

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 13, 2025

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the minutes after adding Councilman Tanner's name to the list of Council members that attended the meeting as read of the previous meeting. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown 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 "HB 581" to the agenda. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Mayor Gornto explained that the State of Georgia passed a new law, HB 581, that affects the assessment value of homestead exemption properties throughout the state. He advised the Council that since the city relies on the Laurens County Tax Assessors' office for property values and does not have a city homestead exemption provision, the city will not opt out of the new law since it will not affect the City of East Dublin.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Brown to not opt out of the new State of Georgia HB 581. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to add "Property Tax Billing" to the agenda. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to stop the first billing of property taxes and just bill property taxes once a year beginning in 2025. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The two new alcohol license application for Champaben Patel, manager for Amba Food Mart, located at 514 Buckeye Road and Hetal Jasani, manager of MAA GG, LLC, located at 405 Soperton Avenue were presented to the Mayor and Council.

After discussion, a motion to approve the two new licenses was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Tanner to appoint Jack Dixon as the new Municipal Court Judge for the City of East Dublin. All voted in favor with none opposed.

At this time, City Attorney Charles Butler swore Jack Dixon into his new position as Municipal Court Judge.

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

No citizens were present.

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: 2/10/2025

Mayor

City Clerk

Attending:

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

Council Members:

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