Dublin City Hall
October 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 12:13 p.m.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members, Tess Godfrey, Brandon Chain, Paul Griggs, Chris Smith, Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Sara Kolbie were present.

The invocation was given by Council person Sara Kolbie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before Item #1, a motion was made by Councilman Jones to amend the agenda to add Item #8, Consideration and Action on Dublin City School Tax Collection Fee Waiver Request, seeking a full waiver of the school tax collection fee. Councilman Smith seconded the motion The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

Councilman Chris Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item #9 Consideration and Action regarding the suspension of insurance requirements for all City parks for a period of 30 days. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. The motion was put to vote. The motion passed, (6,1)

Mayor Kight introduced Agenda Item #1.

Approval of October 1, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Council person Godfrey. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER $15,000

The Council reviewed the bills over $15,000, A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

Date	Amount	Type	Description
10/06/2026	41,400.28	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
10/02/2026	54,984.15	Bank Draft	STRATEGIC BENEFIT RESOURCES LLC
10/02/2026	400,652.93	Check	TOTAL EARTH SERVICES LLC
10/02/2026	161,544.82	Check	THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING CO
10/02/2026	39,910.00	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
10/02/2026	22,912.67	Check	LAURENS COUNTY LIBRARY
10/02/2026	16,857.50	Check	L&L UTILITIES, INC.
10/02/2026	28,235.00	Check	DIXIE LAWN AND LANDSCAPING INC.
10/02/2026	25,000.00	Check	CARTER & SLOOPE CONSULTING ENGINEER
09/30/2026	166,579.25	Bank Draft	GMEBS-RETIREMENT TRUST FUND
09/30/2026	76,644.16	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
09/30/2026	44,575.04	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
09/30/2026	20,118.24	Bank Draft	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
09/30/2026	17,925.00	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
09/30/2026	144,311.15	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND

09/29/2026	37,854.98	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
09/25/2026	16,267.66	Bank Draft	MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
09/25/2026	19,635.00	Check	UTILITY SOLUTIONS OF AMERICA, INC.
09/25/2026	137,434.67	Check	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.
09/25/2026	23,200.00	Check	THEGIS, LLC
09/25/2026	20,000.00	Check	NICHOLS, CAULEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC
09/25/2026	41,412.18	Check	NAPA-BROOKS AUTO PARTS
09/25/2026	35,349.69	Check	GA POWER COMPANY
09/25/2026	16,299.09	Check	DUBLIN WINWATER WORKS CO.
09/25/2026	31,663.54	Check	CONSOLIDATED PIPE & SUPPLY COMPANY INC
	1,640,767.00		

APPROVAL OF PUCHASES OVER $15, 000

There were none.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-63 TO ESTABLISH CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

City Manager Powell explained the resolution of adopting and approving the regular City Council meeting schedule pursuant to City Ordinance § 2-18. The resolution establishes regular City Council meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., beginning in January 2027. The resolution also provides for the repeal of conflicting ordinances and resolutions and establishes an effective date of January 1, 2027.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Council person Godfrey. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-64 TO AUTHORIZE THE 2027 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PACKAGE

City Manager Powell explained that this resolution authorizes him to secure health and supplemental insurance benefits for the 2027 plan year. He reported that projected overall increases were expected to remain below 15%, with no anticipated increase in employee premiums. Final figures from the stop-loss insurance provider were pending, and open enrollment was scheduled for October 29-30, 2026.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-65 TO APPROVE THE GMP WITH DUBLIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND AN ADDENDUM WITH THOMAS AND HUTTON FOR THE SPRINGDALE PARK PROJECT

City Manager Powell explained Resolution No. 26-65, requesting approval of an amendment to the agreement with Dublin Construction Company for Phase One of the Springdale Park project, with a guaranteed maximum price of $3,681,692 for the main infrastructure, grading, paving, parking lots, and walking trail. He also requested approval of an addendum to the Thomas &

Hutton Engineering Company contract, totaling just over $303,000, for final design services for the next phase of the park, which includes pickleball courts, nature trails, a playground, a half basketball court, landscaping, and other recreational features. The phased approach will allow construction to begin on the main infrastructure while additional design and cost estimates are developed for the remaining park amenities.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-66 TO APPROVE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026 FINAL TAX MILLAGE

City Manager Powell explained that this resolution authorizes the assessment, levy, and collection of the 2026 City of Dublin School District property taxes at a rate not to exceed the advertised millage rate of 18.772 mills, with an anticipated total levy of $14,848,752. He explained that approval would allow the City to proceed with preparing and mailing tax bills without waiting for the next regular Council meeting. The School District was expected to certify its final millage rate following its final public hearing on October 26, 2026. He further noted that the tax bill due date must be established at least 60 days after the postmark date.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Council person Kolbie. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (7,0)

Item #8 Discussion and Action on Dublin City School Tax Collection Fee Waiver Request, seeking a full waiver of the school tax collection fee of 2.5%.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion was put to a vote, and a roll call vote was requested by Councilman Jones:

Roll Call Vote was given by City Clerk, Dorothy Rozier:

Councilman Bill Brown, No

Councilman Bennie Jones, Yes

Council person Tess Godffrey, Abstained

Councilperson Sara Kolbie, No

Councilman Paul Griggs, No

Councilman Chris Smith, Yes

Councilman Brandon Chain, Yes

The motion failed.

Councilman Bill Brown made a motion to set a maximum fee of $200,000 charged to the Dublin City School system. Seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion was put to a vote and passed (6,1)

Item #9 Discussion and Action regarding the suspension of insurance requirements for all City parks for a period of 30 days.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,1)

Discussion and Action on Board Appointments.

There were none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ty Whipple, representing the Telfair community of Dublin, thanked Mayor and Council for their continued cooperation and expressed interest in maintaining future partnerships with the city. She explained that the community's concern regarding insurance requirements was the inconsistent application of the requirements, noting that insurance had not been required for previous events throughout the year. She expressed appreciation for the 30-day postponement and invited Mayor and Council to attend the community reunion that weekend.

STAFF COMMENTS:

City Attorney Duke Groover shared it's good to be here.

City Clerk Dorothy Rozier shared that she would be celebrating her birthday on Sunday.

City Treasure Blake Daniels, Absent.

Council Comments:

Councilman Bill Brown thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Bennie Jones thanked everyone in attendance, acknowledged the Clerk's upcoming birthday, and encouraged residents to enjoy the pleasant weather and the weekend's community events, including the Telfair reunion and chili cook-off. He reminded everyone to stay safe and enjoy the City of Dublin.

Council person Tess Godfrey, thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation for the group's ability to come together, work collaboratively, and reach a positive outcome. She also wished Police Chief Moon a happy birthday.

Council person Sara Kolbie highlighted the upcoming Telfair reunion and downtown chili cook-off scheduled for the weekend. She clarified that her vote was based on the importance of applying and enforcing park policies consistently. Drawing on her service on the Parks Committee, she emphasized the need to protect City property and the interests of facility users while

maintaining the parks and recreational facilities for future generations. She acknowledged the committee's efforts to provide quality facilities for residents and visitors and wished everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Councilman Paul Griggs had no comment.

Councilman Chris Smith had no comment.

Councilman Brandon Chain shared that waiving the school tax collection fee would have provided an opportunity to support the City School System, noting that residents had raised the importance of helping the schools during his campaign. He described the waiver as a one-time consideration under the School System's new Board and leadership.

City Manager Powell announced that the city, in partnership with the Tree Board, will host the annual ReLeaf tree giveaway on Saturday, October 24, at 8:00 a.m. at Riverview Golf Course. Additional information will be shared on the City's website and social media. He also reported that paving on West Mary and Moore Streets was scheduled to begin the following week after next, noting that the projects were nearing completion and additional driveway apron work was being completed along Mary Street. He thanked residents and motorists for their patience during construction and explained that the road closures were maintained for public safety.

Mayor Kight thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Adjournment

There being no further business; the mayor adjourned the Council meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dorothy Rozier, City Clerk

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