



MINUTES

Graham Appearance Commission Meeting

July 20th, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Vice Chair Cheryl Ray, Clell Britt, Emily O'Dell, Molly Whitlatch & Jeannine Weekes.

Staff: Jonathan Buckley.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice Chair Cheryl Ray, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.
- Approval of the June, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - Mrs. Whitlatch motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Mrs. Ray seconded. All voted aye.
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections
 - Mrs. Ray motioned to hold the election for Chair and Vice Chair. Mrs. Whitlatch seconded. All in favor.
 - Mrs. Whitlatch nominated Cheryl Ray to serve as Chair. Seconded by Mrs. O'Dell. Unanimous vote. All in favor.
 - Mrs. Ray nominated Clell Britt to serve as Vice Chair. Seconded by Mrs. Weekes. Unanimous vote. All in favor.
 - Mrs. O'Dell motioned to close the election. Mrs. Whitlatch seconded. All in favor.
- 2026 Calendar
 - Jonathan Buckley gave a rundown on the Ordinance standards and 2026 Calendar.
 - Vice Chair Britt motioned to review current tree standards and plans on-file in coordination with staff to see if an update is needed in October. Mrs. Weekes seconded. All in favor.
 - Mrs. O'Dell motioned to plan for the Business Appearance Award during the August meeting. Chair Ray seconded. All in favor.
 - Chair Ray motioned to add a time for future project discussion during the September meeting. Vice Chair Britt seconded. All in favor.
- Council
 - Mayor Dickey discussed wayfinding opportunities with downtown businesses.
 - Mayor Dickey brought up revisions to the beautification grant to be discussed by City Council during their August meeting.
- Staff
 - Mr. Buckley brought up a potential tree dedication for Arbor Day 2027. The Commission decided to pass on this offer and wait to select a dedication in the

spring.

- Mr. Buckley called Rikki Camarillo to the floor as the winner of the 2026 Spring Residential Appearance Award to give feedback and express support.
- Mrs. Whitlatch motioned to have a standing agenda item for an open work session for Commission members to discuss future projects and take public feedback at upcoming meetings. Mrs. O'Dell seconded. All in favor.
- **Meeting adjourned**
 - Vice Chair Britt motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Weekes. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jonathan Buckley

July 21st, 2026

