



CITY COUNCIL
Special Called Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2025
SRC Old Courthouse RFP

October 9, 2025
5:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 05:30 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

Members Absent:

Council Member Ward II, Seat II Larry McKee

Members of the Public in Attendance

Brian McGuire, Cassie Powell, Shari Sebastiao, Susan Russell, Donna Long,
Pam Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Russell Johnson, Vernon Compton, Lester Imes

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
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

Invocation: Tim Milstead

3. Persons to Appear

No Persons to Appear

4. Special Called Meeting Subject

Item # 2025-3663

Santa Rosa County's RFP for the Old Courthouse

**Motion: Council directs staff to work on a conditional bid for
the 3 blue shaded parcels between Oak Street and Pine
Street. Consideration would include some negotiation**

regarding Oak St. The price of bid would not exceed 10% above appraised value of all three parcels, and Councilman Leek is designated as the representative to work with staff on completing this bid proposal to be submitted by the deadline.

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Robert Leek; second by Marilynn Farrow;
Motion passed - 6:1
YEAS: Casey Powell, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell
NAYS: Mike Cusack
ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Ed Spears reviewed the RFP with council as well as the condition of the building.
(RFP opens on October 29, 2025)

Councilman Leek is designated as the Council representative in working with staff in preparing the bid proposal.

Public input was provided by: Pam Mitchell, Vernon Compton, Howard Steele, Teresa Messick, Donna Long, John Ellis, Shari Sebastio

City Manager, Ed Spears stated that with this action now being approved and the stated goal of this RFP as an economic development project, he is deeming this as an economic development project of the City of Milton, as such it is confidential under Florida Statute until such time that the bids are open.

5. Public Input

Speaker: Howard Steele, Shari Sebastio, Pam Mitchell

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 06:36 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date