

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

July 14, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Williams to add to the agenda the following two items:

- Zoning Board
- Laurens County Board of Education Agreement

All voted in favor of the two additions to the agenda with none opposed.

The item “Zoning Board” was presented to the Council. It was noted that Keith Jessup of 590 Ferry Street, East Dublin had agreed to be on the Zoning Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman to appoint to the Zoning Board, Keith Jessup of 590 Ferry Street, East Dublin. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The item “Laurens County Board of Education” was presented to the Council. It was noted that the agreement with Laurens County Board of Education and the City is to show that the City of East Dublin has the capacity to supply the new East Laurens Middle School with water and sewer. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Tanner. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Discussion on the Recreation Department included setting the salary for the new Recreation Director, Dawn Wood at \$650.00 per month with a travel allowance of \$200.00 per month. Also discussed were two major purchases budgets for recreation of \$40,000 for football equipment and \$6,000 for recreation grounds equipment.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Tanner to approve the salary and travel allowance for Recreation Director. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the budget amount of \$40,000.00 for football equipment and the budget amount of \$6,000.00 for recreation grounds equipment. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the sewer department shelter at a cost of \$45,500 to be funded through SPLOST. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the proposal for \$2,900.00 from Harris Local Government to place the City of East Dublin's property taxes online. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Agreement and Resolution was presented to the Council. It was discussed that this is the first band of paving through the TIA. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the agreement and resolution. All voted in favor with none opposed.

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

Several residents of East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council concerning loud music coming from 305 Crestview Drive lasting after midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. They stated that the loud music has been an issue for a few years and they wanted it stopped. The residents also stated that some of those who were attending the parties at 305 Crestview were racing up and down the neighborhood streets in their cars. One particular person driving an El Camino was one of the main ones racing up and down the streets in the neighborhood. Many stated that the police were called to address the loud music and the officer would stop by 305 Crestview to have the people turn down the music, but the music would be turned back up once the officer left the area. The Mayor and Council deferred to City Attorney Charles Butler to review the current loud noise ordinance and have an updated ordinance ready by the next regular Council meeting to set a stricter law with fines against such nuisances. The list of residents addressing the Council on this issue are as follows:

Ashley Ballard	306 Crestview Drive
Dwayne Caneegea	330 Morgan Road
Rhonda Baker	403 Damon Drive
Larry & Kathy Kight	401 Damon Drive
Angie Edge	205 Crestview Drive
Michael Graham	302 Crestview Drive
Andrew Hart	320 Morgan Road
Jimmy Chafin	302 Damon Drive
Stephen Nunan	305 Kings Road
Greg & Lynn Fordham	204 Kings Road

Topekia Williams of 508 Broad Street, East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council seeking help with her current water bill that was high due to a bad leak. Mayor Gornto asked Mrs. Williams to give her bill to the City Clerk to do an adjustment for her.

Angie Edge of 205 Crestview Drive addressed the Mayor and Council about folks riding four-wheelers and golf carts at high speeds with small children aboard who were not wearing helmets. Mayor Gornto told Mrs. Edge that city was aware of the issue and the police were diligently trying to catch them. Once they are caught, the four-wheeler or golf cart is towed and the owner has to pay for its release. This action helps deter folks from riding them on city streets, but doesn't stop it all together.

Waldena Fordham of 720 Buckeye Road, East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council with an issue of debris from the hurricane hasn't been pick up. Mayor Gornto advised her that she was outside the city limits and advised her to contact the Laurens County Commissioners' Office.

Jimmy Chafin of 302 Damon Drive addressed the Mayor and Council with an issue of debris not being picked up by public works that was located on the right of way in front of a vacant lot in his area and the grasscutter mows around the debris instead of picking it up before mowing. Mayor Gornto advised that he would have someone from public works check on it.

Levina Axson, manager of Oak Creek Mobile Home Park addressed the Mayor and Council to get some clarification on what the city charges them for city services. Mayor Gornto advised Ms. Axson that the city charges the mobile home park for water and does not charge them for sewer because it is not available to the park, nor does the city charge for garbage since the park is outside the city limits.

Stephen Nunan of 305 Kings Road, East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council concerning how often the grass cutter comes to his neighborhood. Mr. Nunan stated that he would like to see him come more often. Mayor Gornto stated that the grass cutter is part time and is the only one that the city has at this time. Mayor Gornto addressed all in attendance that if they knew of any one wanting a part time job cutting grass to let him know.

Someone in the audience asked if the city was still spraying for mosquitos. Mayor Gornto answered with yes that it is being done on a weekly basis.

Mildred Jackson of 330 Branham Street, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council with several items. First, she asked for an update on the nuisance properties. Mayor Gornto told her that there have been several houses that have been demolished with a few more schedule to come down and that the city is working with others on getting their properties either cleaned up or brought up to code.

The next item she asked the Mayor and Council had found out who was cutting down all the

trees on the other side of Railroad Avenue at the railroad tracks. Mayor stated he still wasn't sure, but would check into it again.

The next item she asked about was she could not hear the storm warning alarm good when it goes off. Mayor Gornto stated that he would have someone check on them.

The next item she asked about was that her driveway was still sinking in from where the city had the sewer line installed that goes under her driveway. And that she is getting red mud coming up into her shower and it is clogging up her toilet. Mayor Gornto advised her he would have Water and Sewer Superintendent Dwayne Lake come by her home to see what was going on.

The last item she asked about was trash being strewn along the road in her area. Mayor Gornto stated that trash being strewn along the roadsides was a citywide issue.

At this time Mayor Gornto opened the floor to Council Comments.

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: 8/11/2025

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Attending:**

Mayor George H. Gornto  
City Clerk Melissa Bassett  
City Attorney Charles Butler  
Recreation Director Dawn Wood

**Council Members:**

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