

## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 14, 2023

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 Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting of 7/10/2023 and the called meeting minutes of 7/17/2023 as read. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to approve the bills for payment. All voted in favor with none opposed.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to approve amending the FY 2024 budget by taking \$32,000 from reserve to distribute to the police, public works and water departments regular payroll. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the agreement for auditing services in the amount of \$30,000 with Symphona for the FY2023 audit. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

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

Ted Pooler of 408 Gateway Drive addressed the Mayor and Council with two items. The first item he addressed was the grass in the deep ditch next to his driveway needs to be cut and it has gotten difficult for him to see when he exits his driveway. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Pooler that the City tries to get the Laurens County public works to come in with their side cutter to help the City with areas like Mr. Pooler's that the City's equipment cannot handle. Mayor Gornto stated that the City will contact the County to schedule a time for them to come.

Mr. Pooler then addressed his second item by stating that he had excess garbage he placed beside his cart that was not picked up. He wanted to know why it wasn't gotten. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Pooler that the garbage company will only get what is inside the cart. Councilwoman Roberson spoke advising Mr. Pooler he could get an extra garbage cart at an additional monthly cost.

Tony Clay of 401 Gateway Drive addressed the Mayor and Council about too many suspicious vehicles and foot traffic coming in and out on Frances Drive. Mr. Clay stated that he is afraid for

the safety of his property and for his grandchildren who like to play outside in his yard. He stated that there was an incident where some young men were on Frances Drive shooting guns into the ditch. Mr. Clay went on to state that he would like to see more police in the area and to see if the street could be closed off. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Clay to call 911 to have East Dublin Police respond to any suspicious vehicles and people on Frances Drive and that the city would check into temporarily barricading the street.

Enoch Waters of 304 Gateway Drive addressed the Mayor and Council about his concerns about the vehicle and foot traffic on Frances Drive. He said people are constantly walking up and down Frances Drive and walking up and down Gateway Drive. He said vehicles are also constantly coming in and out on the street. He suggested that a barricade and cameras be placed in the area to help deter folks from the area.

Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Waters and others that the City will check into putting up a temporary barricade on Frances Drive and also look into installing security cameras in the area.

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

Approved: 9/11/2023

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Attending:**

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

**Council Members:**

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