



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023
5:30 PM
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 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 II Roxanne Meiss
Council Member, Ward IV, Seat I Jason Vance
Council Member, Ward III, Seat I Gavin Hawthorne
Council Member Ward I, Seat II Matt Jarrett
Council Member Ward III, Seat II Jeff Snow
Council Member, Ward II, Seat I Marilynn Farrow

Members of the Public in Attendance

Theresa Messick, Al Brewton, Tom Powers, David Farrow, Vernon Compton, Shannon Rice, Howard Steele, Jerry Couey, Dan Helms, Kristen McCallister, Tim Parson, Jennifer Green, Shari Sebastiao, Pam Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, Mariya Calkins, Christa Waite, Michael Stevens, Sam Mullins, Orrin Smith, Donna Long, Brian McGuire, Bill Marquardt, Sherry Chapman, Gwen Sachar, Buddy Fisher, Rita Gunter, Astrid Levins

Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Randy Jorgenson
City Attorney, Alex Andrade
City Clerk, Dawn Molinero
IT Systems Analyst, Hunter Green
Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson
Planning Director, Tim Milstead
Director of Economic Development, Ed Spears
Public Works Director, Joe Cook
Chief of Police, Tony Tindell

2. Invocation

Dan "Sky Horse" Helms,
Chief of the Santa Rosa Band
Lower Muscogee, Milton

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

Item # 2023-1441

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ACTION: Motion to Approve by Marilyn Farrow;
second by Casey Powell;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilyn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by Marilyn
Farrow;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike
Cusack, Marilyn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Agenda approved as amended; move Kristen McAllister and Vernon Compton to
Invited Speakers and discuss Item #2023-1331, City of Milton Social Media Policy
after Persons to Appear.

6. Awards, Proclamations & Recognitions

Military Appreciation Month Proclamation

Mayor Heather Lindsay read a proclamation in honor of active
duty personnel, retirees and veterans for Military Appreciation
Month.

7. Invited Speakers

Timothy Parson and Jennifer Green,
Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC

Timothy Parson and Jennifer Green of Liberty Partners reported
to the Council about the 2023 Legislative Session Review.

Councilman Mike Cusack addressed Liberty Partners.

Kristen McAllister, CPA
Warren Averett Advisory and Accounting

Councilman Mike Cusack read a Distinguished Budget
Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers

Association recognizing the Budget Manager, Heidi Sroka; this award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and it represents a significant achievement by the organization.

Kristen McAllister of Warren Averett Advisory and Accounting reported to the Council her findings of the 2022 financial audit.

Councilwoman Roxanne Meiss and Councilman Mike Cusack addressed Kristen McAllister and the City Manager, Randy Jorgenson.

Public input concerning Kristen McAllister, CPA Warren Averett Advisory and Accounting was provided by: Shannon Rice

Pensacola Perdido Bay Estuary Program Update,
Vernon Compton

Vernon Compton, the City of Milton Pensacola Perdido Bay Estuary Program (PPBEP) representative, reported to the Council about the last PPBEP meeting; the next meeting will be May 17th at the Santa Rosa County Administration Building in the Board of Commissioners Chamber.

8. Persons to Appear

Persons to Appear was provided by: Christa Waite, Michael Stevens, Sam Mullins, Mariya Calkins

14. Administration, Emerald Coast Regional Council

Councilwoman Marilynn Farrow reported to the Council.
The next Emerald Coast Regional Council meeting is June 15th, at Defuniak Springs.

Item # 2023-1331

City of Milton Social Media Policy

ACTION:	Motion to Approve by Mike Cusack; second by Matt Jarrett; Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS:	Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The motion and vote is to dismiss/not adopt this policy. The current Social Media Policy for employees stands.

The Mayor and Council each gave their input regarding this item.

Public input concerning City of Milton Social Media Policy was
provided by: Shannon Rice, Howard Steele

9. General Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by Matt Jarrett;
Motion passed - 8:0
YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow, Casey Powell, Mike
Cusack, Marilynn Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

General Consent Agenda

Item # 2023-1421
SEPA - Craft Wedding

Item # 2023-1446
Police Department Generator w/ Transfer Switch

Item # 2023-1443
National Navy League Convention

Item # 2023-1363
General Rules and Procedures for Meetings

Item # 2023-1454
Residential Facade Improvement Grant Application - Tom Powers

Item # 2023-1455
Residential Facade Improvement Grant Application - Sanders & Young

Item # 2023-1456
Residential Facade Improvement Grant Application - Frank White

Item # 2023-1457
Residential Facade Improvement Grant Application - Warren Gilmore

10. Ordinances & Resolutions

Item # 2023-1163
Health Insurance for Retired Employees, Second Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Jeff Snow;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The City Attorney, Alex Andrade, reported to the Council.

Item # 2023-1410

Civil Service Board, First Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Jeff Snow; second by
Mike Cusack;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The City Attorney, Alex Andrade, reported to the Council.

Item # 2023-1458

Firefighters Pension Trust Fund, First Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Marilynn Farrow;
second by Roxanne Meiss;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The City Attorney, Alex Andrade, reported to the Council.

Item # 2023-1513

Conduct of Meetings; First Reading

ACTION: Motion to Approve by Casey Powell;
second by Marilynn Farrow;
Motion passed - 8:0

YEAS: Matt Jarrett, Roxanne Meiss, Jeff Snow,
Casey Powell, Mike Cusack, Marilynn
Farrow, Gavin Hawthorne, Jason Vance

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The City Attorney, Alex Andrade, reported to the Council.

11. City of Milton Events

No report.

12. Public Information Officer Report

April Report

The Public Information Officer, Bethany Anderson, reported to the Council.

13. Finance, Planning Board

No report.

15. Parks & Recreation, Community Improvement Board

Councilman Gavin Hawthorne reported to the Council that the City of Milton Little League Cheerleaders are putting on a parents night out on May 19th at the Gracey Community Center from 6-9 PM; it's a fundraiser to pay for uniforms and the cost is \$30 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child.

16. LEAP

No report.

17. Board of Adjustments

Councilman Matthew Jarrett reported to the Council that the next Board of Adjustments meeting is May 15th at 5:30 PM.

18. Historic Preservation Board, Transportation Planning Organization

Councilwoman Roxanne Meiss reported to the Council that the next Historic Preservation Board meeting is May 11th at 5:30 PM.

19. Growth, Development & Annexation, Tourist Development Council

No report.

20. Public Works

No report.

21. Mayor Report: Public Safety, Ordinance Committee

Item # 2023-1518

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Mayor Heather Lindsay reported to the Council.

Suicide Awareness Walk

Mayor Heather Lindsay reported to the Council that the Suicide Awareness Walk will be Friday, May 14th at 4 PM for students and citizens; it will begin at King Middle School.

A public comment from Angie Carter was read into the record.

Councilman Jeff Snow reported to the Council.

22. City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney, Alex Andrade, reported to the Council.

23. City Manager's Report

HWY 90 Design Charrette Update

The City Manager, Randy Jorgenson, reported to the Council that City Hall will be closed May 10th from 11 AM to 1 PM for the employee luncheon and the HWY 90 Design Charrette Public Forum will be May 25th at City Hall from 6-8 PM.

Councilwoman Roxanne Meiss, reported to the Council.

24. Public Input

Public Input was provided by: Theresa Messick, Vernon Compton

25. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.