

# THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

September 9, 2024

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 Sheppard to approve the minutes as read of the previous meeting. All voted in favor with none opposed.

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

Discussion was made on changing the times of pre-council and the regular meetings to be effective beginning October 1, 2024. The new times are as follows:

Pre-Council will begin at 5:00 pm

Regular Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to adopt the new times for Pre-Council and Regular Meetings. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A resolution to oppose the Georgia POST increase in mandated training hours was presented to the Council. Mayor Gornto stated that Georgia POST has increased the training hours for a newly mandated police officer from 408 hours to 810 hours that is to become effective in January 2025. He also stated that several cities and counties have voiced their opposition to the increase of training hours due to an increase in cost in hiring a newly mandated police officer. He stated that East Dublin would see an approximate increase of \$40,000 to the budget due the cost of a newly mandated police officer if the increased hours stay in place.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Brown to adopt the resolution to oppose the Georgia Post Peace Officers Mandated Training Hours Increase. All voted in favor of the resolution with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

Ordinance Number 2024-01 was presented to the Council. Mayor Gornto advised the Council that this ordinance will amend Chapter 17, Article IV, Section 17-78 entitled "Owner's Responsibility" and will make clearer what the owner's responsibility for the maintenance of the sewer service line that services their structure.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to adopt Ordinance Number 2024-01. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

At this time Mayor Gornto opened the floor for Recognition of Citizens. No one had any comments at this time.

At this time Mayor Gornto opened the floor for Council Comments. No one had any comments at this time.

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

Approved: 10/14/2024

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Attending:**

Mayor George H. Gornto  
City Clerk Melissa Bassett  
City Attorney Charles Butler

**Council Members:**

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