

The Council of the City of Milford met in regular session in Council Chambers at 745 Center St. at 7:00 p.m. on January 3, 2012. Mayor Vilaro, Jr. called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vilaro, Jr., Vice Mayor Pittman, Ms. Evans, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer, and Ms. Hinners. Ms. Walter arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Swearing in of recently elected Council members:

Law Director, Michael Minniear, approached the podium and invited Charlene Hinners; Jeff Lykins; Vice Mayor, Geoff Pittman; and Mayor Ralph Vilaro, Jr. to join him to be sworn in. They were all sworn in as Council Members at this time.

Introduction and Presentation:

Police Chief, Jamey Mills, and Detective Paul Lane approached the podium. Chief Mills discussed the Larry J. Oaks Memorial Award which was to be presented to Detective Lane. This award is second only to the Medal of Valor which is the highest award to be given a police officer in the City. The decision to present Detective Lane with the award was a unanimous decision among his peers.

Detective Lane expressed his gratitude for the award and his appreciation for Larry Oaks. He thanked the officers for their support and indicated that he feels Milford is a great place to live and to work. He then introduced his family to Council and said the award means a great deal to his family as well.

Election of the Mayor:

Law Director, Michael Minniear, distributed several ballots to all Council members then explained the election process to Council and those present indicating that a 4 count vote would equal a majority. He then opened up the nomination process.

Proceedings:

Mr. Lykins nominated Mr. Pittman for the Mayor position; seconded by Ms. Hinners.
Ms. Brewer nominated Mayor Vilaro for the Mayor position; seconded by Ms. Walter.
There being no other nominations, Mr. Lykins moved to close the Nominations for Mayor; seconded by Ms. Hinners. Mr. Minniear poled Council and received 'aye' votes from all.
Mr. Minniear gathered the ballots and read them out loud. Mr. Pittman received 4 votes. Mayor Vilaro received 3 votes. Mr. Minniear announced that Geoffrey Pittman is the Mayor for the City of Milford.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which Ms. Walter and Ms. Brewer expressed their disappointment and dismay that they were not notified that Mr. Pittman was interested in the Mayoral position prior to the election.

Election of the Vice Mayor:

Mr. Minniear opened the nomination process for the position of Vice Mayor.
Ms. Evans nominated Mr. Lykins for the Vice Mayor position; seconded by Ms. Hinners.
Ms. Brewer nominated Ms. Walter for the Vice Mayor position; seconded by Mayor Pittman.
Ms. Walter nominated Mr. Vilaro for the Vice Mayor position. Mr. Vilaro declined the nomination.
There being no other nominations; Ms. Hinners moved to close the nominations for Vice Mayor; seconded by Mr. Pittman. Mr. Minniear poled Council and received 'aye' votes from all.
Mr. Minniear gathered the votes and read them out loud. Ms. Walter received 4 votes. Mr. Lykins received 3 votes. Mr. Minniear announced that Laurie Walter is the Vice Mayor for the City of Milford.

Swearing in of the newly elected Mayor and Vice Mayor:

Law Director, Michael Minniear, approached the podium and invited Mayor Pittman and Vice Mayor Walter to come forward to be sworn in as Mayor and Vice Mayor for the City of Milford.

Proceedings: Mr. Lykins made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Council Meeting. Ms. Hinners seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Correspondence: Clerk Pro Tem, Sharon Waldmann, indicated that she has received the Board of Election certifications for Council Members: Charlene Hinners, Jeff Lykins, Mayor Geoff Pittman and Ralph Vilaro, Jr.

Financial Statement: Mr. Wright indicated that Finance Director, Dan Burke, is finalizing financial documents for the month of December.

Board of Education: No report

Public Comments:

Mr. Evans approached the podium to speak. He stated that he was disappointed in the comments after the Mayoral election and hoped that Council would be able to move forward. He indicated that the ability to move forward would be based on the desires and ability of Council to work positively together.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Services: Mr. Lykins said there is no report from the Administrative Services Committee; however, he would like to make a Motion to adjourn into Executive Session immediately following the regular Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. Ms. Hinnners seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Community Development: No report

Public Services Committee: No report

Safety Services Committee: No report

City Manager's Report:

Service Department

The Service Department will begin picking up Christmas trees on Wednesday, January 4th. The trees need to be at the curb and free of all ornamentation including lights and tinsel. The pickup will continue on every Wednesday throughout January. This information is available on our website.

Concrete picnic tables have been placed at the following locations: bike trail (2), Carriage Way Park (5) and Garfield Park (1). Garfield Park has the shelter house with four wooden picnic tables; the concrete picnic table is free standing from the shelter house.

The Service Department is filling potholes, including alleyways, throughout the City. Residents should report the location of potholes by calling 831-7018 or 831-4192.

The Service Department hit the streets on Monday at 6:00 a.m. at the advent of the season's first inclement weather. Every street in the City was treated with salt. We believe we were several hours ahead of everyone else in the area, including ODOT and the County.

Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Department reports routine services.

Plant influent 8.217 mg

Plant effluent 11.144 mg

Water Department

Plant production from 12/20/11 thru 1/2/2012 was 7.88 MG. which equals an average daily production of 562,000 gallons.

The SCADA Project remains on schedule. Rawdon Myers is working on drawing submittals. They anticipate completion of this component of the project in about 8-10 weeks.

Other

The bid opening for the High Street Wall Stabilization and Misc. Curb Replacement (Contract ST-2011-2) is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Standing Committees

Administrative Services Committee: 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2012

- Discuss JEDD with Union Township
- Discuss iPad purchase for Council Members to use during meetings
- Other business appropriate to come before this committee

Community Development Committee: Not scheduled at this time.

Public Services Committee: 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2012

- Discuss residential landscape meters
- Discuss revising capacity fees for new businesses for water and sanitary sewer
- Discuss purchase of road salt
- Discuss construction debris/unlimited household waste
- Other business appropriate to come before this committee

Safety Services Committee: Not scheduled at this time.

Reminders:

Planning Commission: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Parks & Recreation: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2012

Citizen's Housing: 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2012

BZA: 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2012

Annual Meeting & Small Business Awards: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2012 at Receptions Conference Center East. This event is sponsored by the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$50 per person.

The Administration office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

Police Report:

Chief Jamey Mills mentioned several training opportunities that took place in December, 2011 involving police officers. He publicly thanked 3-2-1- Airsoft, a new business located on Hwy. 50, for their assistance.

On January 11th, accreditation managers from area departments will conduct a mock assessment for the Department in preparation of the C.A.L.E.A. assessment on April 1-3.

He mentioned that a theft of construction materials with a value of \$7,500 had occurred at 990 Lila (McDonald's) and a theft of catalytic converters valued at \$12,000 occurred at 439 Main and 101 Old Bank Road. He stated that it is the goal of the Department to reduce the theft of metal materials by 5% in 2012.

Fire and EMS Report:

Chief John Cooper reported that residents had a safe holiday season this year by being protective of their homes and families.

Council Comments:

Mr. Vilardo made a motion to authorize the Law Director to draft an ordinance authorizing Vice Mayor Walter to officiate at weddings; seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Mr. Minniear complimented Chief Mills and the Police Department on the high morale of that department.

Mr. Pittman thanked Council for their vote to be Mayor. He indicated that he holds both the Oath of Office and the position of Mayor with absolute solemnity. He does, however, have a concern that there is a level of disparity in the minds of the residents as to the concept of a Mayor that is more than the Charter allows. He stated he hopes Council will be able to work together and move forward without animosity.

Ms. Brewer disagreed with Mayor Pittman's interpretation of the Mayor position as it relates to the Charter.

Ms. Walter thanked Mr. Vilardo for his excellent service and leadership as Mayor in leading Council and the City through several conflicts. She stated that she appreciated that he kept everyone on Council on 'equal footing' by reporting back to them after meetings with Jeff Wright, City Manager.

Mr. Pittman agreed with Ms. Walter and stated that Mr. Vilardo's life is dedicated to public service and that Council would not be 'where they are' without his leadership as Mayor.

Old Business:

Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m. to enter into Executive Session after a brief recess pursuant to and in accordance with Section 3.05 of the Milford City Charter with a Motion by Ms. Hinners; seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session and adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Lykins, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Sharon Waldmann, C.P.T.

Geoffrey Pittman, Mayor