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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire  
**FROM:** K.T. Freeman, Fire Chief  
**MEETING:** October 17, 2022

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of a resolution closing the Burleson Public Health Authority effective October 28, 2022, and accepting the resignations of Dr. Steve Martin and Dr. John Griswell. *(Staff Presenter: K.T. Freeman, Fire Chief)*

**SUMMARY:**

The Burleson Public Health Authority was created in April 2020 to help fill a gap due to a lack of availability to provide critical services needed to help combat the public health crisis caused by COVID 19. Over the last two years, Burleson Public Health (BPH) has served the needs of the community at large and citizens of Burleson, by providing medical & social services in a compassionate, effective, and efficient manner that has helped to save lives and improve the quality of life within our community. On September 6, 2022, Council received a report and held a discussion regarding the discontinuation of services provided by Burleson Public Health Authority. During the discussion staff recommended to City Council that all services be discontinued on October 28, 2022. City Council approved staff's recommendation. Subsequent to the September 6, 2022, City Council Meeting, staff was notified by Texas Department of State Health Services to submit a letter by the Mayor to TDSHS stating the City's intent to discontinue Public Health Services and an effective date. Lastly, Dr. Martin and Dr. Griswell have submitted their resignation letters relinquishing their respective capacities to serve in the roles of the Burleson Public Health Authority. An action item will be included for this agenda item to consider approval of a resolution to terminate the Burleson Public Health Authority and accept the resignations of Dr. Martin and Dr. Griswell in order to close the City's public health authority.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve as presented
- 2) Deny

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends for Council to terminate the Burleson Public Health Authority and accept the resignations of Dr. Steve Martin and Dr. John Griswell.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

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