



CITY OF MILFORD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2025

The City Council of the City of Milford met in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers in Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025.

PRESIDING: Mayor F. Todd Culotta
IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmembers Daniel Marabello, Madula Kalesis, Nadia Zychal, Michael Stewart, Nirmala Samaroo, Katrina Wilson and Jason James, Sr.
ABSENT: Councilmember Lori Connor
STAFF: City Manager Mark Whitfield, Chief Cecilia Ashe and City Clerk Katrina White
COUNSEL: Solicitor David Rutt, Esquire

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Call to Order – Mayor Todd Culotta

There were 8 members present. Councilmember Lori Connor was not present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilmember Wilson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2025 Election Report - City Clerk Katrina White

City Clerk White read the City of Milford Election Report for April 26, 2025 into the record.

The Board of Elections for the City of Milford met on March 6, 2025, to certify the results of the 2025 City of Milford Annual Election in which no office was contested.

There being only one candidate for each Office of Councilpersons in Ward One, Ward Two, Ward Three and Ward Four, the Election Board of the City of Milford hereby declares the following candidates the official winners:

1st Ward Councilperson Daniel Marabello

2nd Ward Councilperson Nadia Zychal

3rd Ward Councilperson Danny Perez

4th Ward Councilperson Jason James Sr.

Each office holds a two-year term that will commence following the administration of the Oath of Office for each candidate by the Honorable Noel Eason Primos, Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware.

City of Milford Board of Elections:

Karen F. Boone

Carlene Wilson

Donna Merchant

Swearing in of City Council

The Honorable Noel Eason Primos - Superior Court of Delaware:

Oaths of Offices were then individually administered by The Honorable Noel Eason Primos of the Superior Court of Delaware to the following individuals:

Council First Ward - Daniel Marabello

First Ward Councilmember Daniel Marabello was accompanied by his friend Toshi Reynolds.

Council Second Ward - Nadia Zychal

Second Ward Councilmember Nadia Zychal was accompanied by her husband Craig Zychal.

Council Third Ward - Danny Perez

Third Ward Councilmember Danny Perez was accompanied by his daughter Jenise Montes.

Councilmember Perez then took his place as new Ward Three councilmember for the remainder of the meeting.

Council Fourth Ward - Jason James, Sr

Fourth Ward Councilmember Jason James, Sr. was accompanied by his wife, Pamela James.

Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Culotta opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor 2025/2026.

Councilmember Marabello moved to nominate Councilmember James to continue to serve as Vice Mayor for 2025/2026.

There were no other nominations.

Moved by: Daniel Marabello

Seconded by: Katrina Wilson

Yes Madula Kalesis, Daniel Marabello, Nadia Zychal, Michael Stewart, Nirmala Samaroo, Katrina Wilson, and Jason James

The motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Reappointment of City Solicitor

Mayor Culotta announced that City Solicitor David Rutt would be stepping down as the City of Milford's City Solicitor after 14 years of service. He expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. Rutt for his service. He stated that Mr. Rutt has agreed to remain as interim city solicitor until the city finds a replacement.

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to appoint Solicitor David Rutt as interim city solicitor.

Moved by: Katrina Wilson

Seconded by: Jason James

The motion carried.

Appointment of 2025-2026 Council Committees

Mayor read the new Council Committee appointees for 2025-2026.

Economic Development & Code Enforcement

Madula Kalesis-Chair
Lori Connor
Daniel Marabello
Danny Perez

Public Safety Committee

Katrina Wilson-Chair
Michael Stewart
Lori Connor
Jason James Sr.

Finance & Audit Committee

Jason James Sr.-Chair
Lori Connor
Daniel Marabello
Danny Perez

Public Works & Utilities

Madula Kalesis-Chair
Lori Connor
Danny Perez
Nadia Zychal

Charter Review Subcommittee

Jason James Sr., Chair
Katrina Wilson
Daniel Marabello
Nadia Zychal

Annexation Committee

Katrina Wilson-Chair
Dan Marabello
Michael Stewart
Nadia Zychal

Milford Community Cemetery

Katrina Wilson

Adjournment

Mayor Culotta asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wilson made the motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Katrina Wilson

Seconded by: Madula Kalesis

Yes Madula Kalesis, Daniel Marabello, Nadia Zychal, Michael Stewart, Nirmala Samaroo, Katrina Wilson, and Jason James

The motion carried unanimously. 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina L. White, MMC
City Clerk/Recorder