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COUNTY OF BURNET { }

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On this, the 24th day of February 2026, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Regular Session, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 301 E. Jackson, Burnet, TX thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor	Gary Wideman
Council Members	Cindia Talamantez, Tommy Gaut, Philip Thurman, Joyce Laudenschlager, and Ricky Langley
City Manager	David Vaughn
City Secretary	Maria Gonzales

Guests: Keith McBurnett, Eric Belaj, Adrienne Feild, Tony Hefferin, Leslie Kimbler, Thad Mercer, Tony Nash, Andrew Scott, Jacob Thomas, Raymond Whelan, Caden Senn, Lee Carney, Alan Trevino, Damon Beierle, Sara Mack, Jim Umbarger

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Mayor Gary Wideman

PLEDGES (US & TEXAS): Led by Council Member Philip Thurman

SPECIAL REPORTS/RECOGNITION:

5.1) January Financial Report: P. Langford

Finance Director Patricia Langford reported that the City’s budget remains in a strong financial position. The primary sources of revenue for the City continue to be property tax, sales tax, utility transfers, and EMS transfers.

Mrs. Langford noted that the Golf Fund is outperforming budget projections, driven by strong green fee revenues and member collections. The Electric Fund is performing well, along with the Water and Wastewater Fund.

As of January 31, 2026, cash reserves are as follows:

- Unrestricted Cash Reserve Balance: \$6,156,023
- 90-Day Reserve Requirement: \$5,007,000
- Unrestricted Cash Balance Over 90-Day Requirement: \$1,149,023
- “Restricted by Council” Cash Balance: \$3,829,604

Overall, the City remains financially stable and is exceeding its required reserve threshold.

5.2) Present and Discuss the Police Departments Annual Traffic Stop Data Report: T. Hefferin

Chief Tony Hefferin presented the results of the annual traffic stop data report. He reported that in 2025, officers conducted 6,240 traffic stops, representing a substantial increase from the previous year.

Chief Hefferin reviewed demographic information for the City of Burnet, noting that the community is predominantly white. This demographic composition is reflected in the traffic stop data, with 83.51% of all traffic stops involving white motorists.

He also addressed statistical errors encountered during the data retrieval process. The department is actively working with other departments to correct these issues ahead of next year's reporting cycle. In addition, internal staff training efforts are underway to improve data accuracy and reporting procedures moving forward.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1) Approval of the February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approval of the February 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

Council Member Ricky Langley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION:

7.1) Final Public Hearing to encourage citizen participation, discuss, and answer any questions regarding Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Contract No. CDV23-0311: V. Hernandez

City Engineer Veronica Hernandez provided the final details regarding the Tx DB Grant, which was administered on behalf of the City by GrantWorks.

The project addressed Wofford infrastructure improvements and included the installation of 2,400 linear feet of water transmission pipe. The East Tank was connected to the main transmission line from Post Mountain Tank, and the roadway was repaved as part of the project scope.

All construction associated with the grant project has been completed.

Mayor Gary Wideman opened the public hearing at 5:12 p.m., and there being no one further wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 5:12 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

8.1) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2026-09: E. Belaj

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A WATER CONSERVATION GRANT APPLICATION TO LCRA AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT

Council Member Philip Thurman made a motion to approve Resolution R2026-09 as presented. Council Member Tommy Gaut seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2) Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2026-05: T. Nash

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS 74-37, ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS,” AND 74-38, ENTITLED “GOLF COURSE RATES”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council Member Ricky Langley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-05 as presented. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2026-10: K. McBurnett

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Council Member Philip Thurman made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2026-10 as presented. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.4) Discuss and consider action: Direction to staff regarding proposed amendments to Section 118 - “Zoning” for the Multi-Family Residential – District “R-3” regulations: L. Kimbler

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion directing staff to proceed with drafting the amendments as presented. Council Member Tommy Gaut seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.5) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2026-12: D. Vaughn

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 16.610 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE EUGENIO PEREZ SURVEY NO. 41, ABSTRACT 672, IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AND BEING THAT SAME 16.610 ACRES DESCRIBED AS TRACT II IN THAT CERTAIN WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR’S LIEN RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 202209940 IN THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PROPERTY CONTRACT

Council Member Philip Thurman made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2026-12 as presented. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.6) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2026-11: D. Vaughn

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CREATION OF AND JOINING THE “BURNET

COUNTY HIGHLAND LAKES SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION” (BCHL-SRPC);
AND AUTHORIZING COORDINATION WITH OTHER COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Council Member Tommy Gaut made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2026-11 as presented. Council Member Cindia Talamantez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.7) Discuss and consider action: Appoint two members to serve on the Burnet County Highland Lakes Council of Governments Sub-Regional Planning Commission, with one member serving a term expiring December 31, 2027, and one member serving a term expiring December 31, 2028: D. Vaughn

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to appoint Gary Wideman and Joyce Laudenschlager to serve on the Burnet County Highland Lakes Council of Government Sub-Regional Planning Commission, with Mayor Gary Wideman serving a term expiring December 31, 2027, and Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager serving a term expiring December 31, 2028.

8.8) Discuss and consider action: City of Burnet July 2025 flood response, including but not limited to floodplain development regulations; repair and reconstruction of City facilities; community assistance programs; debris management; participation in the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Buyout Program, including property eligibility criteria, project area identification, projected costs, and survey and appraisal requirements; direction to staff; and other related flood issues: D. Vaughn

City Manager David Vaughn stated that a special meeting regarding the July 2025 Flood will need to be scheduled in the coming weeks. He noted that the government shutdown has resulted in an additional delay in progress related to flood matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: None.

REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL FOR FUTURE REPORTS: In accordance with Resolution R2020-28 councilmembers may request the City Manager to prepare and present future reports on matters of public interest: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Gary Wideman at 6:03 p.m. Council Member Philip Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary