:0  
**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

Ordinance 04-25 was read by City Attorney, John Adams

Item # 2025-3148  
Ordinance # 05-25 Mayor & Council Compensation - 2nd Reading

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack;  
second by Ashley Fretwell;  
Motion passed - 7:0  
**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

Ordinance 05-25 was read by City Attorney, John Adams

Item # 2025-3274

Resolution #2025-07 Granting Signing and Authority to Conduct Business  
(Regions Bank)

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve as Amended by Larry  
McKee; second by Robert Leek;  
Motion passed - 7:0  
**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin  
Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers,  
Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

CFO, Curtis Krebs reported to council regarding the resolution  
and transferring money to an investment account.  
Council discussed tabling this and looking to see what other  
banks offer.  
Public input was provided by: Pam Mitchell, Jimmy Messick

Amendment to the motion proposed by Councilwoman Farrow  
to make sure there is no penalty if the account is moved to  
another bank.

Item # 2025-3273

Resolution #2025-08 Renewal of Maintenance Agreement with FDOT

**MOTION 1 - Resolution 2025-08**

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Robert Leek;  
second by Mike Cusack;  
Motion passed - 7:0  
**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin  
Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers,  
Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Recess 7:55 Reconvene 8:03p**

Item # 2025-3389

Resolution 2025-09 **HWY 90** (Added to the meeting after agenda published)

**MOTION 2 - Resolution Discussion:** (item added on agenda)

Resolution# 2025-09 - Blackwater Bridge widening

Public input was provided by: Jerry Mitchell, Vernon Compton,

Pam Mitchell, Howard Steele

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve resolution #2025-09  
hwy 90 by Tom Powers; second by Larry  
McKee;  
Motion passed - 5:2

**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Tom  
Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

**NAYS:** Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek

**ABSTAIN:** None

## 11. City of Milton Events

Item # 2025-3280  
SEPA - Juneteenth Celebration 2025 (action item)  
Passed on Consent Agenda

Item # 2025-3289  
SEPA - Shoe & Shine Car Show 2025 (5/22) (action item)  
Passed on Consent Agenda

Item # 2025-3290  
SEPA - Market of Milton 2025 (Recurring) (action item)  
Tabled (discussed during work session)

## 12. Finance, Planning Board

Item # 2025-3292  
Accepting the Findings of the Annual Audit (action item)

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack;  
second by Larry McKee;  
Motion passed - 7:0

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Item # 2025-3002  
Citizen request to allow miniature goats in Residential Zoning Districts (action  
item)

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack;  
second by Robert Leek;  
**Motion failed - 3:4**

**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Robert Leek, Tom Powers  
**NAYS:** Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne,  
Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**ABSTAIN:** None

Public input was provided by: Stacia LaDue, David Farrow

Planning Director, Tim Milstead reported to council.

Item # 2025-3295

UDC Update - Articles 13 & 14 (action item)

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack;  
second by Gavin Hawthorne;  
Motion passed - 7:0  
**YEAS:** Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin  
Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers,  
Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

City Manager, Ed Spears & Planning Director Tim Milstead  
reported to council.

3 Changes:

- Increase waiver allowances for impervious and pervious surfaces
- Allowing gravel for parking areas (RC1, DCM, SSERC, & Single Family & Duplex)
- Providing for reductions or exemptions in parking space requirements (to be evaluated by staff based on site conditions or parking analyses provided by applicant)

### **13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board**

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council.

- More mentors needed for Veterans Treatment Court
- Thanked Staff for their participation in teacher appreciation week
- HPB met April 10th - discussed Historic Excellence residential signs & Lampposts

Item # 2025-3189

RFQ2025.04 City Attorney Services (action item)

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve Entering into Contract for Attorney Services with GreyRobinson by Marilynn Farrow; second by Gavin Hawthorne;  
Motion passed - 7:0

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Council discussed the City Attorney Services RFQ.

Item # 2025-3266

Milton Planning Board Members' Term Expiring (action item)

Planning Board - Terms Expire in June:

Ward 2 - Steve Dobbs (wish to continue serving) *Farrow & McKee vote only*

Ward 3 - Laura Austin (seat vacant) *Hawthorne & Leek vote only*

Council At Large - Greg Scoville (wish to continue serving)

Councilman Powers introduced Daniel Powers.

Mr. Daniel Powers spoke to council regarding the open Ward 3 seat.

### **MOTION 1 - WARD 2**

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve Ward 2 Reappointment of Steve Dobbs to the Milton Planning Board by Marilynn Farrow; second by Larry McKee;  
Motion - 0:0

**YEAS:** None

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

### **MOTION 2 - WARD 3**

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve Ward 3 Appointment of Daniel Powers to the Milton planning board by Gavin Hawthorne; second by Robert Leek;  
Motion - 0:0

**YEAS:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**MOTION 3 - Council at Large**

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve Reappointing Greg Scoville to the Milton Planning Board by Marilyn Farrow; second by Tom Powers;  
Motion passed - 7:0

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Item # 2025-3283

City of Milton Employee Spring Luncheon (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

**14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board**

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council

Item # 2025-3236

Marina RFP (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-2989

Business Facade & Residential Grant Program Review (action item)

Economic Development Director Stephen Prestasater reported to council.

(Highlighted yellow area was discussed in the application)

Public input was provided by: Pam Mitchell

Come back with changes council discussed. - No Motion or vote

**15. Public Works**

Councilman Leek reported to council and suggested the following go to the next meeting/ work session for further discussion:

- Add another code enforcement officer and do away with the complaint-driven process.
- Natural gas backlog - add a 3-person crew and equipment

- Meeting format - during work session council review, public input allowed at the beginning and not during each item. (Stated the ordinance does not allow for public input on each item during the agenda review)

City Manager, Ed Spears, stated the code enforcement position would be included in the Budget Process.

PW Director, Joe Cook reported that he has started the process for outsourcing the 3-person crew and equipment.

Item # 2025-3276

Purchase of a New Natural Gas Truck (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3285

2025.05 ITB Locklin Lake Restoration - Maintenance Dredge Project (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

**16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater**

No report

**17. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council**

No Report

**18. LEAP, Youth Council**

No Report

**19. Public Safety**

Councilwoman Fretwell reported to council and recognized National Nurses Week (last week) and National Nursing Home Week.

**20. Mayor Report: ECRC, TPO**

Mayor Lindsay reported to council.

**21. City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney John Adams reported to council.

**22. City Manager's Business**

City Manager, Ed Spears reported to council.

**23. Public Input**

Public input was provided by: Howard Steele, Theresa Messick, Pam Mitchell

**24. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 09:59 PM.

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Mayor

Date

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City Clerk

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Date