

Milton Town Council Meeting November 21, 2016 Summary Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Milton Public Library at approximately 6:30 PM on November 21, 2016 by Mayor Kanakos. A moment of silence was then observed, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Charles Fleetwood, present
Emory West, present
Esthelda Parker-Selby, absent
Michael Cote, absent
Kevin Kelly, present
Sam Garde, present
Theodore Kanakos, present

These Preliminary Minutes:

These minutes cover only the high points of the meeting. The discussions were recorded. The recording is available in Town Hall. Documents included in the Council Package are not included as attachments to these summary minutes.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

None.

Agenda Approval:

Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Councilman Kelly seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business - Discussion and possible vote on the following items:

a. Amendments to the Town Charter

Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to approve the draft of the Charter as presented in the Council Packet. Councilman West seconded, and the motion was opened for discussion. Councilman Garde made a significant number of comments to conform language, correct grammar, and clarify specific points in the draft. After discussion, Councilman Fleetwood modified his motion to approve the draft as modified by the comments made by Councilman Garde and to exclude Chapter 9b. Councilman West seconded the modified motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Councilman Fleetwood: Aye
Councilman West: Aye
Councilman Garde: Aye
Councilman Kelly: Aye
Mayor Kanakos: Aye

That motion was unanimously approved by those attending and voting.

Councilman Fleetwood then made a motion to approve Chapter 9, subpart b as presented in the draft included in the Council Packet, so that the Mayor would be paid \$80 for all regular meetings and \$40 for all additional meetings, and so that the Council members would be paid \$60 for all regular meetings and \$30 for all additional meetings. Councilman West seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Councilman Fleetwood: Aye
Councilman West: Aye
Councilman Garde: Nay
Councilman Kelly: Aye
Mayor Kanakos: Aye

That motion was approved by a majority of those attending and voting.

A final document will be prepared when all of the comments from all of the workshops, including tonight's comments, are all incorporated.

b. Resolution 2016 - 014 to request an amendment of the Charter of the Town of Milton

The highlights of the discussion of the Resolution included:

- The 4th WHEREAS clause in the draft needs to be updated to account for the fact that there are enough changes for the Legislature to consider this update to be a “re-incorporation”.
- Should we hold some form of a public hearing to present all the changes to the citizens?
- Mayor and Town Council agreed that we did not want to give the appearance of non-transparency.
- An agenda item will be included for the Dec 5 Regular meeting announcing that Mayor & Town Council had completed work on the redrafting of the Charter.
- Voting on the Resolution was postponed until the December regular meeting. In the meantime, the Town Solicitor will redraft the Resolution to conform to evening's discussions.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Fleetwood, seconded by Councilman West and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Approval

These minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda at the Town Council meeting held on April 3, 2017.

Very Respectfully submitted,
James C. (“Sam”) Garde,
Secretary of the Town Council