



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

August 12, 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 - *Mayor Pro-Tem*
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

Shari Sebastiao, Buddy Fisher, Theresa Messick, Jimmy Messick, Jeremy Holley,
David Farrow, Donna Long, David Roevers, Chris Curb

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
Ec. Dev. Director, Stephen Prestesater
ACM, Sandra Woodbery
Chief of Police, Jennifer Frank

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Item # 2025-3475
Pastor Jeremy Holley
Immanuel Baptist Church, Pace

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2025-3442
July 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to Approve as amended by Larry McKee; second by Tom Powers;
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

Correction: Mike Folzman's name spelled incorrectly

Item # 2025-3471
July 17, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes (Millage Rate)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Tom Powers;
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

Item # 2025-3472
July 17, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes (BDI Task Order)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; 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

CORRECTION: To add: "Mr. Delp indicated to council that if at any point in the exploration its determined the site is not viable, the city would only be required to pay for what was done. Not the full task order amount."

Item # 2025-3473
July 19, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes (Advertised Millage Rate)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; second by Larry McKee;
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

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne; 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

2 Items added to agenda - Emergency repair of Centrifuge WWTP & AC Repair at Community Center

6 Items Moved to Consent Agenda

- Item# 2025-3484 SEPA - St Rose of Lima Oktoberfest 2025
- Item# 2025-3383 Investment Policy Update
- Item# 2025-3462 Surplus Vehicle - Garbage Truck
- Item# 2025-3494 Centrifuge WWTP - *EMERGENCY Purchase ADDED*
- Item# 2025-3522 AC Repair Community Center
- Item# 2025-3478 Council Funds for MPD Equipment

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Councilwoman Farrow announced that on Sept 23rd a Legislative Delegation Meeting will be held at the Community Center in Milton

6. Public Hearings

Item # 2025-3432

Rezoning Request - 25 Acres behind 6593 Caroline Street

2nd Public Hearing

Planning Director Tim Milstead reported to council

Public input was provided by: Mr. Ward, Theresa Messick,

Howard Steele, David Farrow, Buddy Fisher

Mr. Jaoui spoke to council regarding the development of the proposed RV park and other options for land use.

Ordinance #08-25 and #09-25 were read immediately following the close of the public hearing.

7. Invited Speakers

Item # 2025-3429

Tim Parson, VP

Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC

Tim Parson presented and reported to council.

Item# 2025-3467 Liberty Partners of Tallahassee LLC Contract Renewal was considered immediately following the presentation.

8. Persons to Appear

Public input was provided by:

Lynette Manning Roevers (fireworks at high school football games)

Chief Reble reported to council

9. General Consent Agenda

Item # 2025-3443

General Consent Agenda

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Robert Leek; 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

6 items moved to consent during work session

- Item# 2025-3484 SEPA - St Rose of Lima Oktoberfest 2025
- Item# 2025-3383 Investment Policy Update
- Item# 2025-3462 Surplus Vehicle - Garbage Truck
- Item# 2025-3494 Centrifuge WWTP - (*EMERGENCY Purchase ADDED*)
- Item# 2025-3522 AC Repair Community Center (*ADDED*)

- Item# 2025-3478 Council Funds for MPD Equipment

10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2025-3468

Resolution# 2025-15 Adopting the National Level Cybersecurity Standard

ACTION: Motion to Approve as amended by Ashley Fretwell; 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

Resolution # 2025-15 was read by City Attorney John Adams

Item # 2025-3455

Resolution# 2025-16 Ratification of Firefighters' Labor Agreement Article 30

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; 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

Resolution # 2025-16 was read by City Attorney John Adams
(*Photo with Fire Department & Council*)

Item # 2025-3486

Resolution# 2025-17 Budget Amendment FY25

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; 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

Resolution # 2025-17 was read by City Attorney John Adams

Item # 2025-3481

Ordinance# 08-25 Jaoui Rezoning - Caroline St (1st Reading)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Tom Powers;
Motion passed - 5:3

YEAS: Casey Powell, Robert Leek, Tom Powers,
Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin
Hawthorne

ABSTAIN: None

***Motion and vote were made immediately after Public
Hearing***

Item # 2025-3482

Ordinance# 09-25 Jaoui FLUM (1st Reading)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Robert Leek;
Motion passed - 5:3

YEAS: Casey Powell, Robert Leek, Tom Powers,
Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin
Hawthorne

ABSTAIN: None

***Motion and vote were made immediately after Public
Hearing***

11. City of Milton Events

Item # 2025-3484

SEPA - St. Rose of Lima Oktoberfest 2025 (10/4/25)

Item passed on consent agenda

12. Finance, Planning Board

Item # 2025-3476

FY2026 Budget Update (information item)

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council

- The total budget overall decreased \$973,221.00

Item # 2025-3483

Auditor Selection Procedure - Florida Statute 218.391 (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack; 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

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council

- Council to serve as selection committee
- The scoresheet was amended to add #6 "Pricing/ Cost" for 5 points and reduce the "References and/or recommendations" section to 15 points.

13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported

Item # 2025-3487

Board of Adjustments - Terms Expiring (action item)

Jay Camp, Karra Graber, Kyle Baker, and Kristopher Long wish to continue serving. Their terms expire September 13, 2025.

TABLED — Members of BOA to attend the September 9th meeting

Item # 2025-3488

Board Vacancy - Board of Adjustments (action item)

TABLED - Applicant to attend the September 9th meeting

Item # 2025-3480

Board Vacancy - General Employee Pension Board (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Table all Board Appointments 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

Applicant Ashley Cline reported to council.

Council agreed to move this item to the September council

meeting so 2nd applicant could attend.

(motion to table was for all the board appointment items)

Item # 2025-3467

Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC Contract Renewal (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne;
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

Item moved immediately after Tim Parson's presentation to council

Item # 2025-3383

Investment Policy - Update (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Historic Preservation Board - Terms Expiring (action item)

Susan Russell & Brian McGuire wish to continue serving. Their terms expire September 11, 2025

TABLED - Members of HPB to attend the September 9th meeting

14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council

15. Public Works

No Report

Item # 2025-3463

Surplus Vehicle: 2009 Automated Side Loader Garbage Truck (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Repair and Reinstall the Centerifuge at WWTP. Emergency Request

Item passed on consent agenda

16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

Councilman McKee reported to council

17. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

No Report

Item # 2025-3465

Code Enforcement Policy (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Approve the proactive approach with two full-time code enforcement officers and remove the portion of the policy Sec. 4.2 where it says "reasonable time for compliance" by Ashley Fretwell; second by Larry McKee;
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

Planning Director Tim Milstead reported to council
Public input was provided by: Shari Sebastiao, Theresa Messick

The motion to approve the proactive approach with two full-time code enforcement officers and remove the portion of the policy Sec. 4.2 where it says "reasonable time for compliance" and leave "reinspect within the specified time frame" (putting the specified time frame on the notice).

Item # 2025-3466

Vehicle Purchase: Code Enforcement (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne; second by Robert Leek;
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

Planning Director Tim Milstead reported to council.

18. LEAP, Youth Council

No Report

19. Public Safety

No Report

Item # 2025-3478

Council Discretionary Funds Balance FY25 Budget to Purchase MPD Equipment (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

20. Mayor Report: ECRC, TPO

No Report

21. City Attorney's Report

No Report

22. City Manager's Business

No Report

23. Public Input

No public input

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 08:42 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date