

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 12, 2016

The City Council of the City of Milton met in Regular Session, July 12, 2016 at 5:00p.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
RL Lewis
Mary Ellen Johnson
Ashley Lay
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:

Christie Haarmann, Carol Jordan, George Jordan, “Bo” Olen Senterfitt Jr, Lauren Meiss, Deb Becker, Wyatt Moore, Al Brewton, Theresa Messick, Murray Hamilton, Matt Brown, Joe Johnson, and Jamie K Smith.

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

Roll Call was performed.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bo Senterfitt from Welcome Assembly of God 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. Messick to approve agenda; seconded by Mr. Lewis. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting

**Motion was made by Ms. Johnson to approve June 14, 2016 Minutes; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

- 1) Swearing-in of Police Chief Tony Tindell

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERSONS TO APPEAR

- 1) **Scott Emison, The Retail Coach** – Mr. Emison led a presentation about the retail recruitment firm. The firm he represents is headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi. He said their job is to sustain and retain existing businesses in the city and recruit new retail. He said their goal is to come in and highlight Milton’s resume. The Retail Coach has worked with over 400 communities in 29 states. Eighty eight percent of their clients are repeat clients.
- 2) **Mt. Pilgrim African Missionary Baptist Church** – Church members presented Council with their 25% portion (\$30,000) of the matching fund grant for the Historic Restoration Grant

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) *As forwarded from the Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 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; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: CHAIRMAN- COUNCILMAN R.L. LEWIS

Item 231	<i>Utilities Department – Natural Gas Staffing</i>		
Action	<i>Executive Committee recommends establishing a Natural Gas Utility Crew Foremen position so that the structure is aligned with the Water and Sewer Division of the Utilities Department providing a progressive advancement path for Natural Gas of Milton employees</i>		
Cost	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget</i>

PARKS & RECREATION: CHAIRMAN-COUNCILMAN LLOYD HINOTE

- Item 212** ***Guy Thompson Community Center Operating Hours on Saturday***

- Item 226** **Stewart Street Rezoning**
Action **Executive Committee recommends initiating the rezoning of Stewart Street by Ordinance. First Reading of the Ordinance would be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Council meeting.**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**
- Item 6** **Contract with a Retail/Business Recruitment Firm**
Action **Executive Committee recommends to proceed with issuing an RFP to select a Retail/Business Recruitment Firm**
- Cost** **\$150,000.00** **Funding Source** **General Fund Reserves**
- Item 224** **Trust Fund Ordinance**
Action **Executive Committee recommends proceeding with the Trust Fund Ordinance which is the final action step in the creation of our two new CRA's. First reading of the Trust Fund Ordinance would be at Council meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**
- Item 227** **BOCC/TDC Funding Request**
Action **Executive Committee recommends to proceed with seeking BOCC commitment to provide designated funding for Riverwalk Park Project**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**
- Item 233** **Bulk Item Disposal Day Program**
Action **Executive Committee recommends proceeding with developing guidelines to establish a bulk item program and recommending a schedule for designated areas.**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**
- Item 234** **Olivet Baptist Church Request**
Action **Executive Committee recommends denying the request with an explanation of the reason why and the potential for future review**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**
- Item 223** **Dissected Properties**
Action **Executive Committee recommends obtaining owner consent and develop necessary instruments to justify boundary line.**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**

FINANCE: CHAIRMAN – COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

- Item 237** **FY2017 Millage Rate**
Action **Executive Committee recommends to maintain millage rate of 3.2373 for FY 2017**
- Cost** **\$0.00** **Funding Source** **N/A**
- Item 206** **Gas Line of Credit for \$500,000 with SunTrust Bank Resolution**
Action **Executive Committee recommends continuing the Natural Gas Line of Credit of \$500,000 with SunTrust Bank by resolution**

Action Executive Committee recommends Continuing Training for Curtis Krebs in Orange Beach, AL on August 24-25, 2016

Cost \$518.00 Funding Source N/A

*Item 175 Policies for Approval:
5.0 Non-Fraternization Policy
5.1 Harassment Policy*

*Action Executive Committee recommends approval of these two policies:
5.0 Non-Fraternization Policy
5.1 Harassment Policy*

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source N/A

Item 240 Purchase 2 foot wide City Seal from Signcrafters

Action Executive Committee recommends approval to purchase (1) 2 foot wide City Seal from Signcrafters for \$499

Cost \$499.00 Funding Source Budget

MILTON PLANNING BOARD

1) Board will meet on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

1) **Ordinance #1432-16, Amending Drop Program from 60 months to 84 months (1st Reading)**

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Ordinance #1432-16, Amending Drop Program from 60 months to 84 months; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

2) **Ordinance #1433-16, CRA Trust Fund (1st Reading)**

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Ordinance #1433-16, CRA Trust Fund; seconded by Mr. Hester. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

3) **Ordinance #1434-16, Fire Pension Board Chapter 175 (1st Reading)**

**Motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve Ordinance #1434-16, Fire Pension Board Chapter 175; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

4) Ordinance #1435-16, Fire Pension Board Deferred Retirement Option Plan (1st Reading)

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Ordinance #1435-16, Fire Pension Board Deferred Retirement Option Plan; seconded by Mr. Lewis. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

5) Resolution #1372-16, \$500,000 Gas Line of Credit with SunTrust

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to approve Resolution #1372-16, \$500,000 Gas Line of Credit with SunTrust; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

6) Budget Amendment Resolution #1373-16

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Budget Amendment Resolution #1373-16; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

- a) General Fund \$2,300. Recognizes Cash Restitution received and allocates for additional needed to purchase a Watch guard Video Camera for Police Vehicle.
- b) General Fund \$0. Reallocates funds in General Fund for Lobbyist for August and September in FY2016 as approved by Council on 6/14/2016.
- c) General Fund \$0. Funds additional needed for Workers Compensation based on Florida League of Cities Final Audit for the 14/15 Fund Year.
- d) Natural Gas Fund \$0. Funds additional needed for Workers Compensation based on Florida League of Cities Final Audit for the 14/15 Fund Year.
- e) Water & Sewer Fund \$0. Funds additional needed for Workers Compensation based on Florida League of Cities Final Audit for the 14/15 Fund Year.
- f) Sanitation Fund \$0. Funds additional needed for Workers Compensation based on Florida League of Cities Final Audit for the 14/15 Fund Year.
- g) Water & Sewer Fund \$0. Reallocates funds in Water & Sewer (Water Services Department) for additional needed in Materials for Water, Materials for Sewer.

7) Proclamation – Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness Month

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT- CHAIRWOMAN: COUNCILWOMAN ASHLEY LAY

Item 222 Store All Sales

Recommendation Vote Required

Committee directed Staff to provide draft language for a potential ordinance to Executive Committee

Cost \$0.00

Funding Source N/A

**Motion made by Mr. Hester to not allow Store All Sales vendors; seconded by Mr. Lowery. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

TPO REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN JIMMY MESSICK

Public Hearing on Thursday August 4, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church 4187 U.S. Hwy 90, Pace regarding the U.S. 90 and State Road 10 Safety Improvements.

TDC REPRESENTATIVE: COUNCILMAN ALAN LOWERY

No meeting in July, next meeting will be in August

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR REPORT

Knight of Columbus are to come to Committee of the Whole meeting to propose a Milton in May BBQ event

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

- 1) Bids received for Stormwater Master Plan Update on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. (*Under Staff review*)

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 255 Memorandum of Understanding with the Thames Family Trust for the use of the property at the corner of North Willing and Broad Street

Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends approval of the MOU with the Thames Family Trust to hold city events on their property

Cost \$0.00 **Funding Source** N/A

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote negotiate MOU with Thames Family Trust for the use of their property; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 254 Memorandum of Understanding for the use of the Sanborn Property on South Willing Street

Description Mr. Jack Sanborn owns three parcels on South Willing Street adjacent to the area where the city holds Bands on the Blackwater and other community events. He has indicated the city could use his property for parking or other activities during community events if we would be willing to keep the grass mowed.

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends we enter into an agreement with Mr. Sanborn for the use of his property

Cost \$0.00 **Funding Source** N/A

**Motion was made by Mr. Hinote for approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the use of the Sanborn Property on South Willing Street; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 253 Promotion of Geoffrey Freeman and Daryl Auerbach in the Fire Department

Description With the retirement of Captain Bobby Hutchinson Lt Geoffrey Freeman has been selected to move up into the vacant Captain's position and Firefighter Daryl Auerbach has been selected to move up into the vacant Lieutenant position

Staff Recommendation Information

Provided for Information

Cost \$0.00 **Funding Source** N/A

Item 251 Approval of Contract between Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC and the City of Milton

Description

Staff Recommendation Vote Required

Staff recommends approval of the proposed contract between Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC and the City of Milton

Cost \$38,000.00 **Funding Source** Budget

**Motion was made by Mr. Messick to approve Approval of Contract between Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC and the City of Milton; seconded by Mrs. Lunsford. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 257 Courthouse Fact Sheet

Description Council directed staff to produce a Fact Sheet concerning the issues surrounding the construction of the new Judicial Center in downtown Milton to be provided to the voters

Staff Recommendation **Vote Required**

Staff has provided a draft of the fact sheet for council review and approval.

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source Budget

Councilman Messick stated he was concerned with some of the wording on the trifold fact sheet. He thought the some of the wording was misleading. Mr. Watkins stated he and Mr. Jorgenson had spoken about that and thought that it might need to be removed because it can be construed as advocating a position, which is against the law. Mr. Watkins said they'd move forward and do some more tweaking on the fact sheet.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to move forward with tweaking of the Courthouse Fact Sheet; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, aye; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Item 256 **Purchase of property at 5154 Willing Street**

Description Council had directed staff to negotiate the purchase of the property at 5154 Willing Street in conjunction with the expansion of the Riverwalk to the south. The property owners have indicated their final offer to sell is \$144,600 with the city paying all closing costs

Staff Recommendation **Vote Required**

Staff recommends we counter with our final offer of \$135,000 and indicate our offer will stand until August 30, 2016.

Cost \$0.00 Funding Source Budget

Councilwoman Lay stated this is part of our obligation to Riverwalk and not the courthouse itself. Mr. Watkins said not necessarily. He said they talked about expansion down to this property; two lots have already been acquired.

Mayor Meiss asked if we had asked the property owners if we can purchase an easement, Mr. Watkins we have but the owners declined. He said instead of buying property to hold, we should spend the money on our parks.

Councilman Hester asked if it will be more valuable why don't we buy it now and sell it later so we'll make a profit.

Councilman Messick stated he thought a municipality couldn't buy something for speculation.

Mayor Meiss stated his opinion is that we let the property sit, and let the market do its thing whether the new courthouse comes in or not. He said it is not our job to buy this property or keep buying property downtown in speculation. He said we should put our money into something that will be a benefit for the public.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hester to counter with our final offer of \$135,000 and indicate our offer will stand until August 30, 2016; seconded by Mr. Messick. Roll call vote: Mr. Hester, aye; Mr. Hinote, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Ms. Johnson, aye; Ms. Lay, aye; Mr. Lowery, nay; Mrs. Lunsford, aye; and Mr. Messick, aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Wesley Meiss

ATTEST:

Dewitt Nobles, City Clerk

/jdb