



MINUTES

Graham Appearance Commission Meeting

August 3rd, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Chair Cheryl Ray, Molly Whitlatch & Jeannine Weekes.

Staff: Jonathan Buckley & Kalie Gorham.

- **Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Cheryl Ray, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.**
- **Approval of the July, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Chair Ray motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Weekes seconded. All voted aye.
- **Banner Design Submittals**
 - Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Gorham gave a rundown of the two design submittal options. The Commission offered questions and discussed their preferences.
 - Mrs. Whitlatch opened the floor to public comment. Renee Russell and Jennifer Talley approached the stand to give their thoughts.
 - After deliberation, the Commission requested the photos used for the banners be replaced. Mrs. Whitlatch motioned to hold a special meeting on August 31st, 2026 to decide and review the updated photos. Ms. Weekes seconded. All in favor.
 - Mrs. Whitlatch motioned to approve Option 1 of the design submittals. Ms. Weekes Seconded. 2 ayes. 1 no. The ayes had the vote and the motion was carried.
- **Business Appearance Award**
 - Upon agreement to keep the same nomination process but make changes to the grading rubric, Ms. Weekes motioned to table the item for Spring 2027. Mrs. Whitlatch seconded. All in favor.
- **Fall Decorations**
 - Jonathan Buckley gave a rundown of the decorations available. The Commission considered 9/14 or 9/15 for decoration dates.
 - The Commission decided to table further discussion until the August 31st meeting.
- **Open Discussion**
 - The Commission discussed upcoming agenda items, with a focus on tree standards, volunteer opportunities, planting projects and Bee City USA.

- **Council**
 - Mayor Dickey suggested including Katie Snyder with New Leaf Society during the planting box discussions and inquiring with Recreation and Parks about Bee City USA.
- **Staff**
 - Mr. Buckley had no updates.
- **Meeting adjourned**
 - Mrs. Whitlatch motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Chair Ray. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jonathan Buckley

August 5th, 2026

