



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026
6:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 06:32 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
Council Member Ward II, Seat II Larry McKee
Mayor Heather Lindsay

Members Absent:

Members of the Public in Attendance

Donna Long, Buddy Fisher, Jimmy Messick, Theresa Messick, O'neal Baker,
Christian Miller, David Farrow, David Samples, Tracy Hamilton

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Ed Spears
City Attorney, John Adams
City Clerk, Molly Turnes
IT Director, Krystle Nowlin
IT Systems Analyst, Austin Discoli
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson
Planning Director, Jacob Hullett
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

Pastor Nicole Jackson, Bearing Fruit Community Church

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2026-4008

April 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Robert Leek; second
by Tom Powers;
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

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve 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

Items moved to consent agenda

- Item# 2026-4049 Natural Gas Fee Schedule
- Item# 2026-4024 HGMP Multiple Critical Facilities Generator Contract
- Item# 2026-4062 CIB Reappointments

Invited Speaker, Chief Frank, moved to May Work Session

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Item # 2026-4033

Recognition: Yard of the Season Spring Winner - 5226 Elmira Street
PIO Bethany Anderson reported to council the Yard of the
Season: Spring Winner
5226 Elmira Street

Item # 2026-4070

Recognition: NJROTC Award
Mayor Lindsay recognized the award that was presented to the
City of Milton.

Item # 2026-4072

Proclamations for May 2026

Mayor Lindsay read the proclamation for Nurses Week.

6. Public Hearings

Item # 2026-4017

Rezoning and FLUM Change Request - Circle K Stewart Street

Planning Director, Jacob Hullett reported to council.

No public comment

7. Invited Speakers

Item # 2026-4061

Chief Jennifer Frank, MPD Programs

Moved to the May 28th Work Session

Item # 2026-4071

Jackalyn Kovac, Food Raising Friends

Jackalyn Kovac of Food Raising Friends reported to council.

Food Raising Friends is a nonprofit that distributes meal bags to students during school breaks.

8. Persons to Appear

Christian Miller, student body VP of Milton High School, reported to council.

9. General Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; 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

Items moved to consent agenda

- Item# 2026-4049 Natural Gas Fee Schedule (*installation fee only, not potential rate increases*)
- Item# 2026-4024 HGMP Multiple Critical Facilities Generator Contract — (*City would be responsible for \$409,000 — total grant \$1.2 million, total project \$1.6 million. 2027 FY budget*)
- Item# 2026-4062 CIB Reappointments

Item # 2026-4073

SEPA - Battle of the BBQing Baptists 2026 (5/16)

Item passed on consent agenda

10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2026-4004

Ordinance # 05-26 Amending Chapter 46 Regulation of Wrecker Operations
(Second Reading)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Ashley Fretwell; 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 the second reading of
Ordinance 05-26

Item # 2026-4005

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

ACTION:	Motion to Approve 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

City Attorney, John Adams read the second reading of
Ordinance 06-26

Item # 2026-4006

Ordinance # 07-26 -FLUM Change - Parcel ID 34-2N-28-0000-23000-0000
(First Reading)

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Marilynn Farrow; second by Ashley Fretwell; 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 the first reading of Ordinance
07-26

Item # 2026-4007

Ordinance # 08-26 - Rezoning Change for Parcel ID 34-2N-28-0000-23000-
0000 (First Reading)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Ashley Fretwell;
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 the first reading of Ordinance
08-26

Item # 2026-4063

Resolution # 2026-09 Budget Amendment FY26

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack; 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 Resolution 2026-09

11. City of Milton Events

No additional events discussed

12. Finance, Planning Board

Item # 2026-4049

Natural Gas Fee Schedule (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council

Item # 2026-4024

HGMP Multiple Critical Facilities Generator Contract (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2026-4026

Board Appointment Reorganization Plan (action item)

Planning Director, Jacob Hullett reported to council

Motion was amended to approve the 2/2/3 seat stagger with the months of appointments and appointments of individuals as indicated on the spreadsheet.

ACTION:	Motion to Approve the 2/2/3 Stagger by Marilyn Farrow; 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

2/2/3 Seat Stagger with appointments taking place every year. In a 2/2/3 Seat Stagger: **Group 1** would consist of Ward 1, Council At-Large 1 for one, 1-year term; **Group 2** Ward 2, Council At-Large 2 for one, 2-year term; **Group 3** Ward 3, Ward 4, Mayor At-Large for one, 3-year term. Each would be appointed for a three-year term thereafter, per usual.

The non-3-year terms would only occur once, during the "Year One", in order to create the staggered effect. Every appointment after will be the normal 3-year term.

Public input was provided by: Theresa Messick

14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council

Economic Development Director, Stephen Prestesater reported to council

Item # 2026-4062

Community Improvement Board (CIB) Reappointments in Accordance with Newly Adopted Ordinances (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

15. Public Works

No Report

16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

No Report

- 17. **Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council**
No Report
- 18. **LEAP, Youth Council**
Councilman Powell reported to council
- 19. **Public Safety**
Councilwoman Fretwell 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 07:37 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date

<u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD</u>							
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>WARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>3-4 ROTATION</u>	<u>2-2-3 ROTATION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT TERM</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Brian McGuire (Vice Chair)	HPB	Ward 1	9-Sep-29				
Jeff Martin	HPB	Ward 1	10-Sep-26				
John Ellis (Chair)	HPB		9-Sep-27				Milton Property Owner
Laura Spencer Coleman	HPB		9-Sep-27				Santa Rosa County Resident
Richard McCool	HPB	Ward 2	9-Sep-27				
Susan Russell	HPB	Ward 1	9-Sep-29				
Theresa Messick	HPB	Ward 1	9-Sep-27				
STAFF RECOMMENDATION							
Brian McGuire (Vice Chair)	HPB	Ward 1		3 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
Richard McCool	HPB	Ward 2		2 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
John Ellis (Chair)	HPB	Ward 3		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
Susan Russell	HPB	Ward 4		2 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
Theresa Messick	HPB	Mayor At-Large		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
Jeff Martin	HPB	Council At-Large		2 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
Laura Spencer Coleman	HPB	Council At-Large		3 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = July 31/Term Begins = August 1</i>	
<u>MILTON PLANNING BOARD</u>							
Steve Dobbs (Chair)	MPB	Ward 2	13-May-29				
Amber Leak (Vice-Chair)	MPB	Mayor At Large	Dec-26				
Jimmy Messick	MPB	Ward 1	13-Aug-28				
Dan Powers	MPB	Ward 3	13-May-29				
Bruce Predmore	MPB	Ward 4	9-Jun-26				
Greg Scoville	MPB	Council At Large	13-May-29				
Melissa Simpson	MPB	Council At Large	11-Jun-28				
STAFF RECOMMENDATION							
Jimmy Messick	MPB	Ward 1		3 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
Steve Dobbs (Chair)	MPB	Ward 2		2 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
Dan Powers	MPB	Ward 3		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
Bruce Predmore	MPB	Ward 4		2 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
Amber Leak (Vice-Chair)	MPB	Mayor At Large		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
Greg Scoville	MPB	Council At Large		2 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
Melissa Simpson	MPB	Council At Large		3 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = September 30/Term Begins = October 1</i>	
<u>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS</u>							
Howard Steele(Chair)	BOA	Ward 2	9-Sep-26				
Kyle Baker (Vice Chair)	BOA	Ward 2	9-Sep-28				
Karra Graber	BOA	Ward 3	9-Sep-28				
Joshua George	BOA	Ward 3	9-Sep-28				
Shannon Rice	BOA	Ward 2	9-Sep-28				
Kate Bryan	BOA		9-Sep-28				Santa Rosa County Resident
Dennis Rogers	BOA		9-Sep-26				Santa Rosa County Resident
STAFF RECOMMENDATION							
Kyle Baker (Vice Chair)	BOA	Ward 1		3 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	
Howard Steele(Chair)	BOA	Ward 2		2 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	
Karra Graber	BOA	Ward 3		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	
Joshua George	BOA	Ward 4		2 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	
Dennis Rogers	BOA	Mayor At-Large		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	
Kate Bryan	BOA	Council At-Large		2 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	

Shannon Rice	BOA	Council At-Large		3 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = May 31/Term Begins = June 1</i>	
<u>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD</u>							
Vernon Compton (Chair)	CIB	Ward 1	1-Mar-26				
Howard Steele	CIB	Ward 2	1-Mar-26				
Paul Kilmartin	CIB		1-Mar-26				Santa Rosa County Resident
Cindy Smith	CIB		1-Mar-26				Santa Rosa County Resident
Kaiden Spurlock	CIB		1-Mar-26				Santa Rosa County Resident
Ella Payne	CIB		1-Mar-26				Santa Rosa County Resident
Deb Becker	CIB	Ward 1	1-Mar-26				
STAFF RECOMMENDATION							
Vernon Compton (Chair)	CIB	Ward 1		3 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	
Howard Steele	CIB	Ward 2		2 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	
Cindy Smith	CIB	Ward 3		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	
Kaiden Spurlock	CIB	Ward 4		2 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	
Deb Becker	CIB	Mayor At-Large		3 Years	3 Years	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	
Ella Payne	CIB	Council At-Large		2 Years	1 Year	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	
Paul Kilmartin	CIB	Council At-Large		3 Years	2 Years	<i>Term Expires = March 31/Term Begins = April 1</i>	