

Dublin City Hall
October 1, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Bill Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Black History Banner Honorees

This year's honorees are Tim Chatman, Gary Johnson, Julie Driger, and Mary F. Thomas.

The Black History Banner Committee Members are Bennie Jones, Artiffany Stanley, Scott Thompson, Kerri Smith, and Valaya Burke Kemp. Renia Cook serves as staff liaison to assist the committee as needed.

Congratulations to the honorees.

After the presentation Mayor Kight resumed City Council meeting to the agenda items.

Approval of September 17, 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, (6,0)

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, (6,0)

Date	Amount	Type	Description
09/23/2026	56,922.31	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
09/23/2026	18,877.16	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
09/21/2026	1,955,869.05	Bank Draft	MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
09/21/2026	20,237.77	Check	STRYKER SALES LLC
09/21/2026	102,998.57	Check	GA POWER COMPANY
09/17/2026	21,760.08	Bank Draft	GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
09/17/2026	396,922.93	Check	TOTAL EARTH SERVICES LLC
09/17/2026	19,872.00	Check	TEEN CHALLENGE SOUTHEAST REGION - DUBLIN MEN'S
09/17/2026	37,379.08	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
09/17/2026	28,951.00	Check	I3 VERTICALS LLC
09/17/2026	50,922.80	Check	HARDY CHEVROLET BUICK GMC

09/17/2026	17,279.03	Check	CALIX, INC.
09/17/2026	15,468.00	Check	AXON ENTERPRISE INC.
09/16/2026	78,352.50	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
09/16/2026	48,836.00	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
09/16/2026	21,495.08	Bank Draft	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
09/16/2026	18,324.28	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
09/16/2026	128,582.59	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND
09/15/2026	420,000.00	Bank Draft	CASH TRANSFER FOR 2024 SPLOST EXPENSES
09/15/2026	33,159.25	Bank Draft	GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTH.
09/15/2026	15,545.15	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
09/15/2026	40,643.46	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
09/10/2026	55,163.67	Bank Draft	STRATEGIC BENEFIT RESOURCES LLC
09/10/2026	37,798.34	Check	VISIT DUBLIN GA
09/10/2026	18,022.89	Check	UTILITIES, CITY OF DUBLIN
09/10/2026	70,520.00	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
09/10/2026	47,113.27	Check	LAURENS COUNTY SWMA
09/10/2026	76,459.36	Check	EKA
09/10/2026	37,798.34	Check	DUBLIN-LAURENS CO. RECREATION
09/10/2026	46,984.16	Check	DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
09/10/2026	18,899.19	Check	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
09/10/2026	20,590.00	Check	DELINQUENT TAX SERVICES, INC.
09/10/2026	20,280.00	Check	120 WATER AUDIT, INC.
3,998,027.31			

APPROVAL OF PUCHASES OVER \$15, 000

There were none.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #26-14 TO REZONE D04C 074 FROM P-1 (Public) TO P (Professional)

City Manager Powell explained that Ordinance Zoning Map Amendment No. 26-14 would amend the Official Zoning Map to rezone approximately 0.47 acres at Parcel D-04-C-074 from P-1 Public to P Professional zoning. The proposed use is a professional services office, anticipated to be a dental office.

Mayor Kight closed regular council meeting and opened the public hearing regarding the proposed zoning ordinance and invited comments in favor of or in opposition to the proposed rezoning. With no one present to speak, Mayor Kight closed the public hearing, reopened the City Council meeting, and opened the floor for a motion.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

Roll Call Vote given by City Clerk, Dorothy Rozier:

Councilman Bill Brown, Yes

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Councilman Bennie Jones, Yes
Council person Tess Godfrery, Yes
Councilman Paul Griggs, Yes
Councilman Chris Smith, Yes
Councilman Brandon Chain, Yes

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #26-15 TO REZONE
PARCELS D04C 073 AND D04C 075 FROM P-1(Public) TO P
(Professional)**

City Manager Powell explained that Ordinance Zoning Map Amendment No. 26-15 would rezone approximately 1.11 acres at 205 Industrial Boulevard (Parcel D-04-C-073) and 1.17 acres at 207 Industrial Boulevard (Parcel D-04-C-075) from P-1 Public to P Professional zoning. He stated that professional offices currently operate at both parcels and explained that the City initiated the rezoning after staff identified the zoning discrepancy during review of the adjacent property. The rezoning was conducted in consultation with the property owners to bring the parcels into compliance with their current use.

Mayor Kight closed regular council meeting and opened the public hearing regarding the proposed zoning ordinance and invited comments in favor of or in opposition to the proposed rezoning. With no one present to speak, Mayor Kight closed the public hearing, reopened the City Council meeting, and opened the floor for a motion.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

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Councilman Chris Smith, Yes
Councilman Brandon Chain, Yes

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-58 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT
AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF DUBLIN IN THE JOINT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

City Manager Powell explained that the resolution would approve and adopt an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Laurens County Joint Comprehensive Plan Vision 2050, establish its effective date, and provide for other lawful purposes. He noted

that the agenda included a map identifying the specific area and parcels affected by the amendment.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-59 TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REST AREA I-16 WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES

City Manager Powell explained that Resolution 26-59 would authorize him to negotiate an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the I-16 Rest Area No. 88 Improvement Project and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. He explained that GDOT plans to expand parking at the westbound rest area in Laurens County, requiring relocation of existing City water and sewer utilities. GDOT has agreed to reimburse the city for 100% of the relocation costs. Upon approval, the City will bid and complete the work and seek reimbursement from GDOT.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-60 TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH SIKES BROTHERS, INC. FOR 2026 RESURFACING CONTRACT

City Manager Powell explained that the resolution would award the 2026 resurfacing project bid to Sikes Brothers, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to approve change orders. He explained that the City combines Local Maintenance Improvement Grant funds with additional state Local Road Assistance Grant funds for annual resurfacing projects. He noted the City's partnership with Laurens County on the Fire Tower Road resurfacing project, for which the city reimbursed the County for half of the cost, leaving approximately \$679,000 available for the City's resurfacing project. Sikes Brothers, Inc. submitted a low bid of \$545,292.50. The proposed street list and a map of prior and upcoming resurfacing projects were provided in the meeting materials and displayed in the City Hall foyer.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-61 TO ADOPT THE FINAL TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR 2026 TAX YEAR

City Manager Powell explained that Resolution 26-61 would approve the assessment, levy, and collection of the 2026 City of Dublin final tax millage rate and authorize the City Treasurer and City Tax Marshal to administer the levy. He noted that the City's net digest increased slightly, resulting in a rollback rate of 4.426 compared to 4.497 the previous year. The 2026 levy is estimated to generate \$3,557,570, with the city typically collecting approximately 94%-96% of the levy, which is expected to cover the budgeted tax revenue.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-62 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

City Manager Powell explained that Resolution 26-62 would authorize the city to apply for the OneGeorgia Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Grant. He explained that the proposed project, in partnership with Palmetto Construction, Inc. and SDH Central Georgia, LLC, would develop 73 homes along Woodlawn Drive, with the city seeking up to \$2.5 million for infrastructure costs, including roads, stormwater, water, and sewer. He noted that the City would enter into agreements with the developer and builder and that any grant of conditions would be reviewed before final acceptance and execution of the development agreement. He stated that the initiative is intended to provide affordable workforce housing and expressed enthusiasm about Dublin's first application for the program.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Land Bank - Reappointments

- Lehman Routh - Term through October 12, 2027
- Marlo Harris - Term through October 12, 2028
- Angela Williams - Term through October 12, 2028

All three members have expressed their desire to continue serving for an additional term.

Economic Development Authority - Reappointment

- Michael Maffett - Joint appointment with Laurens County; term through June 30, 2030

Laurens County has approved Mr. Maffett's reappointment; City action is pending.

Downtown Development Authority - Appointment

- Gernot Schaaf - Recommended to fill the unexpired term of Jason Keyton, who stepped down; term through April 30, 2030.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Pastor Sonny Wilkes a resident of Dublin Georgia expressed appreciation for the city and announced a Live Nativity Drive-Through at City on the Hill on December 4-5. He stated that the event will feature nine scenes from the manger to the Ascension and encouraged the community to attend.

Jacqueline Denise Wright, South Church Street, representing herself and Future Kids, expressed her appreciation for the City of Dublin and her interest in serving on a city board. She announced a Women Recovering for Christ event sponsored by Future Kids, scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 p.m. She also recognized October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and distributed breast cancer awareness pins to members of Council, encouraging participation in the awareness effort.

Monica Sheffield, a Dublin resident since 1991, addressed Council regarding the need for reliable public transportation. She expressed concern for residents who lack transportation to access employment, healthcare, daily necessities, and other essential services. Ms. Sheffield encouraged the city to explore solutions to improve public transportation and remove transportation barriers for residents.

STAFF COMMENTS:

City Treasure Blake Daniels, No comment.

City Clerk Dorothy Rozier, No comment.

City Attorney Duke Groover, Absent.

Council Comments:

Councilman Brandon Chain had no comment.

Councilman Chris Smith thanked everyone for attending, congratulated the honorees, and encouraged them to continue their service to the City of Dublin. He also encouraged everyone to stay safe and warm during the upcoming fall season.

Councilman Paul Griggs thanked everyone for coming.

Council person Tess Godfrey thanked everyone for attending, and she encouraged the community to participate in the Breast Cancer Walk at Fairview Park Hospital on Saturday and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Councilman Bennie Jones recognized those who assisted with the recent expungement workshop, including IDA, the Dublin Police Department, Ocone Gym staff, and County Commissioner Chang. The workshop was attended by more than 107 people, and additional workshops are planned for the community. The speaker thanked those involved and encouraged residents to stay safe as fall weather approaches.

Councilman Bill Brown thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor Kight thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the meeting's honorees. He also recognized citizens serving on various City boards and committees, including the Black History Banner Committee, Downtown Development Authority, and Land Bank, noting their contributions and involvement in the community.

Adjournment

There being no further business; the mayor adjourned the Council meeting at 6:18 p.m.



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Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Rozier", written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy Rozier, City Clerk