

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2016

The City Council of the City of Milton met in Regular Session, May 10, 2016 at 5:08 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:

Carol Jordan, George Jordan, Randy Hoyt, Linda Raffaele, Don Harris, Dean Leightey, Dan Wesley, Earl Lunsford, Al Brewton, Matt Brown, Stephanie Lowery, C Greer, and Sam Parker

Mayor Meiss called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call was performed.

INVOCATION: Pastor William Milam 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. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve April 12th Minutes; seconded by Mrs. 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.

RECOGNITIONS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

- 1) Randy Hoyt – Certificate of Employee Recognition
- 2) Diane Ebentheuer – Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

- 1) Public Hearing for Savannah Street Easement Abandonment

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote approve Savannah Street Easement Abandonment; 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.

PERSONS TO APPEAR

- 1) Richard Smith, Hoover AL- Red Light Camera Administrative Assessment Waiver Request

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to take no action; 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.

- 2) Paul Wade Byrd, 5704 Charmonte Way – Re: Sunday Sales of Alcohol – Mr. Byrd stated the whole county and city needs to decide whether it is going to be wet or dry; it doesn't need to be divided.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) *As forwarded from the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.*

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve General Consent Agenda; 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.

PUBLIC WORKS: CHAIRMAN- COUNCILMAN R.L. LEWIS

<i>Item 141</i>	<i>Dogwood Median Beautification (tree relocation request)</i>
<i>Action</i>	<i>Approval for Landscape Dept. to work with Gulf Power to relocate trees from underneath transmission lines on Dogwood Drive at Gulf Power's expense</i>
<i>Cost</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
	<i>Funding Source</i> <i>N/A</i>

- 1) **Dr. David Spencer Proclamation**
- 2) **Resolution #1368-16, Savannah Street Easement Abandonment**

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve Resolution #1368-16; seconded by Mr. Lewis. Roll call vote: Ms. Johnson, 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 – Reminded Council that the item regarding the Sunday Sales language is for feedback from voters and it is not binding.

CITY CLERK’S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION – CHAIRMAN: COUNCILMAN GRADY HESTER

Item 139 Selection of lobbying firm from the 11 proposals received

Recommendation Vote Required

Committee recommends the selection of a review committee to consist of the City Manager, City Attorney, Councilmen Messick and Hester and Councilwoman Lay to rank the submissions to recommend firms to be interviewed by Council. The Review Committee met on May 6 and recommends the council interview the following four firms: Anfield Consulting, Ballard Partners, Liberty Partners, and Southern Strategy Group.

Cost	\$30,000.00	Funding Source	General Fund Reserves
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**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve interviewing the four lobbying firms: Anfield Consulting, Ballard Partners, Liberty Partners, and Southern Strategy Group; seconded by Ms. Lay. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, abstained. Motion carried.

FINANCE – CHAIRMAN: COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

Item 133 Financing Plan for Marina Upgrades

Recommendation Vote Required

The Finance Sub-Committee met on May 5 and recommends funding the balloon payment from the debt service account and to wait on further guidance from the Local Restore Council on funding the marina upgrades.

Cost	\$0.00	Funding Source	Budget
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**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve funding the balloon payment from the debt service account and to wait on further guidance from the Local Restore Council on funding the marina upgrades; seconded by Mr. Hinote. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, abstained. Motion carried.

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT- CHAIRWOMAN: COUNCILWOMAN ASHLEY LAY

Item 144 Sunday Sales of Alcohol

Recommendation Vote Required

Recommends the Sunday Sales Language be as followed “Should the City Council of the City of Milton Florida amend the Milton code of Ordinances to provide for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages? Yes or No

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

William Milam, 6198 Bandol Ct., Milton – Spoke in opposition of Sunday Sales of alcohol

Al Brewton, 6033 Breckenridge Dr., Milton – Mr. Brewton stated the decision on whether to sell alcohol in city limits on Sunday will be up to the Council, and this vote would only be to only get feedback from the citizens as a whole.

**Motion was made by Ms. Lay for approval of Sunday Sales Language be as followed “Should the City Council of the City of Milton Florida amend the Milton code of Ordinances to provide for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages? Yes or No; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, nay; Mr. Hinote, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, nay; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION – CHAIRMAN: COUNCILMAN LLOYD HINOTE

Item 118 Schedule for Public Information Meeting for Sportsplex and GTCC expansion

Recommendation Vote Required

Schedule a public meeting to discuss preliminary design proposals for the Milton Sportsplex and the Guy Thompson Community Center Expansion plans to be held on May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. (Due to conflict in the date, the meeting has been moved from May 12th to May 17th)

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote for approval of Public Information Meeting for Sportsplex and GTCC expansion; seconded by Ms. Lay. 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.

Item 116 Gulf Power 15 FT Easement

Recommendation Vote Required

Approval to give a 15 ft. easement to Gulf Power along the distribution line on city property in order to trim the trees accepting their offer of \$7,530 in compensation.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote to approve Gulf Power 15ft Easement; 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.

TPO REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

TDC REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN ALAN LOWERY

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MAYOR REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 168 Natural Gas Regulatory Compliance Agreement

Description The Council approved staff to negotiate an agreement with Payne Pipeline Services for Natural gas Regulatory Compliance services.

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends signing a three (3) year contract with Payne Pipeline Services. The annual cost of the agreement is \$32,450.00 or \$2,704.00 per month.

Cost	\$32,450.00	Funding Source	Gas Reserves
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**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve three (3) year contract with Payne Pipeline Services for Natural Gas Regulatory Compliance services; 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.

Item 167 Fence Permit at 5362 Lexington Ave

Description The owners have requested to be allowed to erect a fence in their front yard that would encroach on the city Right of Way

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends approval of the request to build a fence with the Right of Way at 5362 Lexington Ave

Cost	\$0.00	Funding Source	N/A
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**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve fence permit at 5362 Lexington Ave; 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.

Item 166 Request from City of Pensacola to join Climate Adaptation Task Force

Description The Pensacola City Council is organizing a Climate Adaptation Task Force. They would like to (1) invite your participation and (2) gauge the level of our desire to have our city participate.

Staff Recommendation Discussion
 For Discussion
 Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to join Climate Adaptation Task Force; 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.

Item 165 NWF League of Cities

Description NWF League of Cities are looking for either the Mayor or one (1) Council to serve on their board. Deadline Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Staff Recommendation Information
 For Discussion
 Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

**Motion was made by Ms. Lay to appoint one (1) Councilmember to serve on the NWF League of Cities board; seconded by Mrs. 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.

Item 163 Successful Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees

Description The City of Pensacola is hosting a Florida League of Cities training Course on “Successful Citizen Advisory Board and Committees”

Staff Recommendation Information
 Successful Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees will be June 3, 2016 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Pensacola. Need to RSVP before May 27.
 Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

Item 162 Purple Heart Truck

Description Greeting of the Purple Heart Truck

Staff Recommendation Information
 The Purple Heart truck will be in Milton on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza.
 Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

Item 161 Selection of City Auditing Firm

Description Selection of City Auditing Firm

Staff Recommendation Vote Required
 Staff recommends the approval of negotiating cost with Warren Averitt Audit Firm.
 Cost \$0.00 Funding Source Budget

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to negotiate cost with Warren Averitt Audit Firm; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hester, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 159 Red Light Camera Contract Renewal

Description Approval to sign the Red Light Camera Renewal Contract

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Approval to sign the Red Light Camera Renewal Contract

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Red Light Camera Renewal Contract; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hester, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 160 Selection of Utility bills and envelopes provider

Description Staff issued RFP and Gulf Coast Office Supplies was the lowest bidder

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends to approve the lowest bid to Gulf Coast Office Supplies

Cost \$8,502.90 Funding Source Budget

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve the lowest bid Gulf Coast Office Supplies for Utility bills and envelopes; 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.

Item 171 Executive and Council Meeting Dates

Description Holidays and other events conflicts with the dates for the Executive and Council Meetings

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends to approve the following dates for the Executive and Council meetings

Monday July 4 2016 Executive Meeting – Recommended moving to Tuesday July 5

Monday Sept. 5, 2016 Executive Meeting – Recommended moving to Tuesday September 6

Monday Nov. 7, 2016 Executive Meeting – Recommended moving to Monday October 31

Tuesday Nov. 8, 2016 Council Meeting – Recommended moving to Monday November 9

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve meeting dates; 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.

Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Wesley Meiss

ATTEST:

Dewitt Nobles, City Clerk

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