

CITY OF BURTON

A **WORKSHOP meeting** of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 in the Burton City Hall at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck

Councilmember Paul McLaughlin

Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt

Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Councilmember Tommie Gilmon

Members Absent: Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake

Others Present: City Secretary Angela Harrington; Utility Clerk Rachel Belvin

Citizens Present: Ned Ross, Tiffany Eckhardt & Jonathan Nelson

A. Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

B. Discussion on the following topic:

Competing City Policies (BBCC Resolution 20171211A & Laas-Weeren Park Commission Ordinance 20220809)

The meeting began with Mayor Karen Buck sharing her experience at TML's Newly-Elected Officials Training that she attended July 20-21 in Round Rock. She handed out some of the information she received to Council.

Council reviewed the definition of Ordinance, Resolution and Proclamation to clarify the purpose of these documents. Discussion began about Resolution 20171211A (Burton Beautification and Compliance Committee) and Ordinance 20220809 (Laas-Weeren Park Commission Ordinance) with it being pointed out that a Resolution is a formal expression of opinion, intent or policy voted on by an official body and an Ordinance is a law set forth by a governmental authority to regulate people and property. Some reasons that this discussion is needed is that the documents are competing, incomplete and in need of current function and purpose. The mayor had prepared several questions for consideration and to encourage discussion as seen in attached Exhibits A, B & C.

The questions posed were:

"What is valuable in each document?"

- Policy that was created to address all parts of the city created a larger view or picture of needs to be met.
- Laas-Weeren Park needed attention but it doesn't need to be the focus moving forward.
- A variety of voices involved in caring for the city. Not just city leaders.
- Rules & Regulations for Laas-Weeren Park are needed but revisions should be made.

"What is missing or needed in these documents?"

- A solution to who performs maintenance not covered by groundskeeping on all city property is needed. Not just the maintenance on the city park but should include defining who should take care of watering, fertilizing and the water fountain in Laas-Weeren Park.
- A way to enforce ordinances needs to be explored, discovered and put in place.
- Maintenance of city properties beyond the park.

"What needs can we meet now to +/- 5 years?"

- What do we have to work with moving forward?
- City wide clean up and trimming of trees on roads is needed.
- Finding a way to consistently maintain ALL city properties including alleys and right of ways is needed.
- Sidewalks and walking paths that make pedestrian traffic safer, easier and more enjoyable.
- The whole city (North, South and West) should be considered when creating a solution to the needs.

"How to meet these needs?"

- Residents of the town with the leadership of the Council should be utilized in creating the solution.
- How should the solution be handled? With the current committee, park commission, or a separate entity (501c) other than the city?
- How can the city partner with other groups in the city to get things done?

Councilmember Macey Tidwell recommended rewriting Ordinance 20220809 to cover all issues presented. Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt reasoned that the most logical thing to do is to do away with both and create one all encompassing document. This reasoning was supported by an attorney with extensive city government knowledge in attendance to the workshop. Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt agreed to head up the development of a committee to draft an ordinance creating solutions to the needs discussed, ways to implement those solutions and appointing those who will be responsible for the execution of the solutions.

C. Adjournment @ 6:56 p.m.

Attest:

Angela Harrington
City Secretary Angela Harrington

Karen Buck

Mayor Karen Buck

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WORKSHOP

- * Discussion → plan forward
- * No vote/decision

Police

Resolution # 20171211A

Creation of Burton Beautification
and Compliance Committee

Law

Ordinance 20220809

Adopting rules + regulations
for Laas-Weeren Park

WHAT IS Valuable?

policy to be able to address diff
parts of city

encompass whole city / larger view/picture
of needs

park needed attention ... But now...

voices at table / not just city leaders
park rules/regs

What is missing/needed?

maintenance of city property not in park

review curfew

teeth to ordinances

maintenance/care water fountain

Water/fertilize park

who takes care of ...?

VISIONARY

Self
+ 2
4

What needs can we meet

now + ± 5 yrs?

What does city own/responsible for

Alleyways - conveyed $\rightarrow$ future use

Park water fountain maintenance

Water/fertilize park

pedestrian traffic

Whole town

City
 - standing Comm.
 - Park Commission?
 - Park Comm?
 - Separate entity?

How meet these needs?

What do we have to work with?
 - property!

Council leadership - voices of town dwellers

Rewrite 20220809 - Rules & Regs
 Process Oversight