



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026
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 Marilynn 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
Mayor Heather Lindsay

Members Absent:

Members of the Public in Attendance

Kelli Miller, Diane Miller, Shari Sebastiao, Buddy Fisher, David Samples, Theresa Messick, Carol B Rich, Teresa Harris, Kyle H., David Farrow

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Attorney, John Adams
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson
Planning Director, Jacob Hullett
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Ec. Dev. Director, Stephen Prestesater
ACM, Sandra Woodbery
Budget Coordinator, Laura McDill
Chief of Police, Jennifer Frank

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Bill Wright gave the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2026-3937
March 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; 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

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; 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

Items moved to the consent agenda:

- Item# 2026-4011 Fireworks - \$38,875.00
- Item# 2026-4002 BIP - First Presbyterian Church
- Item# 2026-4019 - Custodial and Janitorial Services
- Item# 2026-4021 Air compressor for Utilities Dept
- Item# 2026-3998 MPD Cruiser

Moved up on agenda Item# 2026-3970 Veterans Tribute Banners (after invited speaker)

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Item # 2026-4012

Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Lindsay read the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation and presented it to the MPD Dispatchers.

Item # 2026-3997

Recognition: 2026 Digital Budget Book Award

Budget Coordinator, Laura McDill, was recognized for her outstanding efforts with the City's Budget and for achieving this national recognition.

Item # 2026-4016

Public Announcement: Arbor Day 2026 Agenda — Friday, April 24, 2026, at 12:30PM

Mayor Lindsay announced the Arbor Day Ceremony for April 24th at Milton HS.

6. Public Hearings

Item # 2026-4017

Rezoning and FLUM Change Request - Circle K Stewart Street

Planning Director Jacob Hullett reported to council.

The first Public Hearing was held with no comments from the public

7. Invited Speakers

Kelli Miller, (DAR) Daughters of the American Revolution

Kelli Miller reported to council.

8. Persons to Appear

Public input was provided by: Theresa Messick

Lea Funchess, District Aide of Rep Boyles, introduced herself to the council.

9. General Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; 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

Additional Items moved to the consent agenda:

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Item # 2026-4015

SEPA - Juneteenth Celebrations 2026

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2026-3966

Relocating Planning Department to City Property

Item passed on consent agenda

10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2026-3910

Ordinance # 01-26 Revising Membership Requirements for the CIB (Second Reading)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve 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

City Attorney, John Adams read second reading of Ord# 01-26

Item # 2026-3911

Ordinance # 02-26 Revising Membership & Qualifications Requirements for BOA (Second Reading)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; second by Robert Leek; 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 Ord# 02-26

Item # 2026-3912

Ordinance # 03-26 Revising the Membership & Qualification Requirements for HPB (Second Reading)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; 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 Ord# 03-26

Item # 2026-3913

Ordinance # 04-26 Revising the Membership & Qualifications Requirements for PB (Second Reading)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; 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

City Attorney, John Adams read second reading of Ord# 04-26

Item # 2026-4004

Ordinance # 05-2026 Amending Chapter 46 Regulation of Wrecker Operations (First 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 Ord# 05-26

Item # 2026-4005

Ordinance # 06-26 Amendment To Add "Marina" to Permitted Comm. PDP Uses (First Reading)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; 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 first reading of Ord# 06-26

Item # 2026-3995

Resolution # 2026-06 Ratifying the Reappointment of Brian McGuire to the Fire Pension Board

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell; second by Robert Leek;
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 resolution #2026-06

Item # 2026-4013

Resolution # 2026-07 FY2026 Budget Amendment

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 resolution #2026-07

Item # 2026-3968

Resolution # 2026-08 Adopting the SRC Local Mitigation Strategy Plan for 2026-2030

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; 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 resolution #2026-08

11. City of Milton Events

Item # 2026-4011

Fire Works Update (informational item)

Discussed at the work session

12. Finance, Planning Board

Councilman Cusack reported to council.

Public input was provided by: Theresa Messick, Kelli Miller, Shari Sebastiao

13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council and recognized Jacob Hullett and Katie Prestesator as Rising Stars for Santa Rosa.

Item # 2026-4018

Board Vacancy: Milton Fire Pension Board (informational item)

Councilwoman Farrow announced the vacant seat for the Milton Fire Pension Board

Item # 2026-3970

Veterans Tribute Banners (action item)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Robert Leek; 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

Item was considered after the Invited Speaker Section

Item # 2026-4002

Business Improvement Program FY26 - First Presbyterian Church Milton (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2026-4019

2026.03 ITB Custodial and Janitorial Services (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council.

PIO Bethany Anderson announced the Gaming Event at the Community Center on April 18th & 19th.

15. Public Works

No Report

Item # 2026-4021

Equipment Purchase: Air Compressor for Utilities Dept (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

No Report

17. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

Councilman Powers reported to council regarding the survey for the aircrafts.
Public input was provided by: Shari Sebastiao
Stephen Prestesator reported to council

Adding the aircraft discussion to the April 23rd Work Session

18. LEAP, Youth Council

Councilman Powell reported to council

19. Public Safety

No Report

Item # 2026-3998

Vehicle Purchase: Replacement Cruiser for MPD (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

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

Public input was provided by: David Samples, David Farrow

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 07:43 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date