

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

November 10, 2025

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 Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson 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 Brown and seconded by Councilman Williams. 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.

A resolution was presented to the Council to appoint Robert Alan Sheppard to fill the unexpired term of Ward 3 Council for the City of East Dublin due to the death of Ward 3 Councilman John Sheppard. Mayor Gornto advised the Council that the City's Charter states that the city can appoint someone in the event of a vacancy in the Council. If Robert is appointed the resolution states that his term of office will begin on December 1, 2025 and will expire on December 31, 2027.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the resolution that will appoint Robert Alan Sheppard to fill the unexpired term of Ward 3 Council for the City of East Dublin. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

The public hearing on the proposed 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate was opened. No one present spoke in favor or against the proposed millage rate of 3.468 mills; therefore, the hearing was closed. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to set the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate at 3.468 mills. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy).

The old water bill write-offs were presented to the Council. Mayor Gornto advised the Council that the \$315,535.32 in old water bills are for water bills that are 20 plus years old and are uncollectable and have already been written off in the City's financial audit, but have not been removed from the computer system. Because they have not been removed from the computer, it causes a problem from year to year in balancing the year-end financial report. Therefore, the Council needs to approve to have these old bills removed from the computer system.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the water bill write-offs in the amount of \$315,535.32. All voted in favor

with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

The Language Access Plan Resolution was presented to the Council. Mayor Gornto advised that when the city was awarded the 2025 Community Development Block Grant, it had to put in place a plan that will provide meaningful access to the City's programs and activities by those that do not speak English or have a limited proficiency in English. He further stated that the resolution addresses this issue.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Tanner to approve the Language Access Plan Resolution. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

A motion to give the employees of the city a Christmas Bonus was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Brown. All voted in favor of the bonuses with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

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

Jimmy Chafin of 302 Damon Street, East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council concerning street signs in his neighborhood that were damaged by Hurricane Helene that have yet to be fixed. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Chafin that the city was working to get to all the signs that were damaged and that the city has planned to put in a 4-Way stop at the intersection of Damon Drive and Crestview Drive.

Mildred Jackson of 330 Branham Street, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council with why hasn't anyone of the Council or the Mayor been to see the new plant that has been built near her house. Mayor Gornto and each Councilmember stated that they were unaware that the building had been complete and was open for them to visit.

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 Councilman Tanner. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Approved: 12/08/2025

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Attending:**

Mayor George H. Gornto  
Police Chief Bill Luecke  
City Clerk Melissa Bassett  
Recreation Director Dawn Wood

**Council Members:**

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

**Also in Attendance:**

Robert Alan Sheppard