



MINUTES

Graham Appearance Commission Meeting

May 4th, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Chair Zipporah Clark- Baldwin, Vice Chair Cheryl Ray, Clell Britt and Emily O’Dell.

Staff: Jonathan Buckley, Brandy McCandless, Kalie Gorham.

- **Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chair Clark-Baldwin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.**
- **Approval of the April, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Vice Chair Ray seconded. All voted aye.
- **Arbor Day**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin called Brandy McCandless to the floor.
 - Mrs. McCandless gave an overview of all the Arbor Day activities and the Commission reflected positively on the events.
- **Residential Appearance Award**
 - Jonathan Buckley called on Kalie Gorham to speak.
 - Kalie gave an overview of the Award Program in its current state and encouraged the Commission members to participate in advertising measures.
 - The Commission discussed concerns with switching to self-nomination and suggested methods of encouraging others to participate in lieu of nominating others. They decided to move forward and reconvene about it in June.
- **Beautification Projects**
 - Vice Chair Ray gave an overview of the meeting with New Leaf Society and potential projects that could be pursued in coordination with Public Works.
 - Mr. Buckley gave an overview of the feasibility of each proposal.
 - The Commission showed interest in collaborating to replace the green planting boxes and requested including Tim in the conversation. Disagreement on what decision to make ensued and the discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- **Future Matters**
 - A discussion around the banners was held where concerns about the involvement of downtown businesses were voiced.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to hear audience members for their concerns. Mrs. O’Dell seconded. All in favor.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin called Mrs. Amy of Sutton’s At The Wrike to the floor.
 - Mrs. Amy voiced concerns about involvement in the banner designs as a member

- of GABA and sought clarification on funding and business collaboration.
- Chair Clark-Baldwin called Jennifer Talley to the floor.
- Mrs. Talley questioned the City's ownership of the banner's infrastructure and proposed GABA submit the banner designs independently.
- Mrs. Talley proposed replacing the planting boxes which were discussed earlier. Vice Chair Ray looped her into the New Leaf Society conversation.
- Chair Clark-Baldwin stated that she wanted to move discussions around the Beautification Projects to the July or August meetings.
- **Council**
 - Mayor Chelsea Dickey had no updates to provide.
- **Staff**
 - Mr. Buckley had no updates to provide.
- **Meeting adjourned**
 - Vice Chair Ray motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Chair Clark-Baldwin. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jonathan Buckley

May 8th, 2026

