

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 12, 2016

The City Council of the City of Milton met in Regular Session, January 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (CST) in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 6738 Dixon Street, Milton, Florida. The following were:

PRESENT:

Wesley Meiss, Mayor
Lloyd Hinote
Mary Ellen Johnson
Marilyn Jones
Ashley Lay
RL Lewis
Alan Lowery
Pat Lunsford
Jimmy Messick

ABSENT:

Brian Watkins, City Manager
Heather Lindsay, City Attorney
Dewitt Nobles, City Clerk
Pam Haddan, Executive Assistant

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Grady Hester, Buddy Jordan, Carole Jordan, Kathy Malone, Roger Malone, Anita Woods, Dillon Wood, Gabriel Small, Al Brewton, Matt Brown, Carla Sorensen, Kaj Sorensen, Cassandra Sharp, Kaycee Lagarde, Connie Clark, Vernon Compton, Jack Sanborn, Lauren Meiss, Melissa Odom, and Stephanie Lowery.

Mayor Meiss called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call was performed.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Pat Lunsford led invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

****APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS****

Additional items recommended from Staff
Additional items recommended from Council
a) Council Reports

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote to approve agenda; seconded by Mr. Lowery. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) December 8, 2015 Regular

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve December 8, 2015 minutes; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

- 1) Swearing in of Firefighter Stephen Rampersad
- 2) Presentation to Roger Malone, Retired Board Member

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

- 1) Public Hearing to Consider Adoption, Levy, and Imposition of Certain Special Assessments against Real Property to Defray Costs Associated with the Continual Readiness to Provide Fire Protection and to Use Uniform Method of Collection Such Assessment

Cassandra Sharp, 3109 Waterview Drive – Ms. Sharp asked what the estimated assessment total would be and Mr. Watkins stated \$240,000 for FY 17 and each year after that it would be reassessed based on budget. Ms. Sharp stated the city needs to prioritize the budget before assessing tax payers. She stated she'd rather see her tax dollars go to emergency services than entertainment, stages, and sound systems. She stated she is not objecting the Fire Fee, but she is questioning and objecting the priorities of city spending.

George Jordan, 5585 Polaris Drive, Milton- Mr. Jordan asked if some of the properties that would be assessed have been exempt before. Mr. Watkins stated all properties would be assessed, there will be no exemptions. Mr. Jordan asked what the average homeowner would pay, and Mr. Watkins stated \$52. Mr. Jordan asked if next year this would have to be voted on again. Mr. Watkins stated each year the assessment would be set during the budget process, and would come before the council for a vote. Mr. Jordan stated he agreed with Ms. Sharp that giving away taxpayer money should not be the priority. He said the continual increase in taxes is becoming a burden.

PERSONS TO APPEAR

- 1) Peggy Kelly, FDOT and Tracy Boutwell, American Consulting Engineers- Re: Hwy 90 PD & E Study – Ms. Boutwell gave a presentation for new Hwy 90 PD&E study which covers Scenic Highway in Escambia County to Glover Lane in Santa Rosa County. Mayor Meiss stated there will be a public kick off meeting on January 28, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) *As forwarded from the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.*

***Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve General Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Lunsford. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN- COUNCILMAN R.L. LEWIS

- 1) *FDOT FPID: 436229-2-58-01 Dogwood Drive/SR 87 – Revise Change Order No. 2 increasing total project cost by \$110.45 from \$78,413 to \$78,523.45 for the addition of 20 each Flax Lilies. This increase is within the \$80,000 project budget approved by FDOT and does not reflect in increased cost to the City of Milton (Action: Approval of revision to Change Order No. 2)*

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN – COUNCILWOMAN MARILYN JONES

- 1) *Election Date Change for City Council and Mayor (Action: Tabled for further discussion)*
- 2) *Review and Approval of Amended Sick Leave Pool Policy Revision (Action: Approval of amended Sick Leave Pool Policy)*
- 3) *Billiard Awareness Month Proclamation (Action: Approval to proceed with Billiard Awareness Month Proclamation for the month of February)*

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN LLOYD HINOTE

- 1) *Event Application for Mardi Gras Parade (Action: Approval of Mardi Gras Event Application for 2016)*

GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN – ASHLEY LAY

- 1) *Regulations on Mobile Home Park on Northside Circe (Action: Approval to keep the regulations on Mobile Home Parks as is)*
- 2) *Establish Boards for CRA II and CRA III (Action: Approval for City Council Members to serve as the boards for CRA II and CRA III)*

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

- 1) *Financial and Budget Status Reports for the Period ending November 2015 (Information only)*
- 2) *Proposed Ordinance for Implementation of Fire Services Assessment (Action: Approval to have first reading at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016)*

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) *ICSC Convention in Las Vegas – May 2016 (Action: Approval for City Manager to attend the ICSC Convention in Las Vegas in May 2016)*
- 2) *Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Leadership & Installation Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 (Information Only)*
- 3) *Next scheduled meeting for Committee of the Whole will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. (Information only)*

MILTON PLANNING BOARD

- 1) Board will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (*Information only*)

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- 1) Ordinance #1427-15, Citation Fee Schedule Amendment (2nd reading)

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote to approve Ordinance #1427-15, Citation Fee Schedule Amendment; seconded by Mr. Lewis. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

- 2) Ordinance # 1428-16, Fire Services Assessment (1st reading)

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve Ordinance #1428-16, seconded by Mr. Lewis. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

- 3) Resolution #1355-16, Establishing CRA II and III

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones approve Resolution #1355-16; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

- 4) Budget Amendment Resolution #1356-26:

- a) General Fund \$2,422. Funds retired mayor (Clyde Gracey) with 20+ years of consecutive service a retirement on one-half of their ending salary for the remainder of their natural life from General Fund Reserves as approved by Council on 1/12/16 (F.S 112.048)
- b) General Fund \$21,300. Funds additional needed for Network & Phone Cabling at all 8 City locations. (\$21,300) from General Fund Reserves as approved by Council on 12/8/15.
- c) General Fund (\$24,797). Repair and Maintenance to the Police Department's HVAC System (-\$24,797) was expensed back to FY 2015. Reserves October 2015 BA 1348-15.
- d) General Fund \$5,000. Recognizes \$5,000 donation for purchase of Fire Department Equipment (T-Top and Light Bar for Marine 23) as approved by Council on 11/10/15.
- e) General Fund \$7,571. Recognizes Damage Claim Proceeds (\$6,097 + \$1,474) and allocates to expenditure line for purchase of replacement light poles and for repair of Police car.
- f) General Fund \$4,181. Recognizes sale of 2 mowers on Gov Deals (\$4,181) and allocates for new mower purchase for Landscaping Department.
- g) Downtown Fund \$0. City portion of TIFF (\$21,067) due to Downtown Fund is better defined as Shared Revenue rather than Transfer in.
- h) Marina Fund \$16,796. Carries forward Marina Reserves (\$16,796) and allocates for Quinn Street Parcel 17A and Parcel 17B purchase expenses (Phase I Environmental, Survey, Appraisal, and Realtor Fees) with remainder allocated to Contingency Expense Line.
- i) Marina Fund \$153,000. Funds purchase of Quinn Street parcel 17A and parcel 17B (\$76,000) from General Fund Reserves as approved by Council on 12/8/15.

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve Resolution #1356-15; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- 1) Pending Request for the Sale of Alcohol in Downtown Tourism District (Imogene Theater)

Mrs. Lindsey addressed the Council regarding drafted letter to Cassandra Sharp regarding the proposed 11PA license. She mentioned the question as to whether the proposed use of the Imogene Theater is consistent with the City of Milton's zoning and land use provisions including the description of the premises to be licensed under Section 4 lacks square footage and dimensions. The "Courtyard" noted on the application does not yet exist and constructing one will require a land use certificate. The "outdoor

area” is unclear because it might be confused with what is public property and dimensions and square footage details would be necessary in clarifying these questions. The City is concerned about what measures are being taken to control the movement of open container alcoholic beverages over public property, which concerns could presumably be resolved during the land use certificate process. The City is concerned about maintaining compliance with the spirit of the ordinance prohibiting sale and consumption of alcohol within 500 feet of a house of worship, which concerns could presumably be resolved during the land use certificate process, and the City is concerned that the circumstances reflect RE Development has an exclusive contract with the Santa Rosa Historical Society, which is prohibited under Section 565.02 (10) and therefore some clarification is warranted to reassure the City that it is not being asked to approve an arrangement inconstant with the law. Mrs. Lindsey suggested the City support their (Imogene theater) application for in door sale and consumption of alcohol, but reserve judgment for outdoor because of the concerns to control users of alcohol outside.

Cassandra Sharp, 3109 Waterview Drive – Ms. Sharp stated when Gary Pruitt approached the city while he was getting the application filed out for the 11PA, the permanent license, Tim Milstead filled out the type of license to what he assumed the license to be – 2COP, which was incorrect. She stated when Gary returned the application to the Santa Rosa Historical Society they noted the error. She stated this is an administrative issue. Ms. Sharp stated it is their responsibility of control when alcoholic beverages are served. She stated the one time that special event that was used there were barriers in place, and they have no problem with that being a stipulation. She requested the City stop charging \$250 every time they have an event. She stated they already know that facility is code compliant.

Mr. Watkins stated they do meet the requirements to be considered a performing arts center. He stated the only issue that prevents them from approving the license is the designated outdoor area is not clearly defined. Mr. Watkins stated he thinks it needs to go through the land use process and possible the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Watkins said the only outstanding issue is the defined outdoor area and how it will be established and maintained, and whether it gets worked through the land development process properly.

Ms. Sharp stated she’d be more than happy to add the dimensions of the outdoor area to the drawing, and if the City wants to make a stipulation that during such times alcohol is allowed in the area the Santa Rosa Historical Board have to provide barriers they would and have no problem doing that.

**Motion was made by Ms. Lay to approve inside sale of alcohol and for the Courtyard area to go through the land use process and to discontinue charging the Santa Rosa Historical Board \$250 each time for an event at the Imogene Theater; seconded by Mrs. Jones. Roll Call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, nay; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, nay; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

2) Election Date Change & Term Limit Change

Mrs. Lindsey stated based on her study of the case law, 10% of registered voters can ask the Supervisor of Elections office to put on the ballot a request for term limits. She stated the Council by majority vote did not want to put on the ballot a vote for term limits. She said the Charter Change can be made upon

petition by 10%, under State Statute, of registered voters and Council would be mandated put it on the ballot through the Supervisor of Elections whether they agreed with it or not.

Mrs. Lindsey also stated a referendum is not needed to move the City Election date from August to November. Mr. Watkins agreed this can be done by ordinance and a referendum is not needed.

**Motion was made by Mr. Lowery to move City Council and Mayor Election from the Primary Election to the 2016 General Election; seconded by Ms. Lay. Roll Call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, nay; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN R.L LEWIS

- 1) Recycling (Requires vote)

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to send letter to recycling customers regarding potential dissolution of the recycling program; seconded by Mr. Hinote; Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN – COUNCILWOMAN MARILYN JONES

- 1) Committee Rules & Procedures (Requires vote)

Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve Committee Rules & Procedures as stated at the Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson.

Motion was made by Mr. Messick to amend Mrs. Jones motion to change #2 under Rules for Committee of the Whole to The Chairman of the Committee will preside over the meetings, and the Chairman will be elected by the majority of the Council, and he supported naming the Chairman - Lloyd Hinote, seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Mayor Meiss stated this action would be inconsistent with the Charter of the City of Milton. He asked the City Attorney to explain consequences to the individual council members and the City as a whole if the City Council votes to take an action that is inconsistent with the City Charter.

Mrs. Lindsey stated she doesn't see where it would be inconsistent with the Charter, and asked the Mayor to further explain.

Mayor Meiss stated section under the City Charter it states the Mayor shall presides over Council meetings and may take part in discussions and shall vote only in the case of a tie vote of the City Council. He stated the Charter doesn't address committees. Mayor Meiss stated since the charter doesn't define what a committee meeting is, he interprets the Charter to mean anytime the Council meets would be a Council Meeting and the Mayor shall preside.

Mrs. Lindsey stated the City Council can pass an ordinance to define what a City Council meeting means if that clarity is desired. She stated she can't say his interpretation is the final say because under the City Charter the City Council has the Power, not the Mayor.

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve Committee Rules & Procedures as stated at the Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson; Roll call vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Meiss asked again for Mrs. Lindsey to explain consequences to the individual council members and the City as a whole if the City Council votes to take an action that is inconsistent with the City Charter. Mrs. Lindsey stated the only consequence would be that the Mayor would not preside over any committee meeting.

George Jordan – Mr. Jordan asked if this is a variation of what has happened in the past, and Mrs. Lindsey stated it is a logistical change in that in the past there were separate committee meetings and now they're combined into one meeting.

Mayor Meiss stated former Mayor Guy Thompson was the Committee Chair of the Finance and Growth & Development Committee during his time as Mayor, and there was never a change under his leadership. Mayor Meiss stated Mayor Gracey also possible chaired committees.

Mr. Jordan, 5585 Polaris Drive - stated this would change what was traditionally done in the past. Mr. Messick stated he doesn't think it changed what was done in the past because they have had several committees that the Mayor wasn't even on. Mr. Lowery stated when the Mayor was on a committee he had a vote on for that committee, and that combining the committees takes away his vote. Mayor Meiss stated they have taken away his right to vote and the people's vote away.

Vernon Compton, 5149 Santa Rosa Street – Mr. Compton stated he wants all of the elected officials to have a voice at the table including the Mayor. He said they using combining the committees as a way to silence the Mayor. He stated he left the meeting where a lot of the new council members and Mayor were sworn in with a lot of hope because they talked about working together. He stated he has witnessed the mayor try to bring the community together and further the Master Plan, and he has seen at other times strong attempts to silence the mayor's voice. Mr. Compton stated the Mayor was elected by the citizens, and why would he not have a voice at the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Messick stated Mayor Meiss is welcome to come to the Committee of the Whole meeting and to participate and discuss, but he is not a member of it under this revision and he would not have a vote. Mr. Compton stated the mayor could be a member and have a vote if the Council wanted it. He said the citizens want all of the council and the mayor working together for the good of the community.

Mr. Messick stated the Charter says the Mayor shall preside over City Council meetings and may take part in discussion, but shall vote only in the case of a tie vote of the city council. He stated he thought where they have allowed a Mayor to vote in the past is in direct opposition to what the charter says, and it shouldn't be allowed.

Mayor Meiss stated perhaps some people are hiding behind the Charter but driven by what's in their heart.

Cindea Coulter Booth, 5242 Willing Street – She stated if the Mayor voted on a committee and there was a tie he'd get to vote again, so he'd get two votes, and that would not be fair.

Cassandra Sharp, 3109 Waterview Drive – Ms. Sharp this is a change from what has been happening for many years. The former Mayor not only chaired the City Council, he chaired the CRA, Finance Committee, Growth & Development, and he served on the TPO. She stated he also in the past made all of the committee assignments and board appointments. The council did not vote on these. Mr. Watkins stated they did vote, and Ms. Sharp stated not according to the minutes. She stated in came under the Mayor's report and the mayor made the committee assignments and there is no reference to a vote. She stated when Mayor Meiss came in there was a vote on the assignments and he was not given an opportunity to make any assignment. Mr. Messick stated they can't help what the prior Council has done; they may have made a mistake.

Ms. Sharp stated under the Council-Manager form when you go to Home Rule it states the Mayor is a ceremonial head of the municipality. He presides over council meetings and makes appointments to boards. She stated she does oppose what the Council is doing and out of respect for the 60% of voters that voted for Mayor Meiss that he should remain chair of the Committee. She said it is disrespectful to put someone else in that position.

Councilwoman Lay called the question.

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to amend Mrs. Jones motion to change #2 under Rules for Committee of the Whole to The Chairman of the Committee will preside over the meetings, and the Chairman will be elected by the majority of the Council, and he supported naming the Chairman - Lloyd Hinote, seconded by Mrs. Jones. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, nay; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, nay. Motion carried.

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve the amended Committee Rules & Procedures as stated at the Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson.

Stephanie Lowery, 6509 Robin Ave – Mrs. Lowery asked the Council to abandon the Committee of the Whole. She said besides the issue of leading the meeting, they're losing the subject matter experts, and citizens are going to have to sit through the entire meeting with their concerns and their issues and she stated that's is unfair. She stated we need to go back to what we know works and this is not going to work for the citizens.

Councilwoman Lay stated they have discussed having a schedule for the day for certain topics.

Councilman Messick stated when an item comes up at a meeting and there is a vote that doesn't make it

pass. It then comes to the Executive Committee and that is where the public can comment. He stated and when the Executive Committee votes on it, it still doesn't pass. It has to come to the Council Meeting for a final vote.

Jack Sanborn, 6484 Old Bagdad Hwy – Mr. Sanborn stated a very popular public official with 36 years of service did not win the election. Instead with a 60-40 margin the public spoke that they wanted change. He said he sees here very little change. Mr. Sanborn stated they have a young vibrant mayor that was elected and the council is doing everything they can to keep his ideas to flow to the community that voted for him.

Councilwoman Johnson stated they are not responsible for what happened in the past. She stated she thought they were doing a good job. She stated they respect each other. She told the mayor if he was true leader he wouldn't have a divisive nature. She stated combining all the committees will allow all the council to have more knowledge. She said it is very unfair for the council to base things on yesterday or a hundred years ago. She stated until they work together they will be divisive and nothing will happen.

Mayor Meiss stated he was pointing out an inconsistency in the charter.

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to approve the amended Committee Rules & Procedures as stated at the Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, nay; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, nay. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

1) Request from SRACF for Sponsorship (Requires vote)

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve \$10,000 Sponsorship to SRACF, seconded by Ms. Johnson.

**Motion made by Ms. Lay to amend the motion to approve \$5,000 Sponsorship to SRACF, seconded by Mr. Lowery. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, nay; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, nay. Motion carried.

Roll call vote on amended motion: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, nay; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, nay. Motion carried.

**Motion was made by Ms. Lay to divide the \$5,000 donation among the Natural Gas Fund, CRA, and General Fund; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

TPO REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

TDC REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN ALAN LOWERY

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Marilyn Jones resigned due to health and personal issues. Mrs. Jones made a motion to appoint Grady Hester to serve the remainder of her term.

Mayor Meiss stated we have a procedure in place in the event of a vacancy. He said we have thirty days to fulfill the vacancy, and council members can hand out applications to interested parties. The applications would be turned in to Dewitt Nobles by a certain date and the council would have the opportunity to review.

Councilman Lowery agreed the council should continue with the application procedure.

Councilwoman Lay agreed to proceed with the application process.

Councilman Messick stated the charter says the council has thirty days to fill the vacancy or the Governor of Florida will appoint one.

Mayor Meiss stated either council can vote and approve Mr. Hester to be appointed or council members can take applications and the public can be made aware of the open seat.

**Motion was made by Mrs. Jones to appoint Grady Hester to serve the remainder of her term, seconded by Mr. Hinote. Roll Call vote: Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, nay; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to swear in Mr. Hester at the end of the January 12, 2016 Council Meeting; seconded by Mrs. Jones. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Meiss encouraged everyone to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Board Appointments:
 - Milton Planning Board – 2 vacancies
 - Board of Adjustments – 1 vacancy
 - Fire Pension Board – 1 vacancy

2) Swearing in of Lieutenant Steve Maddox

3) Quinn Street Property Closing (Requires vote)

\$76,500 Purchase Price – General Fund

\$6,167.50 – Appraisal \$820, Environmental \$1700, Survey \$970, and Realtor Fees \$2667.50 –
Marina Fund

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick approve purchase with \$76,500 coming from General Fund and \$6,167.50 from the Marina Fund; seconded by Mr. Hinote. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried

4) Amendment to Key Property Contract (Requires vote)

**Motion to approve amendment to Key Property Contract to include paying \$2500 Escrow upfront; seconded by Ms. Lay. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried

5) Request from Mayor Gracey for Retirement - (Requires vote)

**Motion to approve made by Mr. Messick; seconded by Mrs. Lunsford. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried

6) Warrior Ride Event (Requires vote)

**Motion made by Mr. Messick to approve event application; seconded by Mrs. Jones. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried

7) Memorandum of Agreement between Blackwater Pyrates and City of Milton (Requires vote)

**Motion made by Mrs. Jones to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Blackwater Pyrates and the City of Milton; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Mrs. Jones, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried

8) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
(Information only)

9) Kaj Sorensen 4400 Jernigan RD, Re: Regulations on Mobile Home Park on Northside Cir – Mr. Sorensen voiced his opposition regarding City Council's action to keep regulations on Mobile Home Parks as is.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Council reconvened for the swearing in of Grady Hester to fill Ward 3 Seat 2.

Mayor Wesley Meiss

ATTEST:

Dewitt Nobles, City Clerk

/jdb