

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 12, 2026

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

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

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

At this time, Mayor Gornto asked that Mayor Pro-Tem Braxton Brown take the meeting for the purpose of nominating and approving a new Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2026 year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Braxton Brown proceeded with asking the Council for a nomination for a new Mayor Pro-Tem to serve for the year of 2026.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to nominate and approve Councilman Al Williams as Mayor Pro-Tem on a one-year term basis for the year 2026. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the appointment of Randy Warren as the new East Dublin Fire Chief. All voted in favor of the appointment with none opposed.

The new alcohol license application for Parth Khetia, manager for Bhakti 2025, Inc, located at 405 Soperton Avenue was presented to the Mayor and Council.

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

At this time the item "Building & Building Regulations Ordinance Amendment was presented to the Council. Mayor Gornto stated that the inspection fee for electrical, plumbing and heating and air have been the same for many years at \$25.00. Mayor Gornto proposed to increase the fee to \$75.00 and if the Council approved the increase, there will be an amended ordinance to be approved at the next regular meeting in February.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilman

Brown to increase the inspections fee for electrical, plumbing and heating and air to \$75.00. All voted in favor with none opposed.

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

Martha Purvis of 131 Sunset Drive, East Dublin addressed the Council with several issues. The first was about cleaning up the river bridge area. Mayor Gornto advised her that the Georgia Department of Transportation comes in once a year to clean the dirt and weeds and that the city has a part time person that picks up other trash.

She then asked about what could be done about stopping the semi-trucks from parking in the lot on Hwy 29. Mayor Gornto told her that the person who owns the property rents spaces to the truck drivers to park since they are not allowed to park their semis on residential streets.

The next thing she asked was about if the city still checked for tags and insurance on cars in peoples' yards because there were a few in her neighborhood. Mayor Gornto stated that was an on-going situation and the police department keeps check on this on a regular basis.

The last thing she asked about was the sunk in area on Broad Street near the pond. Mayor Gornto stated that the city was aware of the issue and was working to fix it.

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

Approved: 2/09/2026

Mayor

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
Robert Sheppard
Al Williams