MINUTES

Graham Appearance Commission Special Meeting

August 31st, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Chair Cheryl Ray, Clell Britt, Emily O'Dell, 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 August 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
  - Chair Ray motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Weekes seconded. All voted aye.
- **Banner Design Submittals**
  - Vice Chair Britt initially motioned to approve the design of option 2 of the original submittal from August 3rd, but made no mention of colors. Chair Ray seconded. Motion failed to pass. 0-3.
  - After deliberation, Vice Chair Britt motioned to approve the design of option 2 of the original submittal from August 3rd, but with alternating high-contrast colors, and including the design of the frontline banner for the alternate option submitted at this meeting. Chair Ray seconded. All in favor.
  - The Commission marked each photo used on the banner submittals for approval or denial. Mrs. Whitlatch motioned to approve that selection. Mrs. O'Dell seconded. All in favor.
- **Fall Decorations**
  - The Commission discussed the utilization of hay bales at the former Sesquicentennial Park property and around Court Square for the decorations.
  - The Commission decided to decorate at 6:00pm on September 15th, 2026.
  - Mr. Britt suggested a local Boy Scout troop assist with displaying the fall decorations.
- **Open Discussion**
  - Ms. Jeannine Weekes shared photos of planters around Court Square and encouraged future planting projects.
  - Chair Ray shared an update regarding Bee City USA.

- **Council**
  - Mayor Dickey had no updates.
- **Staff**
  - Mr. Buckley had no updates.
- **Meeting adjourned**
  - Mrs. Whitlatch motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Vice Chair Britt. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jonathan Buckley

September 22nd, 2026