

## Re: Your Position on Quarterly Town Hall Meetings

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To: tabecker1@hotmail.com <tabecker1@hotmail.com>

Hi again Mr. Becker,

If you will allow me to elaborate, in addition to saying YES to your question regarding town hall meetings, my response is below.

I absolutely support and will advocate for quarterly town hall meetings between citizens and Milton leadership if honored to be elected to the Milton City Council. Honesty and transparency are vital to good governance, and I will want to be accountable for my actions.

I am a consensus builder. I have personally met with over 3,000 Milton residents. I truly want to know what is important to them and how I can best serve them.

As a member of the Milton Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, I have championed parks as one way to provide vital services to our citizens. I am not a yes person. I will stand strong and do the right thing.

Recording and live streaming are part of well-organized meetings. Citizen representatives on the City Council have an obligation to be fully transparent and shoot straight with everyone. I also believe that good ideas come directly from our citizens.

If you have time, I would love to meet with you to discuss processes and issues and would welcome any advice and suggestions you may have for me. Thank you for reaching out to me personally.

In service,  
Jami

On Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 4:57 PM Tim Becker <[tabecker1@hotmail.com](mailto:tabecker1@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Ms. Tucker and Ms. Verhoff:

First, congratulations on earning your way to the run-off election for District 1 Post 1. Representing the citizens of Milton is a great honor and privilege. Thank you for stepping up to run. Having been immersed in Council Member Bentley's campaign in 2017, I know that running for local office requires a lot of time and effort and sometimes is painful.

As you might know, I have been steeped in Milton politics for over 6 years as an advocate for good governance, so my focus has been more on process and principles, and less on policy. I believe more attention needs to be devoted to the architecture of government. As a former naval officer and a strategy consultant, I know that good outcomes (i.e., policy) are only possible through good processes. And good process is a result applying the following principles to government design: rigor, fairness, transparency, honesty, and accountability. Milton deserves a government as good as its citizens. At my blog, I have floated many no-brainer, easily implementable suggestions for improving governance. However, there is one idea that stands above the rest and could be a game-changer for good governance in Milton: town hall meetings. Town hall meetings are a widely recognized best practice in municipal government. So I am issuing a challenge to both of you to take a position on town hall meetings and provide an answer to the following question:

**Do you support and will you advocate for quarterly, videotaped (and live-streamed) town hall meetings of citizens with City Council and separately with appointed city leadership**

**(i.e., the City Manager and his leadership team) to engage in two-way, respectful Q&A and dialogue?**

A simple YES or NO answer will suffice. However, if you wish to elaborate on your answer, please feel free to do so (but limit responses to 200 words and to the issue of town hall meetings). If you do not respond by November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon, I will assume that your answer is NO. I will publish each candidate's responses at the blog. In responding, please understand that many of Milton's most concerned citizens (my conservative estimate is 200+) are blog subscribers or are non-subscribers who visit the blog on a regular basis. Furthermore, recent blog traffic has been increasing dramatically in the run-up to early voting; voters are hungry for substantive information on the candidates. Blog readers are not only informed citizens that vote but often citizens that care enough to exercise influence within their social networks to advocate on issues and/or promote candidates. This is an opportunity to reach those citizens.

I look forward to your responses.

Advocating for transparency, honesty, and accountability through town hall meetings,

Tim Becker