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On this, the 16th day of March 2026, the City Council of the City of Burnet convened in a Workshop Session, at 11:30 a.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
Absent	Ricky Langley
City Manager	David Vaughn
City Secretary	Maria Gonzales

Guests: Habib Erkan, Jr., Keith McBurnett, Jill Disler, Patricia Langford, Andrew Scott, Caden Senn

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

2.1) Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2026-17: D. Vaughn

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BURGER KING BUILDING ON SOUTH WATER STREET AS A H-TEA-O STORE AS A PROJECT UNDER THE TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT FOR AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN \$10,000

Mayor Gary Wideman made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2026-17 as presented. Council Member Joyce Laudenschlager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2) Discuss and consider action: Provide direction to staff regarding potential future ordinance revisions related to utility reconnect fees, service fees, and the utility disconnect process: J. Disler

Assistant Finance Director Jill Disler reviewed the current fees for customer reconnection following service disconnection. The existing rates are \$30 for reconnections during business hours and \$75 for after-hours reconnections.

Staff is considering implementing a single, standardized reconnection fee of \$50 to simplify the process and improve convenience for customers. Additionally, it was recommended that the fee for service order calls be adjusted to \$50 per call during business hours, while after-hours service calls would remain at \$75.

City staff will continue evaluating the proposed pricing structure and disconnection procedures and will return to the Council with further recommendations at a later date.

2.3) Discuss and consider action: City of Burnet July 2025 flood response, including but not limited

to FEMA and TDEM Public Assistance Recovery Process; 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 reported to the Council that the buyout program for flood victims has been placed on hold due to the federal government shutdown. Mr. Vaughn also shared that per EWP guidelines, the City is not permitted to accept any additional applications. The deadline for Request for Proposals for appraisal services related to the buyout program is set for April 9, 2026.

Mr. Vaughn also reported that the bridge at Hamilton Creek sustained significant damage during the flood and is estimated to cost approximately \$150,000 to rebuild. He noted that funding may be reallocated as needed, as the walking trail also requires improvements, including lighting. Council directed staff to focus on the need for lighting and trail improvements rather than reconstruction of the bridge.

The walking trail at Haley Nelson Park was similarly damaged during the flood. FEMA has agreed to allocate \$300,000 for repairs. Staff is evaluating the possibility of using concrete for the trail replacement.

In addition, FEMA will reimburse the City approximately \$90,000 to repair and replace damaged irrigation equipment. In anticipation of these funds, the City plans to proceed with purchasing a new center pivot to enhance irrigation efforts rather than repair the outdated system.

Mr. Vaughn further reported that asphalt on Applewood was displaced due to flooding. A temporary repair has been completed; however, a permanent solution, likely involving concrete, will be implemented once funding is available.

Lastly, electrical wiring and conduit at Hamilton Creek Park require replacement. With anticipated FEMA funding, this project will move forward, and Electric Superintendent Andrew Scott and his team will begin ordering the necessary materials.

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 12:42 p.m.

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary