

CITY OF BURTON

A **WORKSHOP MEETING** of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 in the Burton City Hall at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck
Councilmember Paul McLaughlin
Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake

Councilmember Macey Tidwell
Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt
Councilmember Tommie Gilmon

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Secretary Angela Harrington, Utility Manager Rachel Belvin, & City Attorney Joseph Hays.

Citizens Present: Johnnie Pitts, Tiffany Eckhardt, Ned Ross, Susie Tommaney, Susan Kiel, Cathy Liles, Barbee Gonzales, Alicia Shepard, Melinda Faubion, and those representing the Burton Bulletin (David Zajicek, Denise & Kieth Withington).

A. Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and established a quorum.

C. *Note: Typically, there are usually no public comments in a workshop meeting (only invited remarks from consultant, civic leader, staff, etc.) but Mayor Buck had decided prior to the meeting to allow them at this workshop meeting.*

Johnnie Pitts inquired as to why the Jan. 13 Regular Council Meeting wasn't held at a larger venue to accommodate for the large crowd that attended. The City Secretary explained that City Hall was not aware that a large number of attendees would be at the meeting until it was too late to find another place to meet due to legal posting requirements for all city council meetings.

Susan Kiel told everyone that she had contacted Carmine, Fayetteville and Industry to inquire of their Building Codes and how they are enforced. Each town handles their building code enforcement in house and reminded all that Burton does have a building code ordinance that requires the use of the 2015 International Residential Building Code. The towns she contacted use more recent years building codes.

Kathy Liles stated her belief that before a firm such as AOKA is considered that all ordinances in the city need to be reviewed and updated to get a better picture of what the city will require in terms of code enforcement.

Barbee Gonzales asked for clarification on how many ordinances the city of Burton has and how they are currently enforced. She also asked if AOKA was going to be a part of updating the ordinances and stated that she feels that if they are involved in the updates there is a conflict of interest.

Alicia Shepard read written comments.

Ned Ross feels that an SDO and AOKA are wholly unnecessary and that the city doesn't need a land use ordinance. He feels Burton has gone 150 years without any such things and that the City can control growth through the water and sewer system limitations.

B. Discussion Items:

1. Continue to Review the Proposed Subdivision Ordinance

Mayor Buck led council page by page to point out the changes and updates that had been made after being discussed in the workshop meeting after the regular council meeting on Jan. 13. There was also some conversation regarding contents of the Washington County Subdivision Ordinance which has some items

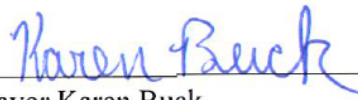
in it that Burton has included. In terms of Burton's ETJ, the general practice is that the stronger restrictions govern the ETJ. Right now, the City of Burton has none, therefore the County SDO applies in the ETJ.

There was also discussion regarding the Design and Construction Standards attached as an Exhibit to the SDO need to be changed in several places to create a better match to what the city has in place today. An example discussed it the lack of curbs throughout most of the city.

2. Narrow the Scope of an Agreement with AOKA

There was a lot of discussion regarding what an agreement with AOKA would cost in permit fees those making their own household improvements including changing out a water heater, making interior changes, electrical updates, and other typical homeowner tasks would cost the residents of Burton. Those types of improvements would not be governed by using AOKA. There are two (2) reasons why the City of Burton does not have ordinances addressing these homeowner topics and AOKA will only assist with what is requested by the city. The council's main concern at this time is to have a way to manage new development (subdivision) within the city limits to guarantee new homes, businesses and schools are built to standards that are safe. Also, another scope of work that AOKA offers, which could be used by the city, are ordinance review, enforcement, and/or the training of city employees for ordinance work.

D. Adjournment @ 7:41 p.m.



Mayor Karen Buck



ATTEST: City Secretary