

**BURLESON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES**

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Johnson
Phil Anderson

Chris Fletcher
Larry Scott
Dan McClendon
Adam Russell

Staff present

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager
Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager
Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager
Amanda Campos, City Secretary
Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary
Allen Taylor, City Attorney
Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Alexa Boedeker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fletcher called the meeting to order. **Time: 5:32 p.m.**

Invocation – Anthony Penick, Chaplain, Texas Health Huguley Hospital

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag

Texas Pledge: *Honor the Texas Flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God; one and indivisible*

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations

- A proclamation recognizing May 18-24, 2025 as National Public Works Week in the City of Burleson. *(Recipient: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works)*
- A proclamation recognizing May 18-24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Burleson. *(Recipient: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)*

B. Presentations

- Receive a resolution from State of Texas, State Representatives David L. Cook and Helen Kerwin, honoring Chief Billy Cordell of the Burleson Police Department for receiving the 2025 Mike Gentry Executive Leadership Award.

C. Community Interest Items

- Join us, Saturday, May 24 for the Burleson Honey Tour Bike Ride. The Honey Tour Carnival starts on Thursday, May 22, at 141 W. Renfro Street in the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza.
- Join us, Saturday, May 24 for the 2025 3rd Annual Memorial Day Ruck March, starting Bailey Lake.
- Congratulations Council member Larry Scott, we are grateful that you have meet your milestone and no longer have to wear a mask – welcome back.

3. CHANGES TO POSTED AGENDA

A. Items to be continued or withdrawn

- None.

B. Items to be withdrawn from Consent Agenda for separate discussion or items to be added to the Consent Agenda.

- None.

4. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the May 5, 2025 regular council meeting. (*Staff contact: Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary*)

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

B. CSO#5803-05-2025, resolution accepting the Quarterly Investment Report for March 31, 2025, as submitted in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA). (*Staff Contact: Gloria Platt, Director of Finance*)

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

C. CSO#5804-05-2025, minute order authorizing the removal of a fence at Centennial Park in the amount of \$295, in accordance with Council Policy 17. (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

- D. CSO#5805-05-2025, amendment to a contract with CentralSquare (CSO# 832-05-2018) for TRAKiT Community Development Software in the amount of \$90,405. (Staff Contact: Hugo Rodriguez, Deputy Chief Technology Officer)**

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

- E. CSO#5806-05-2025, resolution authorizing an additional street closure for the upcoming Honey Tour community event. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)**

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

6. GENERAL

- A. CSO#5807-05-2025, minute order to approve a master policy for Municipal Utility Districts and Municipal Management Districts. (Staff Contact: Tony McIlwain, AICP, CFM, Development Services Director)**

Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director, presented an ordinance to the city council.

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Victoria Johnson to approve.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

- B. CSO#5808-05-2025, resolution nominating candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the Central Appraisal District of Johnson County. (Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager)**

Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager, presented a resolution to the council.

David Karmy, 221 Centre Drive, was available to answer any questions council may have.

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the resolution nominating David Karmy to fill the vacancy on the Central Appraisal District of Johnson County.

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding federal advocacy services. (Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager)**

Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager, reported on the current and upcoming grant opportunities to the city council. Discussion included working on relationships with congressional representatives and their staff to secure funding for the city, as well as funding to pay for service with budget cuts, and the length of a contract to see what the service could do.

Council was in favor of a one-year contract for the service and asked that staff provide a progress report.

- B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding the structure of a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for body-worn cameras, drones, software, artificial intelligence assistance, and evidence storage. (Staff Contact: Captain Randy Crum, Police Department)**

Captain Randy Crum, Police Department, reported on Axon Enterprise contract structure to the city council. Discussion included AI security, funding, officer overtime, and current Axon agreements.

Council requested that an item be brought to the Public Safety & Municipal Court Council committee.

- C. Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the naming process for the community park. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)**

Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the naming process for a community park to the city council.

Council was in favor of community engagement for naming the park.

- D. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding proposed amendments to City Council Policy #32, Financial Policy, and City Council Policy #41, Debt Management Policy. (Staff Contact: Gloria Platt, Finance Director)**

Gloria Platt, Director of Finance, presented amendments to City Council Policy #32, Financial Policy and City Council Policy #41, Debt Management Policy to the city council.

Council was in favor of the amendments including amending Debt Service Tax Rate to 40%.

- E. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding Burleson development patterns and the principles of sustainable development. (Staff Contact: Tony McIlwain, AICP, CFM, Development Services Director)**

Tony McIlwain, Director of Development Services, introduced Lidon Pearce, Principal Planner who presented the Burleson development patterns and the principles of sustainable development to the city council. Presentation included background, future land use, purpose of zoning, zoning code updates, sustainable development, incremental development, affordability, traffic, land value, density, and sales tax.

The council requested that the item be brought before a council committee(s) for further deliberation and then bring back to the city council.

8. LEGISLATIVE - REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

This is a standing item on the agenda of every regular meeting of the City Council that allows the City Council to receive reports, hold discussions, and give staff direction regarding any legislative matters pertaining to the 89th Texas legislative session. Additional action items may be specifically listed below when required.

- Janalea Hembree, Assistant to the City Manager, came forward with an update on the council requested watch bills.

9. CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS

- Presentation on asphalt and cracks being sealed, council needs to see it.

10. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Workroom in City Hall to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this Agenda. The City Council may reconvene into open session and take action on posted items.

A. Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code

- Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the city's Zoning Ordinance and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code
- Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the city's roles, responsibilities, and rights under Chapters 6, 26, and 31-34 of the Texas Tax Code

B. Discussion regarding possible purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code

- Certain parcels of real property necessary for drainage and water detention on and around County Road 1019 near its intersection with FM 1902 in Johnson County, Texas where deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the position of negotiations with third parties

Motion was made by Adam Russell and seconded by Victoria Johnson to convene into executive session. **Time: 8:40 p.m.**

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

Motion was made by Adam Russell and seconded by Victoria Johnson to reconvene into open session. **Time: 9:11 p.m.**

Motion passed 6-0, with Alexa Boedeker absent.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Adam Russell and seconded by Victoria to adjourn.

Mayor Chris Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

Time: 9:11 p.m.

Monica Solko
Deputy City Secretary