Graymoor-Devondale

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Graymoor-Devondale City Council was held at the Graymoor-Devondale City Office, 1500 Lynn Way. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: Council Members Michael Allen, Mark Sites, Matt Hemmerle, and Joe Meiners, and Mayor John Vaughan. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney John Singler, City Engineer Mark Madison, and Communications Director David Wilson. **ABSENT:** Council Member Angela Coan and David Meiners and City Clerk Nancy Perito. In the absence of the City Clerk, John Singler took the minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael Allen noted that minutes should be corrected to show that he and City Engineer Mark Madison were not in attendance. Motion to approve minutes of April 21, 2026, as amended made by Michael Allen. Seconded by Matt Hemmerle. The April 21, 2026, minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of the city clerk/treasurer the Mayor went over the April Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Joe Meiners to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Michael Allen, vote to approve was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) **Herr Lane Improvements Updates:** No update available.

b) **I-264-42 Interchange Project Updates:** Scheduled completion date Summer 2027.

c) **Leash Law Updates:** Graymoor-Devondale Ordinances refers to Metro Animal regulations. There is no more restrictive city leash law. The City Council discussed whether to create a more restrictive leash law and how the city would enforce such a law but did not take any action.

d) **Speed Humps:** A survey of whether the community desired speed hump installation received around 300 responses. The streets most mentioned are Carlimar, Lynn Way and Girard. Michael Allen stated that since the city is in the process of bidding a resurfacing project on Girard we should include 4 humps as a bid option. Michael Allen made a motion to add a bid option to the Girard Project for 2 humps on Lynn Way and 2 humps on Girard. Motion seconded by Joe Meiners. Motion passed 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **First Reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2026-2027, an ordinance providing for the assessment of an ad valorem tax:** Property assessments are significantly up. The compensating tax rate is .17. After discussion Joe Meiners made a motion to introduce Ordinance #1, Series 2026-2027 keeping the city's current tax rate of .20 per 100 with an 18% discount for early payment. Motion seconded by Matt Hemmerle. Motion passed 3 in favor and 1 opposed.

b) **First Reading of Ordinance #2, Series 2026-2027, an ordinance establishing an annual budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027:** The Mayor noted in his budget message that little has changed from last year but to manage increasing costs he increased expenses in all categories by 10%. A motion was made by Michael Allen to introduce Ordinance #2, Series 2026-2027. Motion seconded by Mark Sites. Motion passed unanimously.

c) **City of Bancroft Request:** The Mayor noted a request from the City of Bancroft to allow their small police department to rent office space in city hall. The benefit would be additional security at the city offices, helping a sister city and a small amount of income.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

a) **Public Safety:** No report

b) **Code Enforcement:** John Singler reported he followed up on the 1305 Abbeywood Road complaint and did get cooperation and response from the property owner. The Mayor reported 8 or 9 citations on failure to cut grass.

c) **Sanitation**: The Mayor signed an addendum to the current contract for one year with a 4.9% increase.

d) **Public Works Signage:** Michael Allen reported the repaving project for Girard will be ready for review next meeting. There will be several bid options (1) Seal coat the city office parking lot, (2) Paint new stop bars city wide, (3) Install 4 speed humps. Michael Allen will also work on a project for additional street lighting to take advantage of a $10,000 Metro contribution from Metro Council Member Paula McCraney.

e) **Beautification:** No report.

f) Insurance: No report.

g) Public Information No report.

h) City Clerk No report.

i) Special Projects: Angela Coan, before the meeting, informed the Mayor that all is ready for the 4th of July Parade.

j) Ice and Snow Removal: No report.

k) Legal: No report

There being no further business to discuss, the motion for adjournment was made by Joe Meiners and seconded by Mark Sites and the vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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John Vaughan, Mayor

Attest:

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Nancy Perito, City Clerk