

**PUBLIC SAFETY & MUNICIPAL COURT COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
**April 8, 2026**  
**MINUTES**

Council present:

Victoria Johnson, Chair

Chris Fletcher

Council Absent:

Phil Anderson

Staff present:

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager  
Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager  
Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager  
Amanda Campos, City Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Victoria Johnson called the meeting to order. **Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

- None.

**3. GENERAL**

**A. Minutes from the January 7, 2026 Public Safety & Municipal Court Committee meeting. (Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)**

Motion made by Chris Fletcher and seconded by Victoria Johnson to approve.

Motion passed .2-0. Phil Anderson absent.

**4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council regarding a Fleet Take Home Vehicle program for police (Staff Contact: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police)**

Billy Cordell, Police Chief, presented to the committee the operational readiness and response, retention of Officers, recruitment of Officers, and increased efficiency of the fleet.

**Fleet Status**

The Burleson Police fleet was reviewed and discussed by reviewing the vehicle to officer ration, the operational deficiencies, and the financial impact to the city. Currently there are 58 marked police vehicles used by 96 sworn officers across 6 divisions. There are some take home or assigned vehicles currently but most have

been recalled due to shortages. Patrol officers do not have take home vehicles. There is an operational deficiencies of 24 marked units.

**Financial Impact**

The Police take home program allows the department to implement practices that will reduce mileages, and wear and tear on vehicles increasing replacement from 5 years to 7 years. Reduce fuel consumption, down time for maintenance, and equipment cost. To maintain continuous operational capability best practice is to have reserve vehicles.

Recommend spreading purchase over 3 years to reduce the risk of purchasing vehicles on the same maintenance schedule and failures.

**B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council regarding Response Times and Staffing Projections (Staff Contact: Billy J. Cordell, Chief of Police)**

Billy Cordell, Police Chief presented the committee Beat realignment plan by beginning with a review of the current structure of Four District Model in place since 1985.

Chief Cordell reviewed the Eight Beat Model and the benefits to the community and the safety of officers. The response times of both models were compared, and a significant improvement is expected from the 8-beat model. The 8-beat model provides equitable service for the community, workload even distribution for staff, and allows for future growth both in population and areas.

To add staffing shortage and provide a stopgap staffing solution the following is needed; 1 sergeant for traffic, 1 OIC, and 8 officers. Of the 8 officers, 4 would be powershift B, 4 added to the days and night patrol shifts.

**C. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Fire/EMS capital improvement ambulance procurement plan. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)**

Casey Davis, Fire Chief presented to the committee the Fire/EMS capital improvement ambulance procurement plan.

Chief Davis reviewed the current fleet status and reminded the committee that all ambulances are staffed with firefighters. He reviewed his suggested transition plan for replacing 4 frontline ambulances.

Chief Davis recommended placing the 2 new Horton ambulances into service, continue utilizing existing Demers units within the fleet, and replacing all 4 Demers units with ambulances through the capital improvement plan. He explained to the committee that the current build time is 30 months and the cost would be approx. \$2.6 million.

**D. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Fire/EMS staffing needs, capital improvement plan implementation and timing. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)**

Casey Davis, Fire Chief, presented to the committee the Fire/EMS staffing needs and the capital improvement plan.

Chief Davis reviewed the call volume, the unit hour utilization goals, and the minimum on-duty fire responses. He reviewed why Station 4 is critical for Burleson and the key challenges and how the additional station solves these issues.

Chief Davis informed the committee of system changes and needs, the ladder tower purchase, engine and ambulance deployment adjustments, and minimum staffing at the new Station 4. The projected timeline for the completion of Station 4 is 2028 design, 2029 ladder tower and brush truck, and 2030 construction of Station 4.

Additional concurrent needs identified is a Captain for training, Captain for Admin Logistics, and Deputy Emergency Manager. He recommended the following: transition peak ambulance to 24 hour service requiring 4 additional staff, additional frontline fire company equaling 14 additional staff, and maintaining the current Station 4 timeline.

**5. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS**

- None.

**6. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Committee 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.

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

- No executive session is needed.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Victoria Johnson adjourned the meeting.

**Time: 3:09 p.m.**

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Amanda Campos  
City Secretary