

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 9, 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 Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Tanner 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 Councilwoman Roberson to approve the bills for payment. All voted in favor with none opposed.

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

The public hearing for the rezoning of 202 Savannah Avenue from A-1 to M-1 was opened for discussion by Mayor Gornto. Mayor Gornto advised that the property to be rezoned is a 10-acre tract between 202 Savannah Avenue and Wrightsville Avenue belonging to Cherokee Block and Brick. There was no one present who spoke in favor or against the rezoning; therefore, Mayor Gornto closed the public hearing and called for a motion. A motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Brown to accept the East Dublin Zoning Boards recommendation to rezone 202 Savannah Avenue from A-1 to M-1. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Recreation Bids were presented as follows:

Helton Electric Services (Warnock Ballfield Lights)	\$14,000.00
Tri-State Pump & Control (Tournament Rake for Ballfields)	\$6,218.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Council Sheppard and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the bids from Helton Electric and Tri-State Pump. All voted in favor with none opposed

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

Amy Hawkins of 202 Mary Drive addressed the Mayor and Council with her concerns about the neighbor behind her at 309 Rice Street that is owned by Phillip Hightower. She stated that he has brought in and set up a mobile home, two storage buildings and a camper in order to rent out to

people who have either come out of drug rehab or prison. She also understood that what Mr. Hightower has done is not allowed in a residential area and she is concerned that others in the neighborhood are doing the same like the folks at 310 Rice Street. She has noticed that the folks at 310 Rice Street have moved in a storage building in their front yard and maybe has someone living in it. She is really concerned about the safety her grandchild who stays with her and for the neighborhood. She asked the Mayor and Council if there was something the city could do. Mayor Gornto advised her that the city has already cited Mr. Hightower for code violation and he has already come to the Municipal Court. Mayor Gornto went on to say that the Municipal Judge transferred the case to Superior Court.

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

Approved: 4/13/2026

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