

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

June 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the East Dublin Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor George Gornto.

Invocation was led by Councilman Tanner followed by pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to approve the minutes as read of the previous meeting. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the financial statements. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Brown to add to the agenda "Police Pay Scale". All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the starting salary for up to \$18.00 per hour for a newly hired police officer. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget was opened. City Clerk Melissa Bassett noted that there was an error in the SPLOST budget for Public Safety that needed to be correct by switching the amounts between the Fire and Police Departments. After discussion and no one else spoke in favor or against the proposed budget; the hearing was closed. A motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 budget along with the corrections was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 amended budget. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the upgrades to the Ferry Street Lift Station in the amount of \$9,823.90 to be done by Pro Pump Solutions, Inc. All voted in favor with none opposed.

At this time, Mayor Gornto opened the floor for "Recognition of Citizens".

Merita Sammons of 501 Northside Drive, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council asking for an update on when the City and Laurens County would be coming to work on the water issue that she has in her yard. Mayor Gornto advised her that he would get with HT Scarborough the City's public works superintendent and have him get in touch with Laurens County to get the work scheduled.

Jamie Jackson of East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council regarding presenting an idea of setting up a program called PAL, which stands for Police Athletic League that pairs police officers with youth in the community to use athletics to keep kids out of trouble and off the streets. He also asked that if a batting cage be installed at Warnock Park at the tennis court since it was not being utilized. He asked that the batting cage be one that could be set up with in a way that did not require a pitching machine. Mayor Gornto advised him that the City and the East Dublin Recreation Board had already approved to take half of the tennis courts to make a middle school sized basketball court. And Mayor Gornto asked that Mr. Jackson set up a meeting with Councilman Brown and the East Dublin Recreation Board to discuss Mr. Jackson's ideas. Mayor Gornto also asked if Mr. Jackson was interested in being named to the East Dublin Recreation Board and Mr. Jackson said he was interested.

Brenda Cason who is new to East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Buckeye Park and the bad condition of the playground equipment and possibly installing park benches for people to utilize at the park. Mayor Gornto advised Ms. Cason that the City and the East Dublin Recreation Board had already approved improvements to be done to the playground equipment at Buckeye and Warnock Parks and were waiting on the company that had been contacted to do the work.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Approved: 7/11/2022

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Attending:**

Mayor George H. Gornto  
City Attorney Buddy Butler  
Police Chief Bill Luecke  
City Clerk Melissa Bassett

**Council Members:**

Braxton Brown, Jr.  
Brenda Roberson  
John Sheppard  
Len Tanner, Jr.  
Al Williams, Jr.