Dublin City Hall
November 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall on Thursday, November 5, 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, Sara Kolbie were present.

The invocation was given by Pastor Paulke, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of October 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Date	Amount	Type	Description
10/28/2026	76,608.18	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
10/28/2026	44,846.92	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
10/28/2026	20,305.37	Bank Draft	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
10/28/2026	17,916.60	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
10/28/2026	148,439.35	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND
10/26/2026	18,217.94	Bank Draft	ONE AMERICA
10/23/2026	33,159.25	Bank Draft	GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTH.
10/23/2026	18,858.71	Bank Draft	MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
10/23/2026	18,643.50	Check	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.
10/23/2026	194,513.72	Check	TOTAL EARTH SERVICES LLC
10/23/2026	84,598.44	Check	THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING CO
10/23/2026	15,000.00	Check	NICHOLS, CAULEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC
10/23/2026	47,636.02	Check	LAURENS COUNTY SWMA
10/23/2026	121,864.95	Bank Draft	RETURN CASH TRANSFERRED FOR MARY ST. INVOICE
10/21/2026	20,312.07	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
10/20/2026	1,403,803.37	Bank Draft	MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
10/16/2026	36,088.40	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
10/16/2026	24,450.00	Check	DUBLIN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
10/16/2026	15,501.43	Check	CDW GOVERNMENT
10/15/2026	22,133.58	Bank Draft	GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
10/14/2026	74,097.70	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
10/14/2026	43,220.31	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
10/14/2026	19,659.28	Bank Draft	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
10/14/2026	17,329.32	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
10/14/2026	128,125.67	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND
10/13/2026	400,000.00	Bank Draft	CASH TRANSFER TO COVER CLAIM ON CASH
10/13/2026	195,832.75	Bank Draft	GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

10/13/2026	96,063.32	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
10/13/2026	24,943.38	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
10/12/2026	19,623.80	Bank Draft	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC
10/12/2026	19,536.97	Check	UTILITIES, CITY OF DUBLIN
10/12/2026	72,529.55	Check	GA POWER COMPANY
10/09/2026	24,951.37	Check	MRMR 15 LLC
10/09/2026	34,459.58	Check	VISIT DUBLIN GA
10/09/2026	21,360.00	Check	TEEN CHALLENGE SOUTHEAST REGION - DUBLIN MEN'S
10/09/2026	17,495.85	Check	T. LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
10/09/2026	284,584.60	Check	HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER & WESTERN STAR
10/09/2026	34,459.58	Check	DUBLIN-LAURENS CO. RECREATION
10/09/2026	84,160.73	Check	DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
10/09/2026	17,229.83	Check	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
10/09/2026	20,778.00	Check	BENNETT FIRE PRODUCTS CO., INC.
10/09/2026	15,000.00	Check	ABS, INC.
	4,048,339.39		

APPROVAL OF PUCHASES OVER $15, 000

City Manager Powell explained the following:

a. **Harp & Associates Annual Leak Survey- Natural Gas**

A proposal was presented by Hart & Associates for the City's annual natural gas leak survey. The survey is required by applicable regulations and is conducted on a three-year rotation, covering a designated percentage of the City's natural gas system. Hart & Associates submitted a proposal of $22,495 to survey approximately 152 miles of gas lines. The city has utilized the company for this service in the past and has been satisfied with its work. The council was asked to approve the proposed expenditure.

b. **Surface Water Plant Driveway Improvements:**

A request was presented for the demolition and reconstruction of the driveway at the Surface Water Plant on Parker Dairy Road. The project will include the installation of a drainage pipe and construction of a new driveway designed to accommodate the large trucks accessing the facility. Concrete Contractors Incorporated Madison submitted the lowest bid of $98,100 for the work. Council was asked to approve the bid and authorize the project.

c. **Thermal Imaging Cameras, Chargers, and Gear keepers - Fire Department**

A request was presented for the purchase of seven updated thermal imaging cameras, chargers, and gear keepers for the Fire Department. This equipment allows firefighters to navigate safely during active fire incidents by improving visibility through smoke and supporting safer emergency response operations. The Department's existing thermal imaging equipment is outdated, and several units require battery replacements. Through a Sourcewell contract, MES Service Company, LLC, can provide updated equipment for a total of $25,644.43, which is

within the approved budget. The purchase will be funded through SPLOST. The council was asked to approve the purchase.

Funding Sources for the Three Items:

- Natural Gas Leak Survey - Gas Fund.
- Surface Water Plant Driveway Improvements - Water Fund.
- Fire Department Equipment - SPLOST.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-67 TO APPROVE THE GMP WITH GARBUTT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GROUNDWATER PLANT PROJECT

City Manager Powell explained Resolution 26-67, authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Garbutt Construction Company to establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price for renovations to the City's Waterworks Building on Madison Street. Originally constructed in the 1930s, the building houses essential operations of the City's Groundwater Plant, where well water is treated before entering the City's water distribution system.

The renovations will include plaster repairs, tuckpointing, roof repairs, electrical and plumbing upgrades, HVAC improvements, new doors and windows, painting, and lighting enhancements. Working with the City's architect, Garbutt Construction Company finalized the project scope and submitted a Guaranteed Maximum Price of **$1,720,617.60**. The project will be funded through the City's 2018 bond proceeds. Council was asked to approve the contract amendment and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-68 TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH FORESITE GROUP, LLC FOR THE RAISE GRANT PLANNING PROJECT

City Manager Powell explained Resolution 26-68, recommending approval of a contract with The Foresite Group, LLC, for the City's $1.5 million RAISE planning grant project, Connect Dublin. City staff applied for and received the grant award. Following interviews with three firms, staff recommended The Foresite Group, which will partner with Thomas & Hutton, Orion Planning and Design, and SPECT Dempsey to provide specialized expertise throughout the project. The Foresite Group previously worked with the city on its successful Safe Streets for All planning grant. The project will develop plans to improve connectivity between the Scottsville, Southside, and Stubbs Park areas and downtown, positioning the city to pursue future implementation funding. The council was asked to approve the contract and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following vehicles, equipment, and items are being submitted to Mayor and Council for the surplus declaration:

1. Asset # 01175 (Gas) - Bolton Tools BS1018B Metal Cutting Bandsaw

SN A16012833

2. Coats 9000 Truck Tire Changing Machine (Shop)

SN 0797364652

3. Coats 70X-AF-3 X Series Car Tire Changer (Shop)

SN 1205107667

4. Mohawk LMF-12 Vehicle Lift (Shop)

SN98A144

5. Unit # 409 (Solid Waste) - 2016 Peterbilt 320 Garbage Truck

VIN 3BPZLJ0X3GF10056

6. Unit # 418 (Solid Waste) - 2017 Freightliner M2-106 Garbage Truck

VIN 3ALACYDT7HDJF5274

7. Asset # 02023 (Gas) - 2008 MTD Fusion Universal Electrofusion Processore

SN T110-5260000000000

8. Asset # 02016 (Gas) - 2014 Nupigeco E9001L/110 Electrofusion Machine

SN 4000100

9. Table Glass (Municipal Court)

The costs of repair and maintenance on these items outweigh their value. Upon declaration, items will be sold on GovDeals or sold for scraps.

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

Discussion and Action on Board Appointments.

There were none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Ms. Wright shared her military service history, including her 1985 enlistment, training at Fort Jackson and Fort Gordon, and assignments that ultimately led to service with the White House Communications Agency. As a 65-year-old female veteran who

relocated to Dublin, she expressed concerns about the lack of accessibility and accommodations for senior citizens and veterans with mobility limitations. She emphasized that veterans are active members of the community who live, vote, and pay taxes locally and deserve dignity, respect, and accessible public spaces. She encouraged City and County leadership to make improvements for individuals who rely on walkers, scooters, and wheelchairs.

Ms. Calvin, of 500 Market Street, addressed Council regarding a missing iPhone 17 with an orange case. She explained that her phone had caused a disturbance earlier in the meeting, so she turned it off but was unable to locate it afterward. She asked that anyone who may have inadvertently picked it up check to see if they had the phone, noting that a similar incident had occurred previously.

Mr. Jerry Davis followed up on a previous request asking the Mayor and Council to reconsider relocating the Confederate statue from the downtown plaza. Mr. Davis reflected on growing up in Dublin during a time when African Americans were denied access to certain public facilities, including the Morton Theatre and Carnegie Library. Mr. Davis expressed that the statue is offensive to the African American community because of its association with slavery and abuse and urged Council to consider relocating it to another City-owned property that would be more appropriate and accommodating to the entire community.

Barbara Martin, Kids Kingdom: Ms. Martin expressed concerns regarding traffic safety and property maintenance on West Avenue. She referenced a shooting incident that occurred on Easter Sunday in 2024 and reiterated her previous request for speed bumps at 104 West Avenue due to vehicles traveling at excessive speeds, particularly on weekends, and the presence of families with young children in the neighborhood. She also requested that the overgrown property adjacent to her home, where a house was previously demolished, be cleaned and maintained. Ms. Martin asked the city to address these concerns and emphasized that residents of West Avenue deserve the same attention to neighborhood safety and upkeep as other areas of the community.

Rae S. Bloodworth addressed Council regarding the condition of roadway pavement markings throughout the City. Ms. Bloodworth expressed concern that faded yellow traffic lines need repainting and noted that poor visibility during heavy rain, particularly on two-way roads, could create hazardous driving conditions and increase the risk of accidents. She asked whether the city plans to address the maintenance and repainting of roadway markings.

STAFF COMMENTS:

City Attorney Duke Groover, absent

Substitute Attorney, Brooke Newby, said it's a pleasure to be here.

City Clerk Dorothy Rozier, no comment

City Treasure Blake Daniels, no comment

Council Comments:

Councilman Bill Brown, no comment

Councilman Bennie Jones, thanked attendees and encouraged the community to recognize veterans for their service and sacrifices in observance of Veterans Day. He emphasized the importance of respecting and appreciating veterans and acknowledged the challenges many face after serving.

Council person Tess Godfrey, thanked everyone for attending and sharing their comments, expressing appreciation for those who spoke up about issues important to the community. She wished everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Council person Sara Kolbie, thanked attendees for speaking up about community concerns. She highlighted that SPLOST funds and federal grants are supporting several City projects, including the thermal imaging equipment, Groundwater Plant renovations, and Connect Dublin planning grant. She noted that these funding sources allow the city to make long-term improvements while minimizing additional tax burdens on local residents.

Councilman Paul Griggs, echoed what previous Council members have stated and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Chris Smith thanked everyone for attending and gave special recognition to City staff for their work on upcoming projects. He highlighted the Connect Dublin RAISE project, which will bring improvements to the Scottsville, Southside, and Stubbs Park areas, and acknowledged Tara's early involvement in the initiative.

Councilman Brandon Chain thanked residents for attending, sharing their concerns, and continuing to hold Council accountable for addressing community needs.

City Manager Powell reminded attendees of the Springdale Park groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Monday, November 16, at 11:00 a.m. He also noted that City Hall would be closed in observance of Veterans Day and thanked everyone for attending.

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 5:55 p.m.

Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dorothy Rozier

Dorothy Rozier, City Clerk

