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COUNTY OF BURNET {}

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On this, the 26th day of August 2025, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Workshop Session, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 2402 S. Water, Burnet, TX thereof with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor Gary Wideman

Council Members Cindia Talamantez, Tommy Gaut, Philip Thurman, Tres Clinton,
Joyce Laudenschlager, and Ricky Langley

City Manager David Vaughn

City Secretary Maria Gonzales

Guests: Jessi Carpenter, Jill Disler, Adrienne Feild, Mark Ingram, Leslie Kimbler, Patricia Langford, Keith McBurnett, Tony Nash

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

2.1) Discuss and consider action: The 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal year budgets; review of current proposed year end financials, capital projects, and potential issuance of related debt:

City Manager David Vaughn reported that the City is currently in good financial shape, with approximately \$6.65 million in the bank. Of this amount, \$5,590,826 has been restricted by the City Council, and \$3,650,442 is already encumbered. Despite these obligations, the total available cash to Council is reported at \$7,700,384.

While the City's financial standing is stable, Mr. Vaughn emphasized that several upcoming factors could significantly impact the overall cash position. These include unresolved flood damage, a potential property buyout program, and the ongoing need for street repairs. He noted, however, that there are several financing options available to address these needs.

Staff recommended the following next steps: issuing 5 to 10-year debt for golf course property purchases; utilizing short-term debt (1–2 years) to cover flood-related expenses; analyzing the financial impact of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program; evaluating whether debt is necessary for the street rehabilitation program; and considering long-term debt solutions as needed for both flood recovery and the EWP Program.

2.2) Discuss and consider action: City of Burnet flood response including flood plain:

Assistant City Manager Keith McBurnett informed the Council that there is a potential buyout program for homeowners affected by the recent flood, particularly those whose properties are located in the floodway along Oak Street. The program would be voluntary, with 75% of the funding provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the remaining 25% to be covered by the City. The total funding for the program could reach approximately \$1 million. The

City has already received letters of interest from eligible property owners. Staff will continue gathering information about the program and its funding and will report back to the Council at a later date.

City Manager David Vaughn added that the Council may want to eventually make a policy decision on whether rebuilding within the floodway will be permitted. However, at this time no policy changes are recommended for immediate action. Any applications for reconstruction in that area will be reviewed by Streamline Engineering.

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 4:51 p.m.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary