

Public Hearing: A Public Hearing was held at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers immediately before the Regular Council meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed Tax Budget for the City of Milford for 2012.

Mayor Vilardo Jr. opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to Dan Burke, Finance Director for presentation of the proposed Tax Budget. Mr. Burke explained the reasons for the Tax Budget and explained that a statutory requirement is due to the Clermont County Auditor in mid-July.

There were no speakers for the Tax Budget and no speakers against the Tax Budget.

There was no Council discussion. Ms. Brewer made the motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All agreed.

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center St. at 7:00 p.m. on June 21, 2011. Mayor Vilardo, Jr. called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Evans, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Walter. Vice-Mayor Pittman phoned that he was going to be a few minutes late due to traffic conditions. Mr. Pittman arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome to Jeff Wright, City Manager: Mayor Vilardo welcomed Mr. Wright to his position as City Manager for the City of Milford. Law Director Minniear administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Wright and congratulated Jeff as our new City Manger. Mr. Wright introduced his wife and his two children and his parents who were in attendance. Mr. Wright thanked the Council for his opportunity to serve the City.

Presentation from Bill Knepp: Bill Knepp, Town Crier, presented Law Director Minniear a plaque and a bell, naming him an Honorary Town Crier of the American Guild of Town Criers. He thanked Mr. Minniear for all that he does for our City. Mr. Minniear thanked Mr. Knepp for the honor of being named an Honorary Town Crier and commended Mr. Knepp as an exemplary citizen.

Oath of Office: Law Director Minniear administer the Oath of Office to Jason Roth and Mark Kibby as part-time Police Officers for the City of Milford. Mr. Minniear also administered the Oath of Office to Chris Rosenhoffer and Steve Volk as members of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Proceedings: Mr. Pittman made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the Minutes of the May 17, 2011 Regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evans. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a thank-you note from the Milford High School After-Prom Committee thanking Council and the City for their support for their program.

Financial Statements: None

Board of Education: No Report

Public Comments: Karen Huff, Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, said they would have a Meet and Greet welcome for Jeff Wright our new City Manager on July 6th for businesses and the Chamber.

She also announced that Mid-Summer at the Meadows will be held at Miami Meadows on July 7th and 8th. She stated that an article in USA Today featured several businesses as a place for tourists to stop and eat in Milford.

Ms. Huff thanked the Events Council for the "Bikes and Blooms" contest in the Community. Hopefully it will be an annual event.

She announced there her son arrived safely home from Afghanistan.

R. J. Vilardo said there would be a gathering on July 2nd at Miami Meadows that will be held from 12 Noon to dusk for families to visit the War Memorials, picnic or just have a fun day.

Ms. Hinnners commented that a lot of history could be learned from the Memorials.

Bill Knepp stated that no tax dollars were spent on the Memorials. It was all done by public and business donations.

Len Harding, resident commented that Frontier Days was great this year, especially rock star Geoff Pittman.

Vince Faris, Attorney, announced he would be a candidate as a full-time Prosecutor for Clermont County. George Pattison, Attorney also announced he will be on the November Ballot for Municipal Court Judge.

Committee Reports:

Public Services: No Report

Administrative Services: No Report – Mr. Lykins made a motion to accept the 2012 Tax Budget for the City of Milford, seconded by Mayor Vilaro, Jr. All voted yes.

Mr. Lykins made a motion to have an Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate matters immediately after the Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: The Committee met on June 15, 2011. Present: Charlene Hinnens and Laurie Walter. Staff Present: City Manager Wright, Assistant City Manager Holbrook, Assistant to the City Manager Susan Ellerhorst and Fire Chief John Cooper. Also present: Suzanne Stagg, Mark Sund and Geoff Pittman.

Mark Sund reviewed the new website with the Committee; there are still pages that need to be filled in, but the website is ready to go live when that has been completed. Chief Mills will be updating the Police Department pages, and Pam Holbrook will update the Building/Planning/Zoning pages. Susan Ellerhorst will be responsible for updating the calendar and other pages.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Commission to update Memorial Park and purchase playground equipment. A budget proposal was prepared by LTD with approximate cost for revitalization of Memorial Park; the Committee would like to move forward with tree removal and demolition after receiving a more specific work plan and cost from LTD. Staff was directed to contact LTD to obtain more detail.

The Committee directed staff to obtain quotes for playground equipment since cost is over \$40,000. A short return time on the bids was wanted on the bids so that the work can be done during the short summer months.

Suzanne Stagg is going through Odom Industries to get all of the elements, railroad ties, etc. for the new 8-ft. trail sign for the bike trail and it should be a wonderful advertisement when its finished. Laurie Walter, our P and R rep. from Council has discussed with our Committee a lot of ways to let people know that we have a town full of bike repair, food, and shopping. During Sharefest weekend the trail will be cleared so that Milford can be seen. Milford and the Chamber will have joint advertising on the sign at the trailhead. Ms. Hinnens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lykins that Michelle Heatherston be appointed to the Citizen's Housing Committee. All voted yes.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Wright reported from the Service Department that Atkins & Stang will remove the blacktop at City Hall for the Diesel Generator pad weather permitting.

A pre-construction meeting was held of June 16th for the new roof. The contractor anticipated starting work on July 24th. The first stop will be the removal and disposal of the existing roof.

Koepke Construction will be operating on SR 126 on June 23rd, to install new catch basins.

2011 Storm Water Projects: The City of Milford will host an open house on June 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Storm Water Project that will occur in East Milford. Construction drawings will be available for review. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions or concerns that residents might have.

A pre-construction meeting was held on June 15th. The Storm Water project will start in East Milford during the week of July 11th.

The Wastewater Department has begun grounds upkeep as part of their weekly activities. In the past this has included painting of all out buildings. At this time they are more involved in mowing, etc., saving the City landscaping costs and the Service Department valuable time that could be spent elsewhere.

The Water Department reports that Midwest Compost started operation on June 20th cleaning the Lime Lagoons. The work should be completed within two weeks.

A meeting with Strand, the design engineer for the SCADA System, will occur next week for 50% review. We have received notification from OPWC that all paper work is completed and that funds will be released on July 1st for the SCADA Project.

In compliance with EPA regulations, our CCR was sent to the Ohio EPA and water customers. Production from 5-17 thru 6-17-11: 16.98 MG.

OTHER ITEMS: The City Engineering Department has hired Meredith Heitkemper, a U.C. student majoring in Civil Engineering, to be the summer intern working with Bud White.

We have a team of staff volunteers who will take part in the Literacy Council Spelling Bee on June 24th. Team Milford will be led by Pam Holbrook with Tina Kern, Sharon Waldmann and Susan Ellerhorst as team members. (Team Milford placed 4th in the contest)

The Literacy Council will take up residence on the 3rd floor of the Municipal Building on June 29th. We have been made aware of a project, which began last week. The Digital Photo Project involves the collection of digital photo images for all commercial and residential properties in Clermont County. The project will be managed under the Auditor's Office. The contact employees will be identified with a County Auditor photo ID badge which will be worn in a clearly visible manner at all times.

Nominations for the Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award are due to the Clermont County League of Women Voters by June 21st.

Committee Meetings

Public Services Tuesday, July 5, 2011 4:30 p.m.

Reminders

Sharefest	June 23 – June 25, 2011	
Board of Zoning Appeals	Thursday, June 23, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Milford Gun Club Shoot	Friday, June 24, 2011 (Gun Club)	11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Texas Roadhouse 10 th Anniversary Party	Saturday, June 25, 2011	11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Storm Water Open House	Monday, June 27, 2011	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday, July 11, 2011	5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, July 13, 2011	6:00 p.m.
Citizen's Housing	July 18, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Thursday, July 28, 2011	7:00 p.m.

Administration Office closed on Monday, July 4, 2011 – Independence Day

The Milford Gun Club recently raised \$410 for City projects and will be having a 4th of July fundraiser for the Milford Police Department. They will be presented a check at the July Council meeting.

Police Report: Chief Mills distributed the monthly Police Report to Council. The Chief commented that there have been several robberies in Milford and today during the heavy rainstorm the Department participated in a river rescue of several people.

Chief Mills stated that the new hires are outstanding and will be an asset to Milford.

He also said that the new Tahoes have arrived for outfitting at this time. The new flooring for the Department has arrived and will be installed next week.

Mr. Lykins commented that he was asked to take part in the interviews for Sergeants and that he was in awe of all of our officers. The Police Survey can be seen on our website. They had 28 responses.

Fire and EMS Report: Chief Cooper reported that Miami Township presented awards to several of our Firemen who assisted in an accident last November. He also commented on the river incident. Along with Milford's Department, Loveland and Terrace Park helped with the rescue.

He stated that a memorial would be placed at the Fire Department on July 9th for Jacob Dohrenwend who was killed in Iraq.

He said that Terrace Park County Club would have fireworks on the 4th of July.

Public/Council Comments: Mr. Pittman commented the "Bikes and Blooms" event was successful and he gives kudos to all that were involved.

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Council as a Whole agreed to make a motion to draft Ordinances 11-877, 11-878 and Ordinance 11-880.

Mr. Pittman made the motion to draft Ordinance 11-877, seconded by Mayor Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

Mr. Lykins made the motion to draft Ordinance 11-878, seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes. Mr.

Lykins made the motion to draft Ordinance 11-880, seconded by Mr. Pittman. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners,

Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Evans, Mr. Lykins and Ms. Brewer. Voting no: Mayor Vilardo, Jr.

11-877 An Ordinance Amending the Rules and Procedures for the Park & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Pittman made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms.

Hinnners. All voted yes.

Mr. Pittman made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hinnners. All voted yes.

11-878 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement of Cooperation with Hamilton County Ohio pursuant to provision of Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 Amended and Declaring an Emergency.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

11-879 An Ordinance Amending Chapters 1195 and 1157 of the Zoning Ordinances regarding private Recreation.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes.

11-800 An Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance 10-832.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Lykins. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Evans and Mr. Lykins. Voting no: Mayor Vilardo, Jr. and Ms. Brewer.

Old Business: None
Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate matters. Council adjourned from the Executive Session and the Regular Session at 9:15 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Lykins, seconded by Ms. Hanners. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Ralph J. Vilaro, Jr. Mayor