

**BURLESON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
DRAFT MINUTES**

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Staff present

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

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

Mayor Fletcher called the meeting to order. **Time: 5:33 p.m.**

2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- No speakers.

3. BUDGET AND TAX RATE

Amanda Campos, City Secretary, announced that items under 3A-3J will be presented as one presentation but will be voted on separately.

- A. CSO#6265-09-2026, ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 82 "Utilities" to add Article VII "Municipal Drainage Utility System," Division 1 "Creation and Administration" to establish a Municipal Drainage Utility System; and providing for a drainage service, billing, exemptions, drainage charges, and appeals. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance, gave a brief overview of the proposed budget, property tax rate, proposed city fees, budget modifications and reimbursement resolution for CIP.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- B. CSO#6266-09-2026, ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Article VII "Municipal Drainage Utility System" of Chapter 82 "Utilities" to add Division 2, "Municipal Drainage Utility Schedule of Drainage Charges" establishing a municipal drainage utility system fee; and providing a schedule of drainage charges. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

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

Motion passed 5-2, with Larry Scott and Adam Russell voting against.

- C. CSO#6267-09-2026, ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 beginning October 1, 2026, and terminating September 30, 2027, and making appropriations for each fund; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a severability 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 \$991,712, which is a 2.12 percent increase, and of that amount \$543,173 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year and (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance).**

Allen Taylor, City Attorney, explained that Item 3C required two separate votes. The first vote is to consider the adoption of the FY2026-2027 budget ordinance. If the budget is adopted, it will generate more property tax revenue than the previous year, a second vote is required to ratify the increase in tax revenue resulting from the adoption of the FY 2026-2027 municipal budget.

Motion made by Adam Russell and seconded by Dan McClendon to approve the FY2026-2027 budget.

A record vote was taken with the following results:

For: Chris Fletcher, Mayor
Victoria Johnson, Place 1
Phil Anderson, Place 2
Alexa Boedeker, Place 3
Larry Scott, Place 4
Dan McClendon, Place 5

Adam Russell, Place 6

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed 7-0.

CSO#6268-09-2026, minute order ratifying adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 beginning October 1, 2026, and terminating September 30, 2027, and making appropriations for each fund; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a severability 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 \$991,712, which is a 2.12 percent increase, and of that amount \$543,173 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance).

Motion made by Adam Russell and seconded by Victoria Johnson to ratify the tax revenue created by the adoption FY 2026-2027 Budget.

Motion passed 7-0.

- D. CSO#6269-09-2026, ordinance levying the ad valorem property tax of the City of Burleson for Tax Year 2026 on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city on January 1, 2026, and adopting a tax rate of \$0.7298 per \$100 of valuation for Tax Year 2026; 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 severability 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 does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Dan McClendon and seconded by Adam Russell that the property tax rate be a tax rate of 0.7298 dollars per one hundred dollars valuation, and of that rate, 0.5013 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.

A record vote was taken with the following results:

For: Chris Fletcher, Mayor

Victoria Johnson, Place 1
Phil Anderson, Place 2
Alexa Boedeker, Place 3
Larry Scott, Place 4
Dan McClendon, Place 5
Adam Russell, Place 6

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed 7-0.

- E. CSO#6270-09-2026, ordinance providing a Fiscal Year 2026-2027 schedule of fees for various City of Burleson services. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Phil Anderson and seconded by Larry Scott to approve.

Motion passed 7-0.

- F. CSO#6271-09-2026, ordinance providing Fiscal Year 2026-2027 rates for water and wastewater service. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Victoria Johnson and seconded by Alexa Boedeker to approve the rates for water and wastewater service for FY 2026-2027.

Motion passed 7-0.

- G. CSO#6272-09-2026, ordinance providing Fiscal Year 2026-2027 rates for collection and disposal of residential and non-residential solid waste, recyclables, and trash. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Phil Anderson to approve the FY 2026-2027 rates for collection and disposal of residential and non-residential solid waste recyclables, and trash.

Motion passed 7-0.

- H. CSO#6273-09-2026, ordinance adopting the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to 2030-2031. (Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Adam Russell and seconded by Larry Scott to approve CIP Plan for FY 2026-2027 to 2030-2031

Motion passed 7-0.

- I. CSO#6274-09-2026, FY 2026-2027 City of Burleson Strategic Plan. (Staff Contact: Janalea Hembree, Director of Strategy and Innovation)**

Motion made by Victoria Johnson and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the FY 2026-2027 City of Burleson Strategic Plan.

Motion passed 7-0.

- J. CSO#6275-09-2026, resolution declaring intention to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$79,944,910 for certain capital expenditures with proceeds from debt; and placing time restrictions on the issuance of tax-exempt obligations. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Motion made by Adam Russel and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the reimbursement resolution.

Motion passed 7-0.

4. GENERAL

- A. CSO#6276-09-2026, Consider and take possible action on an ordinance amending the City operating budget (CSO#5910-09-2025) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by increasing anticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,034,470 and appropriations in the amount of \$3,738,976 in various funds; and finding time is of the essence. (First and Final Reading) (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)**

Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance, presented an amendment to the city operating budget for FY 2025-2026 to the city council. The budget amendment to increase revenue by \$1,034,470 and appropriations in the amount of \$3,738,976 in various funds to accommodate operating and capital needs for FY 2025-2026.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the issuance and sale of City of Burleson, Texas, Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026; General Obligation Refunding**

and Improvement Bonds, Series 2026, and Corporation's Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2026. (Staff Contact: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)

Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager, introduced Marty Shu with Hilltop Securities. She gave an update on the certificates of obligation and general obligations refunding bonds.

Actual sale results for Gos, Cos, and Revenue Bonds:

- The aggregate principal amount of the COs is \$32,895,000;
- The aggregate principal amount of the GOs is \$17,820,000; (This includes the new money issue and the refunding bonds)
- The aggregate principal amount of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds is \$6,710,000;
- The final true interest cost (TIC) on the debt is 4.33% (GO), 4.38% (CO), and 5.66% for the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds;
- The refunded Revenue Bonds produced a net present value debt service savings of 1.62%;
- The final maturity is March 1, 2046; and
- The Pricing Officer exercised the delegation within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the parameter ordinance.
- September 30, 2026 is closing date.

6. 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

- No executive session needed.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS

- Requested that the structure, makeup, and boundaries of the TIF be reviewed and brought forward to the Community & Intergovernmental Relations Committee or City Council for an update and further discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Chris Fletcher adjourned the meeting.

Time: 6:05 p.m.

Monica Solko
Deputy City Secretary