

City of Burnet City Council



Item Brief

Meeting Date

June 24, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2025-28: D. Vaughn

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE START TIME OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Information

Section 2-24 of the City of Burnet Code of Ordinances currently states that regular meetings of the City Council shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each calendar month. At the June 10, 2025 meeting, the City Council provided direction to staff to draft an ordinance changing the regular meeting start time to 5:00 p.m. This change is intended to help ensure that meetings conclude at a reasonable hour while still maintaining transparency and public accessibility.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2025-28 as presented.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Burnet, Texas, currently holds its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each calendar month at 6:00 p.m., as provided in Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-24 of the City's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that adjusting the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. will help ensure meetings conclude at a reasonable hour, support efficient operations, and still provide the public ample opportunity to attend; and

WHEREAS, this adjustment is consistent with practices in other similarly sized Texas cities and will benefit both City staff and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, City Council, finds, determines, and declares that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, THAT:

Section One. Code Amendment. Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burnet, is hereby amended by adding the language that is underlined (underlined) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~stricken~~) as follows:

Sec. 2-24. Time and location.

(a) Regular meetings. City council shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each calendar month at 5:00~~6:00~~ p.m., at the city council chambers, subject to the following:

(1) Change of meeting date. City council by ordinance, resolution, or order may change the date or time for a future regular meeting or meetings.

(2) Calendar conflict. If any such Tuesday, or other date set for a regular meeting is a city holiday, the meeting may be rescheduled on the next business day thereafter or other time as scheduled by the city council.

(3) Severe weather. If severe weather, or any emergency or special circumstance results in the rescheduling of the meeting, the regular meeting may be held on the next business day thereafter.

(4) Cancellation. City Council, or the mayor, may cancel any regularly scheduled meeting, provided that at least one regular meeting shall be held each calendar month.

(b) Special meetings. The city secretary shall call a special meeting upon the request of the mayor, the city manager, or any two councilmembers.

(c) Emergency meetings. In instances of emergency or urgent public necessity, the mayor, or councilmember duly acting in the absence of the mayor, or the city manager may call an emergency meeting in such manner as is authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

(d) Location. City council meetings shall be held at the city council chambers or such other place prescribed by ordinance, resolution, or order of city council.

Section Two. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section Three. Cumulative. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of all ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinances, in which event Section 5, (entitled "Repealer") shall be controlling.

Section Four. Repealer. All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section Five. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section Six. Publication. The publishers of the City Code are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing Code.

Section Seven. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of final adoption hereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of June 2025

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary