



Graham Appearance Commission Meeting Agenda

August 31st, 2026

6:00pm Graham
City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of minutes from the August 3rd, 2026 meeting
5. **Items of Discussion**

Pending Items:

- 5a. Banner Design Submittals – Photo Updates.
- 5b. Fall Decorations Plan cont.

Appearance Commission Work Session:

- 5c. Open Discussion
6. City Council Updates
7. Staff Updates
8. Adjournment



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

Approved Banners

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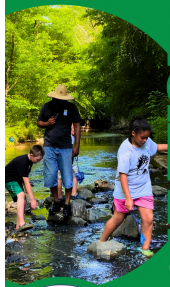
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LOCAL MARKETS



Alternate Banners

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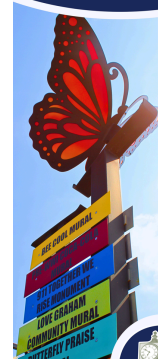
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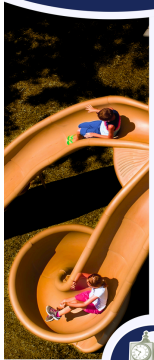
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LOCAL MARKETS



Fall Decorations

- 6 large pumpkins
- 3 medium pumpkins
- 5 small pumpkins
- 8 bundles of sunflowers
- 7 bundles of leaves
- 8 bundles of grasses
- 18 bundles of flowers
- 3 sparkle bundles.
- 4 trucks
- 1 wreath
- 1 leaf garland
- 2 scarecrows
- 1 Fall Sign





Appearance/Tree board Commission Calendar

July

Ideas/goals for 2026

August

- Banner Design Submittals
- Fall Downtown Decorations Plan
- Business Appearance Award

September

- Downtown Decorations cont.

October

- Tree Standards and Plan.

November

- Business Beautification Grants

December

- Downtown Window Decoration Contest?
 - Winter 2026 Residential Appearance Award
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Spring 2027

- Arbor Day – January - April

Regular Meeting Dates 2026-27

*August 3rd
September 7th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th
January 4th
February 1st
March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd
June 7th*