

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

October 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 Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the previous meeting minutes as read. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Brown to add to the agenda and to the bills to be paid "General Liability Insurance". All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion to approve the bills which included the general liability insurance renewal and an invoice for the purchase of 100 new garbage carts was made by Councilman Brown 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 approve the financial statements. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The amendments to Chapter 3 Alcohol Ordinance, Section 3-57, Section 3-98 and Section 3-117 were presented to the Mayor and Council. It was noted that each section to be amended addressed changing the distance limitations from a church, school and private residence by changing the footage limitation from a church or school from 900 feet to 300 feet and the footage limitation from a private residence from 300 feet to 200 feet.

It was discussed that the distance limitations for Section 3-57, which deals with spiritous liquor licenses and Section 3-117 which deals with consumption on premises alcohol license should not be amended. But, the amendment to Section 3-98 which deals with beer and wine packaged to go alcohol licenses that is usually purchased by grocery stores and convenient stores met with approval to be amended.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Tanner to amend only Section 3-98 "Location and Distance Limitations, etc., Generally" of Chapter 3 "Alcohol License", Article III "Beer and Wine License", Division 2 "Operation of Business". The motion also included not amending Sections 3-57 and 3-117 of the same Chapter 3 "Alcohol Ordinance". All voted in favor of amending Section 3-98 only with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

The GMEBS Life & Health Program Employer Declaration and Application was presented to the Mayor and Council. It was noted that with approval of the declaration and application, the plan

design for group health insurance will change from a PPO 80/60 – 500 to a POS 80/60 – 500 which will lower the premium costs for the city and the city’s employees beginning January 1, 2026.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the GMEBS Life & Health Program Employer Declaration and Application. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

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

Mildred Jackson of 330 Branham Street, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council with pictures of her property to show that the old septic tank on her property was not under a portion of a building. Councilman Tanner stated that Water Superintendent Dwayne Lake told her that the septic tank was not disconnected from her house when the city installed city sewer lines in her neighborhood. He stated that each house was taken off their septic tanks and connected to city sewer and because hers was inaccessible from a portion of the septic tank being under a building, her tank was not disconnected from her house. Therefore, this is what is causing the mud to come up into her shower. Mrs. Jackson’s son, Jamie stated that he and his dad dug up the tank after the city installed the new sewer lines and the tank was disconnected.

Councilman Tanner asked Mrs. Jackson had she had any more mud coming up in her shower since last council meeting and she stated no. Councilman Tanner advised her that if she has any more issues with mud coming up in her shower, she needs to call him or Dwayne Lake.

Mrs. Jackson then asked about the new business that had opened close to her. Mayor Gornto stated that it was Cascade Lumber Company that builds trusses and they were out of Cascade, Iowa and at this current time has three employees and will go up to fifteen employees in the near future.

Mrs. Jackson then went on to ask about had cut down the pine trees at a property near her house. Mayor Gornto stated that he was unable to find out who it was.

Janika Wright of 602 Jordan Street addressed the Mayor and Council a need for public transportation in East Dublin. She stated that she does not have a personal vehicle at this time and needs to transportation for various needs including doctor’s appointments. Mayor Gornto stated that there were some available to her and her insurance should help pay for it. She then stated that she has tried them and her insurance will not pay. Mayor Gornto then asked Ms. Wright to give her contact information to the City Clerk and he would try to help her find some transportation.

Jamie Jackson, asked the Mayor and Council if the City of East Dublin had its own Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Gornto stated that there was only one Chamber of Commerce that is located

in Dublin and it covers the entire Dublin-Laurens County area.

Mr. Jackson then asked who the engineer was for the City of East Dublin. Mayor Gornto advised that at this time the city is using Hofstadter and Associates, who will be engineering the Buckeye/Derriso sewer project. Mayor Gornto went on to state that the State of Georgia mandate a few years back that when a city or county applies for any grant funds, the city must bid out engineering services along with grant administration services.

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

All Council members welcome Councilman Sheppard back from his extended absence due to an injury.

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: 11/10/2025

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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  
John Sheppard  
Len Tanner, Jr.  
Al Williams