

Dublin City Hall
January 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Friday, January 15, at 12:00 PM.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bennie Jones called the meeting to order and extended his condolences to Mayor Joshua Kight and his family on the passing of his father. Council members Bill Brown, Tess Godfrey, Paul Griggs, Chris Smith, and Brandon Chain were present. The invocation was given by Pastor E. Neal Dixon followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Discussion and Action of Resolution 26-05 to appoint a City Clerk and Election Superintendent

APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY Clerk

Councilman Bill Brown made a motion to approve the appointment of Dorothy Rozier as City Clerk and seconded by Councilwoman Tess Godfrey. The motion was carried 5/0.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Superior Court Judge Hilton administered the Oath of Office to the City Clerk, Dorothy Rozier. Ms. Rozier made a brief comment on the honor it is to be appointed as City Clerk and looking forward to the work ahead.

APPROVAL OF January 2, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Bill Brown and seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve City Council Meeting minutes. The motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Smith and was seconded by Councilman Brandon Chain to approve payment of the following bills. The motion carried 5/0.

Date	Amount	Type	Description
12/26/2025	45,219.00	Check	TOTAL EARTH SERVICES LLC
12/26/2025	40,466.27	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
12/30/2025	168,073.59	Bank Draft	GMEBS-RETIREMENT TRUST FUND
12/30/2025	18,459.38	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND
12/31/2025	131,176.62	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN
01/02/2026	359,389.86	Check	RPI UNDERGROUND, INC.
01/05/2026	22,365.50	Check	LAURENS COUNTY LIBRARY
01/05/2026	150,000.00	Check	DUBLIN-LAURENS CO. RECREATION
01/05/2026	60,000.00	Check	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
01/07/2026	83,460.46	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
01/07/2026	57,826.73	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
01/07/2026	26,293.63	Bank Draft	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

01/07/2026	19,519.02	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
01/07/2026	49,214.90	Bank Draft	STRATEGIC BENEFIT RESOURCES LLC
01/07/2026	119,672.79	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND

1,351,137.75

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There was one purchase for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, of a Flygt Water pump, from Xylem Water Solution, USA, Inc. in the amount of 23,105.95. City Manager Josh Powell mentioned that this was not specifically budgeted but the intent is to offset budget plant maintenance funds from account #505-4335-522209 Plant Maintenance funds to cover the cost. A motion was made by Councilman Griggs to approve the purchase. Second by Council person Tess Godfrey. The motion was carried 5-0

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-02 to approve an agreement for the development of a comprehensive safety action plan for SS4A with Foresite Group, LLC.

City Manager Josh Powell read resolution #26-02. After receiving our award notice for the SS4A Grant, we advertised for a firm to assist us with developing our Safety Action Plan for the City of Dublin. After a committee of staff evaluated each firm submitting proposals, it is recommended that we enter into an agreement with Foresite Group, LLC for this work. This plan, once in place, will be something we can utilize to support future grant funding for actual construction Projects. The resolution authorizes staff to negotiate the agreement

with Foresite Group and the City Manager to approve amendments to the agreement as may become necessary to complete the project. Councilperson Tess Godfrey makes a comment that Councilman Brandon Chain will be on that board as well. City Manager Josh Powell adds comments that this project will be open to the public through steering committee that Councilman Brandon Chain will be involved with, as well as appropriate City staff, County staff, as the project develops. To be on the lookout for those opportunities.

Councilman Chris Smith made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Council member Tess Godfrey. The motion carried 5/0 for approval.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-03 TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE TERMS WITH VISION ZERO SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2024 SS4A GRANT.

City Manager Josh Powell read the resolution. Once we notified the Foresite Group, LLC about their being recommended to council for the SS4A Safety Action Plan Project, they informed us of a resolution that is required for council to approve to establish and make clear the goals and direction from the council of the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. Those are 1)

a goal of zero traffic deaths, 2) to complete a comprehensive safety action plan, and that 3) staff is directed to complete the plan by the Summer of 2026.

Councilman Paul Griggs made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Councilman Bill Brown. The motion carried 5/0 for approval

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-04 TO APPROVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 2027 HEAT GRANT FOR THE FY'27 APPLICATION The Police Department is preparing to apply for continued funding through the FY'27 Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. ("Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic") Grant. The total of the funding being applied for is \$131,244.80 which will cover the cost of the two H.E.A.T. officers and their training and their data service for their computers. All of these will be FY'27 budget request items for the Police Department. We are anticipating the application period to be earlier this year from this past year.

Councilman Chris Smith made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Councilman Bill Brown. The motion carried 5/0 for approval

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. UNIT #58: 1997 Enclosed Pace Cargo- Public Works

SN: 4FPFB1216WG022207

2. UNIT #381: 2016 John Deere 5075E Tractor- Public Works

SN: 1PY5075EVGG400902

3. UNIT #330: 2019 John Deere 5075E Tractor- Public Works

SN: 1PY5075EHKK408735

4. 1989 Chevrolet R3500 Dump Truck- Golf Course

VIN: 1GBGR34K9KJ102109

5. Toro 3200 Workman 07200- Golf Course

SN: 50550

6. Toro Greenmaster 3250-D- Golf Course

SN: 250000593

7. UNIT #428: 2016 Kentworth T370 Clam Loader- Yard Trimmings

VIN: 2NKHHM8X5GM478690

8. UNIT #107: 2010 Ford F-150- Police

VIN: 1FTEX1CW2AFA05898

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

THERE WERE NO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Laura Erwin, 514 Georgia Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021, appeared with Royce Hall, both representing the Dublin-Laurens Martin Luther King Parade Committee. Ms. Erwin stated that she serves as Co-Chair of the committee along with Mr. James Holder. She announced that the MLK Parade will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in downtown Dublin. Ms. Erwin expressed appreciation to the City for its continued support over the years and thanked the Mayor for approving a later parade start time than usual. She concluded her comments by thanking the Mayor and Council.

Jaquile Jadon Wright, 501 S. Church Street, Dublin, GA 31021, announced that the parade will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026. She also mentioned the MLK Breakfast scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2026, she invited council members to attend and represent the City. She noted that she has attended the parade for the past three years and expressed her desire to see a turnout comparable to that of the St. Patrick's Day parade. She extended her condolences to Mayor Joshua Kight and shared her message of love for everyone whom God loves.

Robbie Smith Lattimore, 345 Evergreen Drive, Dublin, Georgia, greeted the Mayor and Council and offered her condolences to Mayor Joshua Kight. She recognized Councilman Bennie Jones for his dedication and service to the community and his constituents. Ms. Lattimore stated that she is the President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Beta Alpha Chi Zeta Chapter, and extended congratulations to Soror Dorothy Rozier on her appointment as City Clerk, expressing pride in her accomplishment."

Eugene Smith, 707 Bell Drive, Dublin, GA 31021 stated that he was appointed last week as President of the Southside Association. He expressed his commitment to partnering with the City to continue making the Southside a great place to live, as it has been through the years. Mr. Smith referenced the book of Matthew, noting that without the word of God, building a house is like building on sand, and emphasized that they want to build the Southside on a firm foundation. He also cited Hebrews 2:2,

highlighting the importance of writing the vision and making a plan to rebuild Dublin with a shared vision and strong foundation. Mr. Smith requested a meeting with the City Planner and the Department of Community Development as soon as possible to discuss next steps.

Frank James, 909 Cherry Street, Dublin, Georgia, raised a question regarding why Dublin does not have an Internal Affairs division to handle complaints against the Police Department. He expressed concern about what he described as an invasion of his home by the Sheriff's Office and Dublin Police, stating that his licenses were taken and that he feels he has been treated unfairly. Council members advised Mr. James that he could follow up with City Manager Josh Powell to discuss next steps.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Duke Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Dorothy Rozier, comment, it's a pleasure to be here.

Councilman Brown congratulated the newly appointed, Dorothy Rozier, make notice that our Interim City Clerk was quick to relieve his seat, in a laughing manner, and he mentioned welcome.

Council Member Godfrey thanked everyone for attending and congratulated Dorothy Rozier on her appointment as City Clerk. She shared her regret at being unable to attend the parade this weekend due to her commitment to work a Delta Sigma Theta convention. She expressed how disappointing it is to miss the parade, noting that it is near and dear to both her heart and her family's. She stated that while she will not be present, she will be there in spirit and confirmed that she will attend the breakfast on Monday.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming. He welcomed the City Clerk, welcome aboard. Glad to have you.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone coming and told everyone to bundle up and stay warm. He thanks Ms. Jacqueline for coming and her comments they always seem to cheer up the room and give everyone a smile.

Councilman Chain thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Ms. Rozier on her appointment. He told everyone to please stay warm this weekend. Have a good day.

Finance Director Blake, no comment.

City Manager Josh Powell, Congratulates Dorothy on her appointment and I look forward to working with you and all of the good things that will come out of the City Clerk's office. He thanks the Council for the appointment. He thinks it's a great appointment. He highlights our events this weekend, please

come out as you are able to. The Powell family will be in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Bennie Jones thanked everyone for coming out and congratulated Dorothy Rozier on appointment and he looks forward to working with the City Clerk. He thanks all citizen for coming out and expressing their concerns, we do take them into consideration and seriously. Stay warm and stay bundled up. Let's enjoy this weekend as we celebrate a great man who changed American changed our thoughts and brought unity. Let's enjoy the weekend and stay warm.

Councilman Chris Smith made a motion to go into executive session, Councilman Bill Brown second that motion. The executive session was for Litigation. Session started at 12:31p.m and concluded at 12:58 p.m.

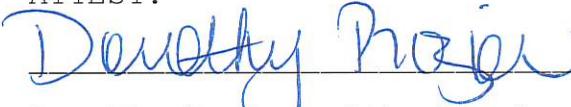
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the council meeting at 1:00pm.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dorothy Rozier, City Clerk

