

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON JUNE 14, 2021  
147 WABASH ST. MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Hamden called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Hamden, Pro-Tem Kolar, Council Members Baldwin, Gee, Gilson, Kerkes, and Nie.

**OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT:** Interim City Administrator/Police Chief Donald Tillery, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch, City Attorney Steve Mann, Lt. Nieman, MIS/Communications Director John Koehler, Building/Zoning Steve Bredernitz, DPW Director Stan Kirton, and Main Street Director Jill Tewsley, and Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Maxine Tewsley, Alden Tewsley, Dave Snyder, Jessica Meingasner, Leslie & Jenn Henry, Josh Kofflin, Shannon Dare Wayne, Cliff Franklin, Carrie Ritchie, and Michelle Heikka.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** June 14, 2021

Motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to move Matters to Action item 3 to 4 and to add "Subject to Council Approval," to add a new item 3 "A Resolution to Declare June as Pride month in the City of Milan," and to add item 7 "To Appoint Donald Tillery, Dominic Hamden, and Sarah Finch as signing authority for all First Merchants accounts, by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 4, 2021 - Work Session  
June 4, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Nie to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Kolar.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: (5-minute time limit per person)**

**A. Residents:** Alden Tewsley spoke. Michelle Heikka spoke, Dave Snyder spoke. Jessica Meingasner spoke. Jill Tewsley spoke.

**B. Non-Residents:** Leslie and Jen Henry spoke.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Tolan Square improvements and developments, presented by Dave Snyder on behalf of Moving Milan Forward.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**MATTERS FOR ACTION:**

**1. Approve the labor agreement between the City of Milan and the Milan Police Officers Association, represented by the Police Offices Association of Michigan, for the dates July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021.**

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approve the labor agreement between the City of Milan and the Technical, Professional, and Office workers Association of Michigan for the dates July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024.**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Gilson to approve amendment.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approve A Proclamation to declare June as Pride month in the City of Milan**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Nie to approve.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approve the Allowance of flying of Special Interest flags at City Hall “Subject to Council Approval,” and to raise Pride flag in June.**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Nie to approve.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**5. To authorize the expenditure of funds to run an 8” water main extension under Dexter St. to assist in the development of a Dollar General Store.**

Motion by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes. Motion by Councilmember Kerkes to postpone this item until June 28, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Kolar to postpone.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Approve Resolution 2021-15, a Resolution submitting Charter Revision question at the election to be held on November 2, 2021.**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Nie. Motion by Councilmember Nie to postpone this item until June 28, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Gilson to postpone.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Approve to appoint Donald Tillery, Dominic Hamden, and Sarah Finch as signing authority for all First Merchants Bank accounts.**

Motion by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Gilson to approve.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL:                   \$414,965.90**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Gee to pay the bills as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: (3-minute time limit per person)**

**A. Residents:** Shannon Dare Wayne spoke. Jessica Meingasner spoke. Jill Tewsley spoke. Josh Kofflin spoke, also provided Moving Milan Forward upcoming events. Carrie Ritchie spoke and provided Milan Chambers upcoming events.

**B. Non-Residents:** None.

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**MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:**

**Chief Tillery** shared transition events of first week and is happy to be moving forward. He thanked staff and council for all the support.

**Clerk Wenzel** thanked everyone for coming out to speak, thanked Chief and City Treasurer for assistance with agenda in absence as she completed Clerks Institute.

**Treasurer Finch** congratulated Chief Interim City Administrator on a great first week.

**DDA Mainstreet Director Tewsley** shared downtown improvements encouraged all to take in the sites. Launched ticket sales for route 23 beer walk tonight.

**DPW Director Kirton** announced upcoming crack seal improvements and Plat Road construction project is underway. He provided detour information.

**Councilmember Nie** congratulated Chief on his first week, thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He is pleased to be coaching the Milan Youth Soccer team. Provided upcoming professional wrestling event that will be provided by the American legion.

**Councilmember Kerkes** shared her proud feelings of Milan on the issues of moving forward.

**Councilmember Kolar** congratulations to the Class of 2021. Please slow down and be cautious.

**Councilmember Gee** was pleased with all the discussion and announced Parks and Recreation is starting a quilting class. Please visit the Parks and Recreation website.

**Councilmember Gilson** was pleased with a great meeting. Congratulated Milan Fair board on the best fireworks event yet. He shared his appreciation with the Milan Fair board.

**Mayor Hamden** shared his appreciation of the Milan Fair, and how good it was to see all the faces. Mayor Hamden announce the search for next City Administrator has begun, a request for proposal will be published soon.

**Monday, June 28, 2021 (Agenda Item Submission Deadline, June 23, 2021)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:05 PM. by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Gee.

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Dominic Hamden, Mayor

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Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk