

CITY OF BURTON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Called Meeting and Workshop of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m.
was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 in the Burton City Hall
at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck

Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake, Councilmember Paul McLaughlin, Councilmember Charly Ruemke, Councilmember Sheila Ripple, and Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Amanda Klehm, City Secretary

Rachel Belvin, Utilities Manager

Citizens Present: Denise Withington, David Zajicek, Tiffany Eckhardt, Jeff Eckhardt, Johnnie Pitts, Alicia Shepherd, Lauren Ross, Susie Tommaney, Sherri Osborne, Ned Ross, Emily Cash

Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was established and all in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations

- Alicia Shepherd expressed her concerns regarding the Fire Code that was passed at the last Council meeting as well as the Resolution being reviewed tonight on public comments.
- Susie Tommaney expressed concerns about AOKA and the penalties they will afford the citizens, primarily being arrest is the largest concern. Susie also has concerns about the Subdivision Ordinance.
- Ned Ross expressed concerns about the Subdivision Ordinance and Land Use restrictions. He cautioned that Council should move forward carefully and cautiously during this process.
- Emily Cash expressed concerns about the possibility of data centers coming to Burton. She is concerned about the water usage and noise.

Discussion, Consideration and Action (Approve, Accept, Deny, Table or Take No Action) on:

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 20260721RR Adopting City Council Rules of Procedure for Public Comment and Citizen Participation. Council discussed Resolution No. 20260721RR adopting City Council Rules of Procedure for Public Comment and Citizen Participation. The City Attorney reviewed

the resolution. Discussion focused on repetitive public comments, maintaining order, and ensuring equal opportunity for citizens to speak. Adoption of Resolution No. 20260721RR was approved upon a motion made by Sheila Ripple, second by Paul McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR: Kalkhake, McLaughlin, Ruemke, Ripple, Tidwell
AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Schedule a Public Hearing and Consider the First Reading of the Proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance for the August 11, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

Council approved scheduling the Public Hearing and First Reading of the proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance for the August 11, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting. City Secretary Amanda Klehm clarified that no action on adoption would occur during this meeting. Consent to Schedule a Public Hearing and First Reading of the Proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance for August 11, 2026 was approved upon a motion made by Paul McLaughlin, second by Macey Tidwell. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR: Kalkhake, McLaughlin, Ruemke, Ripple, Tidwell
AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:55pm and move to Workshop was made by Paul McLaughlin, second by Nathan Kalkhake. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR: Kalkhake, McLaughlin, Ruemke, Ripple, Tidwell
AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

Workshop

1. Workshop Regarding the Proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance for the City of Burton, including a General Overview of the Proposed Ordinance, Applicable Provisions of Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code, and the Purpose and Intent of the Ordinance.
2. Article-by-Article Review and Discussion of the Proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance
3. Discussion and Direction to the City Secretary Regarding Revisions to the Proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance and Related Development Regulations Prior to Consideration for Adoption at a Future City Council meeting.

Council reviewed the proposed Comprehensive Subdivision Ordinance. City Secretary Amanda Klehm presented an article-by-article overview, discussing purpose, subdivision procedures, plat requirements, infrastructure standards, financial guarantees, variances, enforcement, and

future engineering standards. City Secretary Amanda Klehm and Mayor Karen Buck emphasized the ordinance is intended to protect taxpayers and primarily applies to new subdivisions requiring plat approval. No action was taken during the workshop.

Nathan Kalkhake had to leave the meeting at 6:36pm.

Adjourn Workshop

A motion to adjourn the Workshop at 6:46pm was made by Paul McLaughlin, second by Macey Tidwell. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR: McLaughlin, Ruemke, Ripple, Tidwell

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

Announcements:

1. August 1, 2026 — Long Life Brotherhood Club August 1st Celebration
2. August 11, 2026 — Regular Council Meeting
3. July 25, 2026 – Dance with Champions Street Dance
4. August 10, 2026 – Meet the Panthers
5. August 12, 2026 – First Day of School



Karen Buck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda Klehm, City Secretary