



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026
6:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 06:36 PM.

Members Present:

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 II, Seat II Larry McKee
Mayor Heather Lindsay

Members Absent:

Council Member Ward IV, Seat II Casey Powell
Council Member, Ward IV, Seat I Ashley Fretwell

Members of the Public in Attendance

Pam Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Krysal A, Jean Samples, Joe Hurley, David Samples, Jimmy Messick, Jerry Couey, Theresa Messick, Vickie Mullins, Dan Mullins, K. Jenkins, David Farrow, Keri Pitzer, Lea Funchess, Carol Rich, Tiphonie Sapp

Staff in Attendance

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

Representative Boyles

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Tod Brainard,
Grace Bible Church

3. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2026-4163
June 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Tom Powers; second by Robert Leek; Motion passed - 6:0
YEAS:	Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Approval of Agenda

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Larry McKee; second by Gavin Hawthorne; Motion passed - 6:0
YEAS:	Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Items moved to the consent agenda:

Item# 2026-4203 MGO - Planning Online Permitting Portal
Item# 2026-4175 Workforce Utility Project Change Order
Item# 2026-4213 Pine Straw
Item# 2026-4202 MPD Acceptance of 2 Grant Awards
Item# 2026-4209 MFD Acceptance of Firehouse Subs Grant

Item moved to Special Called meeting:

Item# 2026-4211 Warren Averett Out of Scope Services

Item# 2026-4162 Marina - discussed at work session. Jones South was present and gave an overall update (\$25,000 check was presented to council)

Councilwoman Farrow wanted to add an item of discussion regarding the WWTP Site 4. Council agreed to move the discussion to the July 23rd Work Session.

Public input was provided by: Howard Steele, Pam Mitchell

5. Public Announcements, Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

None

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Invited Speakers

None

8. Persons to Appear

Public input was provided by: Jerry Mitchell, Howard Steele, Curtis Krebs, Mr. Hurley, Jerry Couey, Theresa Messick

9. General Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Robert Leek; second by Marilyn Farrow;

Motion passed - 6:0

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Item # 2026-4206

SEPA - Coming Clean 5K

Passed on consent agenda

Item # 2026-4169

Stewart Street FDOT Agreement - \$82,000

Passed on consent agenda

10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2026-4074

Ordinance# 09-26 Establishing Qualifying Dates for 2026 Election (Second Reading)

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

Motion passed - 6:0

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

City Attorney John Adams read Ordinance #09-26

Item # 2026-4147

Ordinance # 10-26 to Rezone Parcel 34-2N-28-0000-05900-0000 Washington St (Second Reading)

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

Motion passed - 6:0

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The legal description of the ordinance was corrected prior to the second reading

City Attorney John Adams read Ordinance #10-26

Item # 2026-4148

Ordinance # 11-26 - FLUM Change associated with Washington St Rezoning - Parcel 34-2N-28-0000-05900-0000 (Second Reading)

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne; second by Tom Powers;

Motion passed - 6:0

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The legal description of the ordinance was corrected prior to the second reading

City Attorney John Adams read Ordinance #11-26

Item # 2026-4207

Resolution# 2026-11 Fire Fee Assessment

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Gavin Hawthorne; second by Marilynn Farrow;

Motion passed - 5:1

YEAS: Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers, Larry McKee

NAYS: Mike Cusack

ABSTAIN: None

City Attorney John Adams read Resolution# 2026-11

Item # 2026-4212

Resolution# 2026-12 Budget Amendment FY2026

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Robert Leek; second
by Tom Powers;
Motion passed - 6:0

YEAS: Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin
Hawthorne, Robert Leek, Tom Powers,
Larry McKee

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

City Attorney John Adams read Resolution# 2026-12

Public input was provided by: Pam Mitchell

11. City of Milton Events

None

12. Finance, Planning Board

Councilman Cusack reported to council

Item # 2026-4203

MGO - Planning and Development Online Permitting Portal - \$12,360 (action
item)

Item passed on consent

Item # 2026-4211

Warren-Averett Authorization for Out-Of-Scope Services (action item)

Item moved to July 23, 2026 for a Special Called Meeting

13. Administration, Historic Preservation Board

Councilwoman Farrow reported to council

Item # 2026-4208

Comptroller Position (action item)

Staff to amend the job description and bring back on July 23rd
for a Special Called Meeting.

14. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Hawthorne reported to council.

15. Public Works

No report

Item # 2026-4175

WorkForce Utility Project Change Order - \$33,672.52 (action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

Item # 2026-4213

ITB 2026.04 Pine Straw Supply, Delivery & Installation Services \$23,700
(action item)

Item passed on consent agenda

16. Board of Adjustments, Stormwater

No report

17. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

No report

Item # 2026-4162

Milton Marina - Jones South Development

Item# 2026-4162 Milton Marina was discussed at the work session. Jones South was present and gave an overall project update and presented a \$25,000 check to council.

18. LEAP, Youth Council

No report

19. Public Safety

No report

Item # 2026-4178

Introduction of proposed ordinance: Public Camping and Public Sleeping
Chief Frank reported to council

Item # 2026-4202

MPD - Acceptance of (2) Grant Awards - \$6,402.39 (action item)

Item passed on consent

Item # 2026-4209

MFD - Acceptance of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant -
\$25,195 (action item)

Item passed on consent

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: Orrin Smith, David Samples, Jimmy Messick,
Theresa Messick, Pam Mitchell, Howard Steele

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 08:18 PM.

Mayor

Date

City Clerk

Date