

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on February 17, 2009. Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Hunter, Vice-Mayor Hinners, Mr. Vilardo Jr., Mr. Hawkins, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang and Ms. Brewer.

**Remarks from the Mayor:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Hunter opened the Public Hearing. Assistant City Manager Pam Holbrook presented the Proposal. In November 2008 the Planning Commission initiated a request to rezone a 0.41-acre, vacant parcel owned by Cecilia Belew located at the corner of SR 28 and Theilman's Drive from (O) Office District to (B-3) General Business District. On January 14, 2009 the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to review the request to rezone the parcel. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the zone change.

There were no public comments for or against the proposal. Staff analysis was in favor of the zone change. Ms. McBeath made the motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. Deliberations by Council agreed with the zone change from (O) to (B-3). Mayor Hunter made the motion to approve the zone change, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

**Minutes:** Ms. Hinners made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Council Meeting and the minutes of the February 7, 2009 Special Meeting, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk read a request for a liquor permit for a D-2 and D-6 permit be transferred from DeMeo's to the new owners, Richard Thomas LLC. Ms. Hinners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. that a hearing would not be required for the permit. All voted yes. The Clerk read an announcement from Milford Talk Toastmasters inviting the public to a meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm at St. Andrew Parish Center.

**Financial Statements:** The Clerk asked for a motion to approve the December 2008 Financial Statements. Ms. McBeath made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. The Clerk also asked for a motion to accept and approve the January 2009 Financial Statements. Mr. Vilardo, Jr. made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

**Public Comments:** Carrie Owings, Economic Development Director for the Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce and the City of Milford presented an update of economic development for 2009. Her comments concentrated upon Vision (why do we need to grow), Creating Wealth and Investment, Business Attraction, Targeted Properties, Incentive Listing, Publicity & Promotion, Business Retention, Summary of Efforts, Time Allocation, Entrepreneurs, Planning and Strategy, Continuing Development and How do we attract. Ms. Owings stated that even though some businesses have closed, new ones have opened. She encouraged residents to "Shop Milford." Bill Knepp reminded the community of the program to be held at the Milford Main building on Saturday evening honoring past faculty at the school. Karen Huff Milford/Miami Township Chamber Director spoke of several upcoming events, the Mardi Gras night at Latitudes and the Reds Night on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Salute to Leaders will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Rachele Rapp-Dickerson, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission gave an update of the Commission's activities. She spoke concerning Riverside Parks I and II and stated that in conjunction with Earth Day there would be a contest at the schools for re-naming the two parks. Ms. Brewer thanked Ms. Rapp-Dickerson for her work as Chairman of the Commission. Peter Miller, owner of Allys Beads addressed his concern about a possible robbery at the shop. He had been forewarned of the possible robbery and contacted police. His concern was the lack of response from the Police Department when he requested help. The Department did respond to the shop and the alleged robbers confessed. Their vehicle contained items of interest. Chief Machan will address this in his report. Gene Binning, resident, questioned if the City still had a Neighborhood watch group. It is still in effect. David Sence, LTD Landscapes read a letter addressed to Council concerning the bidding process. He felt the City should have called him and let him know the bidding process would take place since his company had the bid for 2008. There was discussion among Council members concerning his not being informed that the bidding was going to take place. Mayor Hunter explained that there is no legislation in place at this time to correct his not being notified since bidding notices were published in the local newspaper.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Services:** No Report – Ms. Brewer asked for a motion to draft an Ordinance amending Appropriations Ordinance 08-725, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes. Ms. Brewer also asked for a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing Execution of ODOT Final Resolution regarding upgrades to U.S. 50, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

**Administrative Services:** No Report

**Safety Services:** No Report

**Community Development:** No Report

**City Manager's Report:** City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department used 500 tons of salt during the ice and snowstorm. The Department has logged 277 ½ hours of overtime keeping the streets open and safe for residents. Tree debris from the storm events was picked up on February 14<sup>th</sup> during a sweep of streets and alleyways throughout the City. Residents should call the Service Department at 831-7018 to schedule additional brush pick up through March. Brush will be picked up on a regular schedule after March.

The Wastewater Department reports that the CSO Project is moving on schedule.

The Water Department reports repair restorations on Cleveland Ave., Oakcrest, Mohawk Trail, Dot St, Powhatton Dr. and Center St. Repairs were also made on Winnebago and a main break was completed on East Stoneridge.

The Finance Department is in the process of making requested changes and obtaining information as a result of our initial Budget meeting with City Council. Through the efforts of the City Manager and Department heads we were able to answer appropriate questions about the budget. My thanks to City Council for their pertinent and direct questions and suggestions, to the Manager for her overall guidance and to the Department Heads for their serious approach to this important project especially in these abnormal times...a true TEAM effort!

With the departure of Sue Williams in payroll, Allyn Bartlett assumed preparation of the payroll in addition to his regular duties. Allyn has done a very good job and has kept payroll running smoothly. We appreciate his efforts and now have a person cross-trained in this area as part of our Continuous Improvement Program.

Other - Property Maintenance Workshop

On March 16<sup>th</sup> Pam Holbrook has arranged for the City to host a Property Maintenance Workshop in conjunction with the Citizen's Housing Committee Meeting. The workshop will take place at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. If you desire to learn more about the City's property maintenance code or have questions about the process, please plan on attending. For more information, please call Pam Holbrook at 831-4192.

### **Committee Meetings**

No Committee Meetings scheduled at this time

Committee of Whole Friday, February 27, 2009 (Council Chambers) 1:00pm

### **Reminders**

Planning Commission	Wednesday, February 25, 2009	6:00pm
Salute to Leaders	Thursday, March 5, 2009 (Eastgate Holiday Inn)	5-8pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday, March 9, 2009	5:30pm
Planning Commission	Wednesday, March 11, 2009	6:00pm
Citizen's Housing	Monday, March 16, 2009	7:00pm
Property Workshop	Monday, March 16, 2009	7:00pm

**Police Report:** Chief Machan explained about the incident at Ally Beads. Sgt. Mills and two officers responded to Ally Beads where the men were apprehended. The men confessed to other robberies and evidence was found in their vehicle. Chief Machan stated he could not disclose more information because the men were under indictment from other areas.

The Chief stated that William "Chuck" Jones from Sem Villa on Mound St. has still not been located. The investigation of his disappearance is ongoing.

**Fire/EMS Report:** Chief Cooper distributed the Departments monthly report to City Council. The Chief asked residents to invest in our community. He stated "Think of Home" when you shop and eat in Milford. He said that the Department would have a fundraiser at Buffalo Harry's on March 7<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the Firemen's Challenge that will at Target in April.

**Council Comments:** Mayor Hunter stated a lot of work has been done preparing the 2009 Budget with more work still to do be done. He thanked City Manager Rokey and Finance Director Tim Petric and all the Department Heads for all of their hard work. The Mayor said that there is a lot of places to go in Milford and a lot to see. Whenever possible “Spend it in Milford.”

**New Business:** None

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- 9.733 An Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance No. 08-725  
Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.
- 9.734 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of ODOT Final Resolution Regarding Upgrades to U.S.50  
Ms. McBeath made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned .at 8:50pm with a motion from Mr. Vilardo, Jr. seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

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Joanne Trilety, Clerk

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David M. Hunter, Mayor