

**BURLESON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES**

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Johnson
Phil Anderson
Alexa Boedeker
Chris Fletcher
Larry Scott
Dan McClendon
Adam Russell

COUNCIL ABSENT:

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
Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER - Time 5:30 p.m.

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

2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- Ethan Walker, 448 Parkview Drive, addressed the Council regarding ideas he had for the city.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. CSO#5902-09-2025, ordinance establishing mitigation rates for emergency and non-emergency services. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)

Motion made by Victoria Johnson and seconded by Alexa Boedeker to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed 7-0.

4. BUDGET AND TAX RATE

Amanda Campos, City Secretary announced that items 6A-6I would be presented as one presentation but voted on separately.

A. CSO#5903-09-2025, ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 beginning October 1, 2025, and terminating September 30, 2026, and making

appropriations for each fund; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause and an effective date; and finding that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$3,115,704, which is a 7.38 percent increase, and of that amount \$873,089 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)

Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance, presented items 6A-6I to the city council.

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Dan McClendon to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with the removal of the dry sauna from the 4B CIP and accepting the rate of \$0.7218.

Motion passed 7-0.

- B. CSO#5904-09-2025, minute order ratifying the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 annual operating budget beginning October 1, 2025, and terminating September 30, 2026. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Phil Anderson to approve with the removal of the dry sauna from the 4B CIP and accepting the rate of \$0.7218.

Motion passed 7-0.

- C. CSO#5905-09-2025, ordinance levying the ad valorem property tax of the City of Burleson for Tax Year 2025 on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city on January 1, 2025, and adopting a tax rate of \$0.7218 per \$100 of valuation for Tax Year 2025; providing for revenues for payment of current municipal maintenance and operation expenses and payment of interest and principal on outstanding City of Burleson debt; providing for enforcement of collections; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause and an effective date; and finding that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public. The proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Alexa Boedeker that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of the a tax rate of 0.7218 dollars per one hundred dollars valuation, which is effectively a 9.51% percent increase in the tax rate. Of that rate, 0.4933 dollars per one hundred dollars valuation is to fund maintenance and operations and 0.2285 dollars per one hundred dollars valuation is to fund the City's debt service.

Motion passed 7-0.

- D. CSO#5906-09-2025, ordinance approving the 2025 tax rolls; and declaring an effective date. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Victoria Johnson and seconded by Adam Russell to approve the 2025 tax rolls.

Motion passed 7-0.

- E. CSO#5907-09-2025, ordinance providing a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 schedule of fees for various City of Burleson services. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Phil Anderson and seconded by Alexa Boedeker to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 schedule of fees.

Motion passed 7-0.

- F. CSO#5908-09-2025, ordinance providing Fiscal Year 2025-2026 rates for water and wastewater service. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Adam Russell and seconded by Alexa Boedeker to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 rates for water and wastewater service.

Motion passed 7-0.

- G. CSO#5909-09-2025, ordinance providing Fiscal Year 2025-2026 rates for collection and disposal of residential and non-residential solid waste, recyclables, and trash. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Alexa Boedeker to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 rates for collection and disposal of residential and non-residential solid waste, recyclables and trash.

Motion passed 7-0.

- H. CSO#5910-09-2025, resolution declaring the intention to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$82,500,000 for FY 2025-26 planned capital projects, including public works, public safety, parks, waterworks, and wastewater projects. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- I. CSO#5911-09-2025, resolution declaring the intention to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000 for FY 2026-27 planned capital projects, including public works, public safety, parks, waterworks, and wastewater projects. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Interim Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Alexa Boedeker and seconded by Phil Anderson to approve.

Motion passed 7-0.

RECESS AND BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Chris Fletcher recessed for a short break at 6:07 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 6:12 p.m. with all members present.

Matt Ribitizi, Deputy City Attorney, asked Council member Scott to affirm that his motion was to approve item 4A with the removal of the 4B CIP dry sauna and acceptance of the rate of \$0.7218. Council member Scott confirmed.

5. 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

B. Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information received from or the offer of a financial or other incentive made to a business prospect seeking to locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code

-Project Vision

Motion was made by Adam Russell and seconded by Victoria Johnson to convene into executive session. **Time: 6:13 p.m.**

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion was made by Adam Russell and seconded by Dan McClendon to reconvene into open session. **Time: 6:30 p.m.**

Motion passed 7-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Victoria Johnson and seconded by Dan McClendon to adjourn.

Mayor Chris Fletcher adjourned the meeting. **Time: 6:31 p.m.**

Monica Solko
Deputy City Secretary