

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 8, 2016

The City Council of the City of Milton met in Regular Session, March 8, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. (CST) in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 6738 Dixon Street, Milton, Florida. The following were:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Brian Watkins, City Manager
Heather Lindsay, City Attorney
Dewitt Nobles, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sammy Carroll, Toni New, Theresa Messick, George Jordan, Destini Ard, Kristy Ard, Triniti Ard, Joyce Ard, River Ard, Cody Cotto, Al Brewton, Clyde Anderson, Jerry Cummings, Matt Brown, Richard Smith, Doug Whitfield, and Dean Leightey

Mayor Meiss called the meeting to order at 5:15 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 Ms. Johnson to approve agenda; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, 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) Courthouse Committee was presented with a certificate of recognition for a job well done

- 2) Santa Rosa Arts & Culture presented the City with a collection from the Riverwalk Arts Festival

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

- 1) Public Hearing for CRA II and CRA III Master Plans

PERSONS TO APPEAR

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) *As forwarded from the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.*

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

PUBLIC WORKS: CHAIRMAN- COUNCILMAN R.L. LEWIS

Item 67 Sewer Backup on Maggie Rose Circle
Action Approval to proceed with the restoration of the residence using Complete DKI and to take action against Adams Homes to recover costs if insurance does not cover.
Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRWOMAN PATSY LUNSFORD

Item 63 Request for Autistic Child Sign at 3-way stop at Sanders Street
Action Approval to purchase and place the “Autistic Child” sign at the intersection of Lark and Sanders Street and leave at discretion of City Manager in the future
Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

Item 11 Red Light Camera Program Renewal
Action Approval of authorization for City Manager to negotiate contract with 4 cameras at \$4,250 and 1 camera at \$3,750 and to remain revenue neutral.
Cost \$0.00 Funding Source Water/Sewer Reserves

PARKS & RECREATION: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN LLOYD HINOTE

Item 57 Community Center Signs
Action Approval to purchase the signs for the top of the GTCC at a cost of \$4,036 to be paid out of the budget
Cost \$5,036.00 Funding Source Budget

Item 42 Review of City Parade Fees

- Item 40** *Resolution supporting the designation of the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) as the governing structure to support the establishment of an Estuary Program for Perdido and Pensacola Bay.*
- Action** *Approval of a resolution supporting the designation of the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) as the governing structure to support the establishment of an Estuary Program for Perdido and Pensacola Bay*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *N/A*
- Item 68** *Stewart Street Re-Zoning to RC-1*
- Action** *Approval for staff to proceed with an outreach meeting with the affected property owners*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *N/A*

FINANCE: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

- Item 45** *Contribution to Santa Rosa Leadership Class 29 Blackhawk Memorial Foundation*
- Action** *Approval to make a \$1,500 donation to Leadership Class 29 to be put towards the building of the Blackhawk Memorial*
- Cost** *\$1500.00* *Funding Source* *Budget*
- Item 43** *Review Requirement to Replace City Enterprise Software (HTE)*
- Action** *Approval for staff to send out RFP to upgrade or change the City Enterprise Software*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *Budget*
- Item 61** *Budget Planning Calendar for FY2017*
- Action** *Approval of the FY 2017 Budget Planning Calendar*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *N/A*
- Item 64** *Appointment of Mr. Greg Brand to the Fire Pension Board*
- Action** *Approval of appointment of Mr. Greg Brand to the Fire Pension Board as a City Representative*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *N/A*
- Item 65** *Establishment of facilities maintenance department (#0519) budget item in FY 17*
- Action** *Approval for staff to establish the #0519 Budget item in the FY 2017 Budget*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *Budget*
- Item 71** *Bad Debt Write-off for February 2016*
- Action** *Approval of bad debt write-off for February 2016 in the amount of \$3,025.63- FYTD \$23,296.21, less collections and gas fee account credit of (\$4,872.13) for a net total of \$18,424.08*
- Cost** *\$0.00* *Funding Source* *N/A*
- Item 62** *Courthouse Update: 1. Purchase agreement for property number 2. Review new courthouse layout plan form HMM/HOK.*

<i>Item 77</i>	<i>Police Corporal Selection</i>		
<i>Action</i>	<i>Approval of recommendation from Chief Brand to promote Officer Dewayne Smith to the rank of Corporal</i>		
<i>Cost</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Item 81</i>	<i>Courthouse Committee</i>		
<i>Action</i>	<i>Approval to recognize the Committee for a job well done and to dissolve the Courthouse Committee</i>		
<i>Cost</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget</i>

MILTON PLANNING BOARD

1) Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

1) Ordinance #1429-16, Changing of Election Date (2nd Reading)

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve Ordinance #1429-16, Changing of Election Day; seconded by Ms. Lunsford. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

2) Ordinance #1430-16, Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (DRAB) Dissolution (2nd reading)

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve Ordinance #1430-16, Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (DRAB) Dissolution; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

3) Ordinance #1431-16, Itinerant Vendors (2nd Reading)

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Ordinance #1431-16, Itinerant Vendors; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

4) Resolution #1362-16, Adopting a Community Redevelopment Plan for CRAs II North and III South

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve Resolution #1362-16, Adopting a Community Redevelopment Plan for CRAs II North and III South; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

5) Resolution #1363-16, Support for and Requesting that the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) be designed as the Entity for the Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay Estuary Programs

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Resolution #1363-16, Support for Requesting that the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) be designed as the Entity for the Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay Estuary Programs; seconded by Mr. Lewis. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

6) Resolution #1364-16, Authorization for City Manager to Submit Application for and to Administer a Grant for Funding for the Expansion of the Existing Marina Facilities and Services at the Quinn Street Marina

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Resolution #1364-16, Authorization for City Manager to Submit Application for and to administer a Grant for Funding for the Expansion of the Existing Marina Facilities and Services at the Quinn Street Marina; seconded by Ms. Lunsford. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK’S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION – CHAIRMAN: COUNCILMAN GRADY HESTER

Item 53 Recruitment and Replacement of Police Chief

Recommendation Vote Required

Authorization to proceed with program through Florida Police Chief’s Association to recruit and hire a new Police Chief

Cost \$11,000.00 Funding Source Budget

Councilwoman Lunsford – Spoke in opposition of item; she said we have current employees qualified for the position and she did not recommend approval of this item

Mr. Watkins stated the advantages of going with this program would provide for a level of integrity for our department and provide for a level of credibility for whomever is selected.

Councilman Messick stated if we don’t go through this procedure we stand the possibility of an EEOC complaint or a suit. He stated if we go through this procedure that possibility could be avoided.

Councilman Hester stated the current employees qualified are able to apply also.

Councilman Lowery stated he didn't think the city should spend \$11,000 for a search when it could be done in house.

Councilwoman Johnson stated this program's organization is a reliable organization, and it will reduce bias.

George Jordan, 5585 Polaris Drive – Mr. Jordan stated he was proud of Councilwoman Lunsford and Councilman Lowery for standing up for what they thought and not bowing down to pressure. He stated he spoke with many people and they are against this motion. Mr. Jordan stated the \$11,000 could be used for something else.

Captain Tony Tindell, Milton Police Dept. – Captain Tindell stated both he and Captain David Cox have been to Police Chief training. He stated they are a team and will continue to work together. He said he knows this is a difficult decision and whatever decision the council makes they are pleased with it.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester for authorization to proceed with program through Florida Police Chief's Association to recruit and hire a new Police Chief; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, nay; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 1 Milton City Council Speaker Request Form

Recommendation Vote Required

2/29/16 Action: Committee recommended approval to use speaker request form for Committee of the Whole, Executive Committee and Council Meetings with a 5 minute time limit for speakers.

2/1/16 Action: Approval of the Milton City Council Speaker Request Form and will take the time limit issue to Committee of the Whole

Cost	\$0.00	Funding Source	N/A
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**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve use speaker request form for Committee of the Whole, Executive Committee and Council Meetings with a 5 minute time limit for speakers; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried. (Mr. Lewis left the meeting early)

TPO REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

TDC REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN ALAN LOWERY

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR REPORT

Milton High School has received an A rating this year. Mr. Meiss would like the Council to present a certificate to the principal, Tim Short, and provide an appreciation lunch to the Milton High School staff.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

EXPENDITURES:

- 1) Authorization to make payment to Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for the 3rd Installment Billing for FY 2016 in the amount of \$95,652.83 to be paid out of the budget (*Requires vote*)

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick for authorization to make payment to Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for the 3rd Installment Billing for FY 2016 in the amount of \$95,652.83 to be paid out of the budget; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried. (Mr. Lewis left the meeting early)

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 41 New City Seal

Recommendation Tabled

Action: Approval to table for revised design of the City Seal

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to untable the New City Seal; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried. (Mr. Lewis left the meeting early)

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve the New City Seal; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried. (Mr. Lewis left the meeting early)

Item 82 VOIP, Voicemail and Unified Messaging System for City Buildings

Staff Recommendation Discussion

For Committee review and discussion

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source Budget

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to authorize selection of C-Spire for VOIP, Voicemail and Unified Messaging System for City Buildings; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried. (Mr. Lewis left the meeting early)

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Wesley Meiss

ATTEST:

Dewitt Nobles, City Clerk

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