

City of Graham
City Council Meeting Agenda
May 12, 2026



6:00 p.m. | City Hall | 201 South Main Street | Graham, NC

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chelsea Dickey

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Invocation – Pastor Nick Holloway – Community Baptist Church

PROCLAMATION:

- Preservation Alamance – Preservation Month May 2026

PRESENTATION:

- Burlington Animal Services – Director Jess Arias

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026, City Council meeting and Closed Session minutes and the April 27, 2026, Special Meeting minutes.
- B. To approve an audit contract for \$33,150, with Stout Stuart McGowen & King, LLP for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
- C. To approve a revision to the previously adopted ARPA-Enabled Project Ordinance to include \$65,000 for a salt shed.
- D. To approve a Project Ordinance in the amount of \$2,200,000 for the Home, Banks, Wards, Holt, and Gilbreath Waterline Replacement Project.
- E. To authorize Staff to effectuate a contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for the Graham-Mebane Lake spillway repair project.
- F. To approve a five-year contract extension with Motorola Solutions to provide body-worn camera, in-car camera service, and digital video evidence storage. The new contract extends the current service for an additional five years for a total of \$332,011, which will be paid over a five-year period and includes a \$19,179 annual reduction over the previous contract.
- G. To approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$212,660, due to an anticipated cost increase for goods, nearly doubled in certain cases for the following departments: IT (\$122,660), Fire (\$20,000), and Public Works (\$70,460).

- H. To approve a budget amendment recognizing \$7,000 in State Drug Forfeiture revenue.
- I. To approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$61,976 for contracted audit services with Cobb Ezekiel Loy & Company and Stout Stuart McGowen & King.
- J. To approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$27,860 for NeoGov software maintenance and changes to be allocated across applicable expenditure and revenue accounts.
- K. To approve tax releases in the amount of \$18.37.
- L. To approve a resolution in support of the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant application for planning and demonstration activities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT TEXT AMENDMENT

A public hearing has been continued from the April 14, 2026, City Council meeting to consider approving an amendment to the Development Ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units.

2. FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

A public hearing has been scheduled to review the draft Future Land Use Plan, draft comments from the Planning Board, and to consider approval.

3. BENCHES - DOWNTOWN

A public hearing has been scheduled to consider the placement of benches in the downtown area.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCE – PENALTIES – SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

City Council will consider an amendment to add penalties for violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance.

First Offense	Written Warning
Second Offense	The applicable penalties shall be outlined in the City’s Rates and Fees schedule on file in the office of the City Clerk.
Third Offense	The applicable penalties shall be outlined in the City’s Rates and Fees schedule on file in the office of the City Clerk. (Container removed until fee paid.)
* Subsequent violations after the third offense will incur the same penalty, until a one-year reset from the first offense.	

If approved, the Fee Schedule would include the chart below, effective July 1, 2026, with the adoption of the new budget.

First Offense	Written Warning
Second Offense	\$50
Third Offense	\$150 (container removed until fee paid)
* Subsequent violations after the third offense will incur the same penalty, until a one-year reset from the first offense	

5. AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCE – CHAPTER 4 – ANIMALS AND FOWLS - PENALTIES

City Council will consider an amendment to Chapter 4, Sec. 4-39 and 4-41, to add a criminal penalty in addition to, or in lieu of, such civil penalties or other remedies. A violation of this section shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor, pursuant to N.C. G.S. 160A-175 and N.C.G.S. 14-4.

6. AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCE – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES - WAGON

City Council will consider an amendment to Chapter 20 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, Article I., Section 20-21 to remove “wagon” from prohibited motive devices.

7. AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY – JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

City Council will consider an amendment to Section 7-2 of the Personnel Policy to add Juneteenth as an additional holiday for City employees, effective May 13, 2026.

8. DOWNTOWN SOCIAL DISTRICT DISCUSSION:

City Council will discuss the potential of adding a social district in downtown.

9. LEGAL NOTICES VENDOR

City Council will discuss authorizing staff to utilize The Times News as the primary vendor for legal notices.

10. ALCOVETS – ANTIQUE CAR SHOW – FOLLOWING ARTS AROUND THE SQUARE

City Council will consider a request from ALCOVETS to open E. Elm Street at 3:45 p.m. for an antique car show to begin following Arts Around the Square.

11. FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

City Manager Garner will present the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CITY STAFF COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT