GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
REDUCING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON STATE HIGHWAY 16
FEBRUARY 5, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor: Alex Heartfield
Councilmember Place 1: Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
Councilmember Place 4: Brendan Weatherman

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
None.

STAFF PRESENT
Eric Garretty, City Manager
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director
B.J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police
Cassie Short, Executive Assistant
Chris Denney, IT Director
David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
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Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
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Justin Howard, Sewer Plant Supervisor
Kyle Ford, Police Lieutenant
Melinda Brown, Assistant City Manager, GEIC/GIA Executive Director
Randall Dawson, Director of Public Works

1. **CALL TO PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER.**
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the public hearing to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGES TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS**
   Gary Elrod led the invocation followed by the Pledges to U.S. and Texas Flags.

3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
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   Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
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4. **PURPOSE OF HEARING.** THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF STATE HIGHWAY 16, ALSO KNOWN AS ELM STREET.

5. **NOTICE OF POSTING:** NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS DULY ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER OF LOCAL CIRCULATION ON **JANUARY 24, 2026**. IN ADDITION, SAID NOTICE WAS DULY POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBISTE AND POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD AT CITY HALL. NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA WAS POSTED AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

6. **PRESENTATION. PRESENTATION BY THE CITY MANAGER ON THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF STATE HIGHWAY 16, ALSO KNOWN AS ELM STREET.**
   City Manager Eric Garretty presented on the proposed reduction of the maximum speed limits along certain segments of State Highway 16, also known as Elm Street.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**
   None.

8. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.**
   None.

9. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING.
The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:35 a.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson.

R. Alex Heartfield, MAYOR

Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director

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REGULAR SESSION
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. **NOTICE OF POSTING.** NOTICE OF THIS REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM TEXAS WAS DULY POSTED AT A PLACE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
   Mayor: Alex Heartfield
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4. **PUBLIC FORUM.**
   Councilmember Jeff Dickinson recognized and thanked the City employees for their efforts during the recent winter storm.

5. **REPORTS**
   Individual Department Head reports were omitted for the first meeting of the month. City Manager Eric Garretty provided reports on the Lake Graham Water Level, Key Dates and Upcoming Events, Boards Update, Hotel Occupancy Tax Report, and Project Status Report.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
   Following a motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brendan Weatherman, the following Consent Agenda was approved unanimously 5 – 0.

   a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting held on **January 8, 2026**; and

   b. Retroactively approve the cancellation of the Regular Called Meeting that was scheduled for **January 22, 2026**; and

   c. Authorize the City Secretary to post a 'Notice of Drawing for a Place on Ballot' for the May 2, 2026, General Election; and

d. Approve a street closure request from Neri Gonzalez, on behalf of the Graham Downtown Business Association, related to the closure of the southern half of the square, and certain segments of Oak Street and Fourth Street, during **May 1 through May 3, 2026** in support of the Festival de Cinco de Mayo and further, authorize the City Manager to coordinate necessary approvals for the sale and consumption of alcohol during said event; and

e. Consider and act to appoint D.J. Meschkat to the Graham Municipal Airport Board of Directors for a two-year term, commencing **February 1, 2026**, based on a favorable recommendation from the Airport Board of Directors, or nominate and appoint an alternate.

7. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1206, AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SET MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS IN THE CORPORATE ENVIRONS OF THE CITY, AND SPECIFICALLY SETTING REDUCED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF STATE HIGHWAY 16 (ALSO KNOWN AS ELM STREET).**
Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Brendan Weatherman to approve on THIRD AND FINAL READING, **Ordinance No. 1206**, an Ordinance related to the authority of the City Council to set maximum speed limits in the corporate environs of the City, and specifically setting reduced maximum speed limits on certain segments of State Highway 16 (also known as Elm Street). Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

8. **PRESENTATION BY FREESE AND NICHOLS ENGINEERS OF THE 'PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT' AND OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION PROJECT.**
John Lopez from Freese and Nichols presented the 'Preliminary Design Report' and Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation project.

9. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING, RESOLUTION NO. 236, REGARDING AN INCENTIVES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE GEIC AND 'T & S MANUFACTURING, INCORPORATED' (JERMYN, TEXAS), AN AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES CERTAIN CASH INCENTIVES TOTALING UP TO $1,200,000.00, (ONE MILLION TWO-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) AND THE AGREEMENT FURTHER PROVIDES FOR THE DEFERMENT OF CERTAIN MORTGAGE PAYMENTS ON CERTAIN GEIC-OWNED PROPERTY, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS; AND FURTHER STILL, SAID INCENTIVES ARE IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO BUSINESS EXPANSION, JOB CREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, WITH SUCH IMPROVEMENTS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WHICH BEARS A PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF 510 CORPORATE DRIVE, GRAHAM, TEXAS, AND FURTHER STILL, SAID AGREEMENT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 505.158 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.**
Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brendan Weatherman to approve on FIRST READING, **Resolution No. 236**, regarding an Incentives Agreement, by and between the GEIC and 'T & S Manufacturing, Incorporated' (Jermyn, Texas), an Agreement which provides certain cash incentives totaling up to $1,200,000.00, (one million two-hundred thousand dollars and no cents) and the Agreement further provides for the deferment of certain mortgage payments on certain GEIC-owned property, for a period of five years; and further still, said incentives are in support of economic development related to business expansion, job creation and infrastructure improvements, with such improvements pertaining to certain real property which bears a physical address of 510 Corporate Drive, Graham, Texas, and further still, said Agreement is in accordance with Section 505.158 of Texas Local Government Code. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

10. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING, RESOLUTION NO. 237, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ACQUISITION OF BODY WORN CAMERA FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, NOTING THAT SUCH GRANT REQUIRES CITY MATCHING FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED $11,400.00 (ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS), AND FURTHER NOTING THAT SAID RESOLUTION DESIGNATES CITY MANAGER ERIC**

GARRETTY AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SAID GRANT.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve on FIRST READING, **Resolution No. 237**, which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor in support of the acquisition of body worn cameras for the Police Department, noting that such grant requires City matching funds not to exceed $11,400.00 (eleven thousand four hundred dollars and no cents), and further noting that said Resolution designates City Manager Eric Garretty as the City's Authorized Official for administration of said grant. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

11. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE A REPLAT, SUBMITTED BY ROBERT REGISTER, OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS SOUTH FERGUSON, BLOCK 500, CITY OF GRAHAM, YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS, AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS A CERTAIN PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF CLIFF DRIVE, A CERTAIN PARCEL WHICH BEARS YOUNG CENTRAL APPRAISL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID NO. 796585; NOTING THAT SAID REPLAT IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve a replat, submitted by Robert Register, of certain real property legally described as South Ferguson, Block 500, City of Graham, Young County, Texas, and further described as a certain parcel adjacent to the western boundary of Cliff Drive, a certain parcel which bears **Young Central Appraisal District Property ID No. 796585**; noting that said replat is recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

12. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM MATT DICKEY TO REMOVE A CERTAIN STRUCTURE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF 421 OAK STREET AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELOCATE SAID STRUCTURE TO A CERTAIN PARCEL WITH A PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF 831 ELM STREET, NOTING FOR RECORD THAT THE CERTAIN PARCEL WHICH BEARS AN ADDRESS OF 831 ELM STREET IS LOCATED WITHIN PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; AND FURTHER NOTING THAT SAID REMOVAL AND RELOCATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Motion made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Jack Little to WITHDRAW agenda item 12. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

13. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM SHANNON PLOWMAN, ON BEHALF OF THE 'YOUNG COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE', FOR PLACEMENT OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNAGE ON A CERTAIN BUILDING WHICH BEARS A PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF 609 FOURTH STREET; NOTING THAT SAID REQUEST FOR VARIANCE IS RECOMMNEDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Jack Little to approve a request for variance from Shannon Plowman, on behalf of the 'Young County Museum of history and culture', for the placement of non-conforming signage on a certain building which bears a physical address of **609 Fourth Street**; noting that said request for variance is recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

14. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, RESOLUTION NO. 235, WHICH APPOINTS CITY MANAGER ERIC GARRETTY AS THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM.

Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve on FIRST AND FINAL READING, **Resolution No. 235**, which appoints City Manager Eric Garretty as the Public Information Officer for the City of Graham. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

15. CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONCLUDE A CONTRACT WITH THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR OF YOUNG COUNTY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $11,000, FOR ELECTION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE MAY 2, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to authorize the City Manager to conclude a contract with the Elections Administrator of Young County, in an amount not to exceed $11,000, for election services in support of the **May 2, 2026**, general election. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

16. **DISCUSSION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM CHURCH OF GOD (GRAHAM, TEXAS) TO INSTALL CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN AND AROUND THE 1400 BLOCK OF REMINGTON STREET.**
City Manager Eric Garretty and Public Works Director Randall Dawson discussed a request from the Graham Church of God (Graham, Texas) to install certain traffic control devices in and around the **1400 block of Remington Street**.

17. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET AND TAX RATE DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR.**
City Manager Eric Garretty discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Rate Development Calendar.

18. **CONISER AND ACT TO SET A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL, 608 ELM STREET, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M., FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING 'BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 1' IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET.**
Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to set a Special Called Meeting to be held at City Hall, 608 Elm Street, on Tuesday, **February 17, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of holding 'Budget Workshop No. 1' in support of the development of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 annual budget. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

19. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to authorize the City Manager to accept appointment to the Texas Municipal League Budget and Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

20. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1207, WHICH ORDERS AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, A COUNCILMEMBER FOP PLACE NO. 1, AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR PLACE NO. 2; AND FURTHER, ESTABLISHES THE DATES AND THE PLACE FOR VOTING, ESTABLISHES APPLICATIONS FOR VOTING BY MAIL, ESTABLISHES THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BALLOTS BY MAIL, PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FURTHER STILL, WAIVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR THREE READINGS OF SAID ORDINANCE UPON MAJORITY VOTE IN FAVOR OF APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF SAME.**
Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Jack Little to approve and adopt on FIRST AND FINAL READING, **Ordinance No. 1207**, which orders an election to be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Councilmember Place No. 1, and a Councilmember Place No. 2; and further, establishes the dates and the place of voting, establishes applications for voting by mail, establishes the deadline for receiving ballots by mail, provides an effective date; and further still, waives the requirement for three readings of said Ordinance upon majority vote in favor of approval and adoption of same. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

21. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 (FIRST QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026).**
Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve the Quarterly Investment report for the period ending **December 31, 2025** (First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025-2026). Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

22. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.**
Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending **December 31, 2025**. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

23. **PRESENTATION OF THE SALES TAX REPORT FOR TAXES COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER 2025.**
City Manager Eric Garretty presented the Sales Tax report for taxes collected in **November 2025.**

24. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Future agenda items included possible traffic signage on Remington Street, and the second reading of Resolution No. 236 regarding an Incentives Agreement.

25. **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE":** Mayor Alex Heartfield recessed the Council into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m.

    Sec. 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property

    - Deliberate the value of certain real property owned by the City and located in and around the shores of Lake Graham.

26. **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE REQUIRED.** Mayor Alex Heartfield reconvened from Executive Session at 10:48 a.m.

    NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

27. **ADJOURNMENT.**
    There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.

R. Alex Heartfield, MAYOR

Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director