Dublin City Hall
July 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 12 Noon.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members Bennie Jones, Tess Godfrey, Sara Kolbie, and Rich Mascaro were present. Council members Paul Griggs, Bill Brown, and Chris Smith were absent. The invocation was given by Councilman Rich Mascaro followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 3, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Mascaro and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey to approve the minutes. The motion carried 4/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER $15,000

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kolbie and was seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey to approve the following bills. The motion carried 4/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
OneAmerica	6/24/25	One America	Life Insurance	17,033.34
45048	6/25/25	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	Payroll Payables	108,152.09
DFT0003043	6/25/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	73,269.50
DFT0003042	6/25/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	45,820.96
DFT0003040	6/25/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	17,135.72
DFT0003041	6/25/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	21,724.75
45098	6/27/25	Heart of GA Regional Dev Center	Admin for EDA Grant	25,000.00
45152	6/27/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Company	GMP Garbutt-Northside Fire Station	22,357.47
45069	6/27/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Company	GMP Garbutt-Northside Fire Station	102,174.83
45070	6/27/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Company	GMP Garbutt-Northside Fire Station	155,917.52
45137	6/27/25	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.	Springdale/East Jackson/Industrial/Church-Rice	33,044.50
45084	6/27/25	Dixie Lawn and Landscaping Inc.	Landscaping & Lawncare for Parks	25,002.00
45119	6/27/25	Paul S. Akins Company	Renovation for Sanitation & Water Construction	265,755.00
RetirementJune	6/30/25	GMEBS-Retirement Trust Fund	Admin Fees	165,768.33
45225	7/03/25	T. Lake Environnemental Design	Landscaping Services	18,274.43
45228	7/03/25	Visti Dublin GA	Hotel/Motel Tax	44,129.15
45177	7/03/25	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	22,064.63
45209	7/03/25	National Business Furniture	Office furniture-Northside Fire/Sanitation	26,396.54
45180	7/03/25	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel Tax	44,129.15
45198	7/03/25	Lentile Constructions Co.	Water Plant-Parker Dairy Lab Renovation	18,346.00
DFT0003087	7/07/25	Georgia Department of Revenue	May Sales Tax	21,304.45
			Total:	**$ 1,272,800.36**

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER $15,000

There were three purchases for council consideration:

Vehicles - Police Department- Staff budgeted to purchase five vehicles for the police department to be paid out of the 2024

SPLOST. The plan to continually update the city's fleet of vehicles for police includes the purchase of vehicles each year of the SPLOST. This year's purchase will fulfill a goal for the department to have one pickup truck assigned to each shift of patrol. This will allow for the easy transportation of evidence and other recovered items, haul equipment, such as cones and barricades when needed, tow trailers, and generators. The fifth pick-up is being purchased for administration and one of the Tahoes currently being used for administration will be passed down to the training officer. Staff's recommendation was to purchase (5) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab work trucks from Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. out of Dallas, Ga, under a statewide contract for $48,575 each ($242,875 total). The cost for upfitting these trucks is an additional $86,703.36 from Interceptor Public Safety Products, Inc. out of Forsyth, Georgia. The total of this purchase requested is $329,578.36 and is within our $335,000 budgeted amount. This will be paid from 2024 SPLOST Account #322-3223-542200 (vehicles).

Weight Equipment - Oconee Gym- Staff found a vendor for weight equipment that is on a Sourcewell contract and are ready to place an order for weight equipment. The vendor is Life Fitness. Staff requested permission to spend up to $150,000 with the vendor to get the items needed. This will be funded by the General Fund and come from Account #100-6122-542500 (Other Equipment).

Storm Drain Replacement- 2300 Peacock Dr- Staff have finished the repairs of the line of stormwater pipe that runs along between the homes at 2300 and 2202 Peacock Drive. It was discovered that the section of pipe running parallel to the roadway in front of 2300 Peacock Drive has also failed and needs to be replaced. Staff requested bids for this project out twice now and have a recommended contractor for the work, L&L Utilities, in the amount of $92,600. This bid was $27,000+less than the next highest bid and L&L also is the one who just completed work at this location. This was not budgeted, but staff proposes to use '18 SPLOST dollars for this project like we did before and it will be charged to Account #320-4250-541419 (Infrastructure - Peacock Storm Drainage Project).

Councilman Jones made a motion to approved the purchases and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-36 TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY ON PINE HILL SPUR WITH LAURENS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-36 to accept and approve the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Laurens County Ga, for ownership, control, care, and maintenance of right of way on the Pinehill Road Spur. State law requires that when we have annexed both sides of any roadway, the city become responsible for the maintenance of that roadway, and it also becomes city right of way. Due to the annexation (Ordinance #25-07), an unincorporate island will be created if this occurred. The city is allowed to enter into a joint resolution with the county where they will continue to maintain and be responsible for the roadway (i.e., it will remain county right of way) to avoid the island issue. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #25-07 TO ANNEX 1.7426 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT PROPERTY 129 024 WITH B-2 ZONING

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-07 to annex 1.7426 acres more or less of land located at Parcel 129 024 as B2 (Highway Oriented Business) zone. Proposed use is a hotel. Tammie Lord has applied for the annexation of this property. The ordinance submitted for your consideration would annex 1.7426 acres of land along Pinehill Road (Spur). If annexed the city limits would include both sides of Pinehill Road, which by law would mean the city has ownership of that portion of the roadway, but in this case, doing so would create an unincorporated island. Staff has spoken with Laurens County and they agree to maintain this section of the road to avoid that issue until such time as the remaining parcel on Pinehill Road is annexed into the city. There will be a separate joint resolution with the county submitted for your approval that will allow for the county to maintain responsibility of this section of the road. The proposed use of the property is for a hotel to be developed (Marriott). The city has utilities able to serve the location without having to extend them. The proposed zoning for the property (B-2) Highway Oriented Business allows for hotels and is consistent with the current uses in this area. This property was not included on our comprehensive plan future land use map because it is currently in the county, but this use is consistent with our adjacent property plans for this area. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Wright spoke in favor of the annexation. No citizens spoke in opposition. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the ordinance and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. City Clerk Browning called the roll for a vote. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #25-08 TO REZONE 11.08 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT PROPERTY D05B 001 FROM M-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO B-2 (HIGHWAY ORIENTED BUSINESS DISTRICT)

City Manager Powell read ordinance #25-08 rezoning 11.80 acres, more or less, of property located at Parcel D05B 001, Dublin, GA from M2 (General Industrial) zone to B2 (Highway Oriented Business) Zone. Proposed use is a professional and medical office and surgical building. The Development Authority owns this tract of land (11.8 acres) and has a portion of it (8 acres) under contract for sale subject to it being rezoned. It is currently zoned as M-2, General Industrial District, which allows for most all industrial uses, but the proposed use is for a medical office development, which requires a B-2 district zoning. This piece of property is along Industrial Blvd at the intersection of Hwy 257. The 8 acres under contract are the portion of the tract that is furthest away from the intersection. The current zoning of the adjacent properties is all commercial, not industrial. The proposed use is consistent with our joint comprehensive plan for this area; however, the future land use map shows this parcel as industrial, which staff recommends we change to allow for this more consistent use for this particular parcel. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. Mitch Griggs, President, of The Dublin Laurens Development Authority spoke in favor of the rezone. No citizens spoke in opposition. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the ordinance and

seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. City Clerk Browning called the roll for a vote. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-33 TO PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-33 to practice and promote Civility in the City of Dublin. In 2023, the council adopted a resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Dublin. The Embrace Civility initiative through GMA encourages Georgia's municipal leaders to model respectful, productive discourse, even in disagreement. Through resources like the civility pledge and "9 Pillars of Civility," cities can foster trust, enhance civic engagement, and earn recognition as a City of Civility. Part of the certification for being a City of Civility requires that this resolution and pledge be adopted every two years. Councilwoman Godfrey made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-34 TO APPROVING AND ACCEPTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE FY'24 SS4A GRANT

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-34 to approve and accept the terms and conditions for the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Award. Staff applied for and have been notified we've been awarded the FY'24 Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant in the amount of $130,000, with a $104,000 federal share and a $26,000 local share. Between 2013 and 2023 there were 111 pedestrian and bicycle versus automobile crashes citywide. Of those, 84 pedestrian and bicycle injuries and 2 fatalities. This grant goes in conjunction with the RAISE Grant and will help us create a Safety Action Plan to embrace "Vision Zero", which is a goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safety on our streets. The funding is to develop a Safety Action Plan that will be used in conjunction with the RAISE Grant planning project. In order to receive the funds, the city is required to accept the terms and conditions, similar to other grants, and the resolution in your materials will accept those terms and conditions and authorize the City Manager to approve modifications of those terms as may become appropriate in the future. Having this safety plan will help us establish projects and programs that may be eligible for additional Highway Safety Improvement Program and SS4A Implementation Funds. This is a planning grant only. The funds are for the development of a safety plan. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councial Mascaro. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-35 TO APPROVING AND ACCEPTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE FY' 24 RAISE GRANT

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-25 to approve and accept the terms and conditions for the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) 2024 RAISE Grant Award for the Connect Dublin Multimodal and Streetscape Plan. Staff has been notified that the city was awarded a $1,500,000 RAISE Planning Grant to plan future improvements to approximately 13.5 miles of city-owned roadway - including drainage improvements, pedestrian facilities, and

various other corridor improvements. The planning elements that will be funded by this grant are a feasibility study, bicycle-pedestrian study, data collection, environmental screening, community outreach, conceptual designs, and economic analysis. The city is required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant and the Federal Highway Administration has submitted back to us the approved terms and conditions for us to adopt and approve. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-37 TO AUTHORIZE THE PARTICIPATION IN AN AMICUS BRIEF IN CHANG V. CITY OF MILTON.

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-37 to authorize the participation in an Amicus Brief in the Chang V. City of Milton Appeal. In 2016, a vehicle collided with a fixed masonry planter located within the right of way but outside of the designated lane of travel in the City of Milton. The driver of the vehicle died as a result of the single-vehicle accident and at trial there were no contributing factors, such as speeding or alcohol, shown. The driver's parents sued the City of Milton for failing to keep its "streets and sidewalks in a reasonably safe condition", claiming that failure led to the death of their son (the driver). The jury found the city to be partially liable and awarded money damages against the city in the amount of $35,000,000. The city has appealed the case to the Georgia Court of Appeals, who affirmed the trial court's finding that the city could be held liable under the law and now the Georgia Supreme Court has granted certiorari to hear the case. This case has been watched carefully by city attorneys and GMA and legal counsel for the City of Milton is requesting other cities to join in an amicus brief (friend of the court brief) and list their name as being in support of the legal arguments cited in their brief. Staff's recommendation was that council adopt the resolution to authorize the city to join in the amicus brief in support of the legal arguments that favor the city in this case. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following vehicles, equipment, and items are being submitted for surplus declaration:
1) Unit #318 - 1999 Ford F350 VIN #: 1FDWF36L5XEC15765 (Cemetery)
2) Unit #818 - 1993 Case Backhoe SN: JJG0177529 (Sewage)
3) Unit #601 - 1992 Ford F-800 Jetter VIN #: 1FDXK84A0NVA2194 (Water Distribution)
The costs of repair and maintenance on these items outweigh their value. Upon declaration, items will be sold on GovDeals or sold for scraps. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the items for surplus and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 4/0 to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Janey Sands- 212 Cascade Street, spoke with council and the need for speed cushions in her area.

Jacquline Wright spoke with council about speed cushions and the new hotel.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming and for the comments. Thanked all the city employees. Reminded everyone of the back to school give away at the Katherine Gray Resource Center, giving away backpacks from 10 to 2Pm on July 26th.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming and for comments. Thanked all the city staff for their hard work.

Councilwoman Kolbie thanked everyone for coming. Commended staff on a job well done at Northside Fire Station.

Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for the comments, and encouraged the citizens to keep coming to the meetings.

City Manager Powell commended staff on a job well done at Northside Fire Station. Announced that the city will be having a Water Day on Friday, July 25th from 12-3 at Stubbs Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 1:02 P.M.

Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

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