



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2025
6:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 06:28 PM.

Members Present:

Mayor Heather Lindsay
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

Roy Andrews, Donna Long, Shari Sebastiao, Richard McCool, Kenny McCants, Kylie McCants, John Ellis, Christina S., Jimmy Messick, David Farrow

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Attorney, John Adams
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
IT Systems Analyst, Alex Gregoire
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

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2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Dan Libby
West Florida Baptist Church

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2025-3686
September 11, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes (Public Hearing 1)

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

Item # 2025-3687
September 25, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes (Public Hearing 2)

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

Councilwoman Farrow made the follow correction to the meeting minutes of September 25, 2025 : Include in the motion related to the pay table to add that a modification of the schedule would be approved prior to the next budget meeting.

Item # 2025-3685
October 9, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Marilynn Farrow;
second by Casey Powell;
Motion passed - 7:0

YEAS: Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley
Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item # 2025-3632

October 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to Approve as amended by Marilynn
Farrow; second by Mike Cusack;
Motion passed - 7:0

YEAS: Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley
Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilwoman Farrow made the following corrections to the
October 14, 2025 meeting minutes: ROTC motion to include that
council agreed to donate \$4K from the mayor's discretionary
fund, \$2500- Natural Gas Adv fund, \$7220 from the remaining
discretionary funds & that David & Marilynn Farrow pledged to
donate \$500 of their personal funds

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Marilynn Farrow; second by Casey
Powell;
Motion passed - 7:0

YEAS: Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Robert Leek,
Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

1 Item added and 6 Items moved to consent
Items moved to consent agenda:

- Item# 2025-3694 SEPA Storybrook Village 2026
- Item# 2025-3734 Appoint Sean Plant to Employee Pension Board (item
was added)
- Item# 2025-3723 BIP Willing Street - up to \$3800
- Item# 2025-3724 BIP Blackwater Boxing

- Item# 2025-3728 BIP Caroline Street
- Item# 2025-3726 Floodplain Mitigation Plan

Item# 2025-3730 Jurassic Parlito special meeting

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Mayor Lindsay announced the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony.

6. Public Hearings

No public hearing

7. Invited Speakers

Keep Santa Rosa Beautiful

Christina Swaggert, President of Keep Santa Rosa Beautiful
presented to council

- KSRB will restart up their nursery program
- Donate a Christmas tree to City Hall
- Help with replacing the Christmas tree downtown

8. Persons to Appear

No persons to appear

9. General Consent Agenda

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

Motion passed - 7:0

YEAS: Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Robert Leek,
Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

6 items added

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10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2025-3556

Ordinance# 12-25 Subdivision Administrative Approvals (2nd Reading)

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

City Attorney John Adams read second reading of Ordinance
#12-25.

Item # 2025-3559

Ordinance# 13-25 Property Maintenance Standards (2nd Reading)

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

City Attorney John Adams read second reading of Ordinance
#13-25.

11. City of Milton Events

Item # 2025-3694

SEPA - Storybook Village 2026 (March 28)

Item passed on consent agenda

12. Finance, Planning Board

No report

13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported

- HPB to meet Thursday, November 13th

- Award of Historic Excellence was presented to Magnolia Esthetics & Wellness

Item # 2025-3730

Jurassic Parliament - 3-Hour Training for Parliamentary Procedures (action item)

Item moved to special called meeting

Item # 2025-3734

Board Vacancy - General Employee Pension Board (added)

Item passed on consent agenda

14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Economic Development Director reported to council

CIB - CPTA award for the Master Plan for the new development was not awarded to the city.

Deadline for Courthouse RFP extended to Dec 5th

15. Public Works

No report

16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

No report

17. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

Councilman Powers reported to council

- TDC meeting Thursday

Item # 2025-3683

Business Improvement Program Application - 5185 Elmira St Exchange Hotel (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Approve up to \$7500 by Marilyn Farrow; second by Tom Powers;

Motion passed - 7:0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Economic Development Director Stephen Prestesater reported to council.

Councilwoman Farrow agreed to amend her motion to increase it from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00

Item # 2025-3723

Business Improvement Program Application - Willing Street Law (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3724

Business Improvement Program Application - Blackwater Boxing LLC (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3728

Business Improvement Program Application - 6835 Caroline St (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2025-3726

Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Mitigation Plan and the Plan for Public Information (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

18. LEAP, Youth Council

No Report

19. Public Safety

No Report

Item # 2025-3608

Authorization to Conduct a School Zone Speeding Traffic Study (action item)

ACTION:

Motion to Approve authorizing the Police Chief to conduct a school zone speeding traffic study by Ashley Fretwell; second by Tom Powers;

Motion passed - 7:0

YEAS:

Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Ashley Fretwell, Larry McKee

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Council discussed pros and cons of having speed cameras in school zones and the benefits of the free study.

Chief Frank reported to council

20. Mayor Report: ECRC, TPO

Mayor Lindsay reported to council

21. City Attorney's Report

No report

22. City Manager's Business

City Manager Ed Spears reported to council

23. Public Input

No public input

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 07:23 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date