

# WEEKLY REPORT

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TO: MAYOR SHETTER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
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## I. Council Schedule

### Meetings

- **Monday, August 5:** Council Meeting, Special Session: Budget, City Hall Council Chambers. 141 W. Renfro St. 1:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 5:** Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers. 141 W. Renfro St. 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 8:** Connect with Council (Council Member Todd K. Hulse and Mayor Pro Tem Dan McClendon) at the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting, City Service Center 725 SE, John Jones Dr. 5:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 15:** Facebook Live Connect with Council (Mayor Ken Shetter and Council Member Katherine Reading) 7:00 p.m.

### Work Session Items

#### August 5

- a. Short term dwelling rentals
- b. Rent-a-bike vendors; including scooters
- c. Selection process & development of city owned 135 W Ellison and 114 W Ellison
- d. Strategic Plan review and update

#### August 19

- a. Capital Improvement Projects - Update
- b. FY 2019-2020 Budget

## II. General Information and Status Updates

### A. Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza in Old Town Weekly Update

Construction of the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza is on schedule.

Construction activity for next week, August 5 - 9, will include:

- Underground utility work at restroom building
- Complete grade beams at shade pavilions
- Continue grade beams at restroom and both trolley platforms
- Tie in new sanitary sewer line

## **B. Project Yukon**

To support Project Yukon, a proposed 250,000 square foot logistics and distribution facility with a minimum capital investment of \$35 million in Highpoint Business Park, and in accordance to new guidelines set forth in the Texas Tax Code Chapter 312, the Burleson EDC has published the following Public Notice:

*On Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., the City Council of the City of Burleson, Texas will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, located at 141 West Renfro Street, Burleson, Texas 76028.*

*The public hearing will be held to consider the following request:*

- *Public Hearing and consideration on designation of an approximately 43 acre tract of land as "Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone Number 008, City of Burleson" under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. For reference purposes, the property is generally described as the northeast corner of the Vantage Dr. and Highpoint Parkway intersection located in Highpoint Business Park, City of Burleson, Johnson County, Texas*
- *The property is currently owned by the Burleson 4A Economic Development Corp. Project Yukon Burleson, LLC has applied for a tax reinvestment zone to support the construction of a logistics and distribution facility and a minimum capital investment of \$35 Million.*

*All interested citizens will be given the opportunity to speak and be heard.*

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Following the public hearing and first reading of an ordinance creating a new TRIZ on 9/3, a Performance Agreement, Tax Abatement Agreement and the final reading of an ordinance creating a new TRIZ will be considered by the Type 4A Corporation and ratified by the City Council at the 9/16 meeting.

The Type 4A Corporation will also consider a land sale contract associated with Project Yukon at the 9/16 meeting.

## **C. Public Safety Committee Meeting Recap**

The Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, July 30. At their meeting, the committee discussed four different proposed ordinances. The first proposed ordinance would require that higher criminal charges be resolved before the prosecutor may file a complaint for a violation of Section 54-172 (Child Exposed to Unjustified Violence) in the Burleson Municipal Court. The ordinance codifies a long-standing practice of the municipal court prosecutor.

The second proposed ordinance would require the chief of police to implement a protocol for police officers to use when encountering a child exposed to violence. There are numerous studies showing that children exposed to violence benefit in a variety of ways when engaged by

a police officer on-scene. The proposed ordinance does not require a specific protocol, but just asks the chief of police to implement a set of policies and procedures.

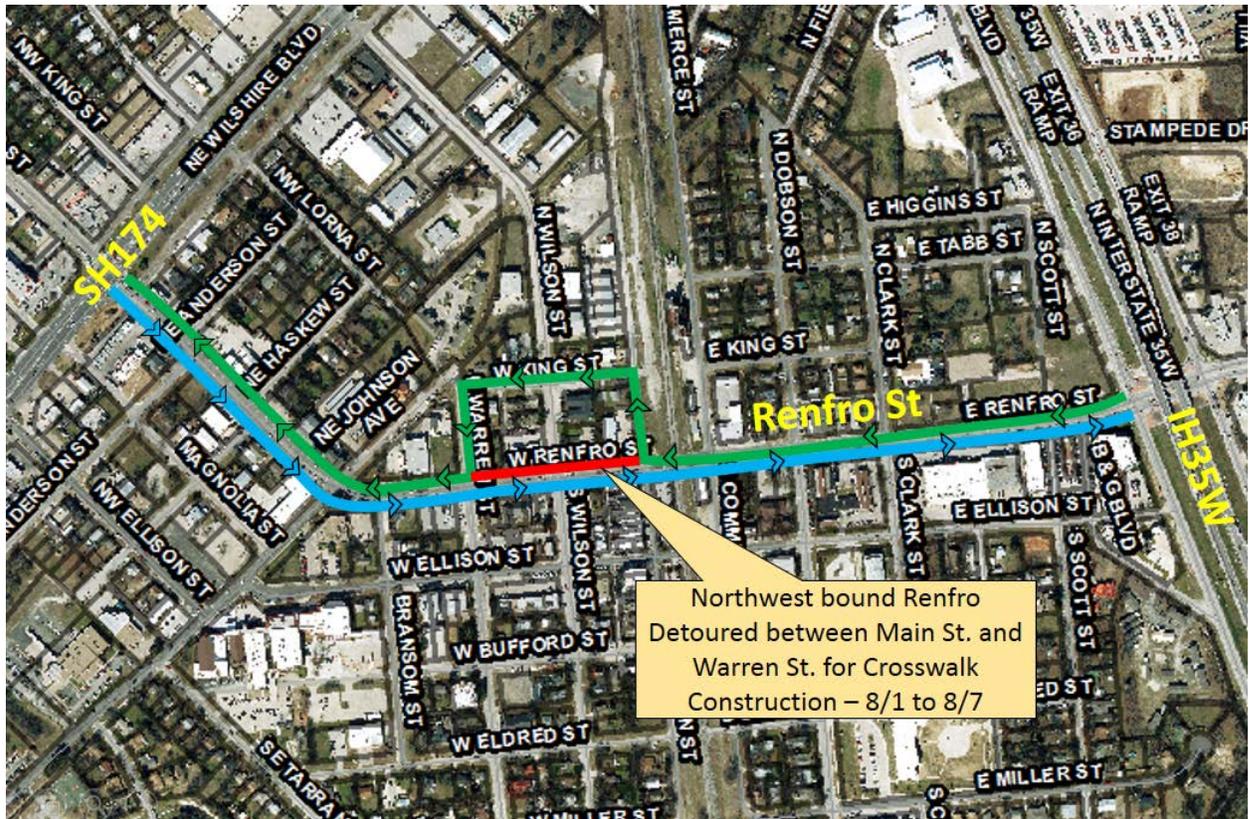
The third and fourth proposed ordinances are amendments to current ordinances to help clean up archaic and confusing language. The third proposed ordinance would amend and clarify the prohibition of conducting certain activities in city streets, and the fourth proposed ordinance would amend and clarify the prohibition against sleeping in public places.

The committee discussed the proposed ordinances and directed staff to bring all four ordinances to council at a later date for consideration.

**D. Detour on northwest bound Renfro between Main Street and Warren Street**

If you are heading toward Old Town from IH35W on Renfro Street, be prepared for a small detour in the coming week. Construction of three crosswalks between Main Street and Warren Street will require closure of one section of the northwest bound lane. Between Main Street and Warren Street, traffic is routed one block over, to King Street, then down Warren Street and back to Renfro Street. The detour is expected to be in place for one week at most, August 1st through August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MAP OF DETOUR ON NB RENFRO STREET**

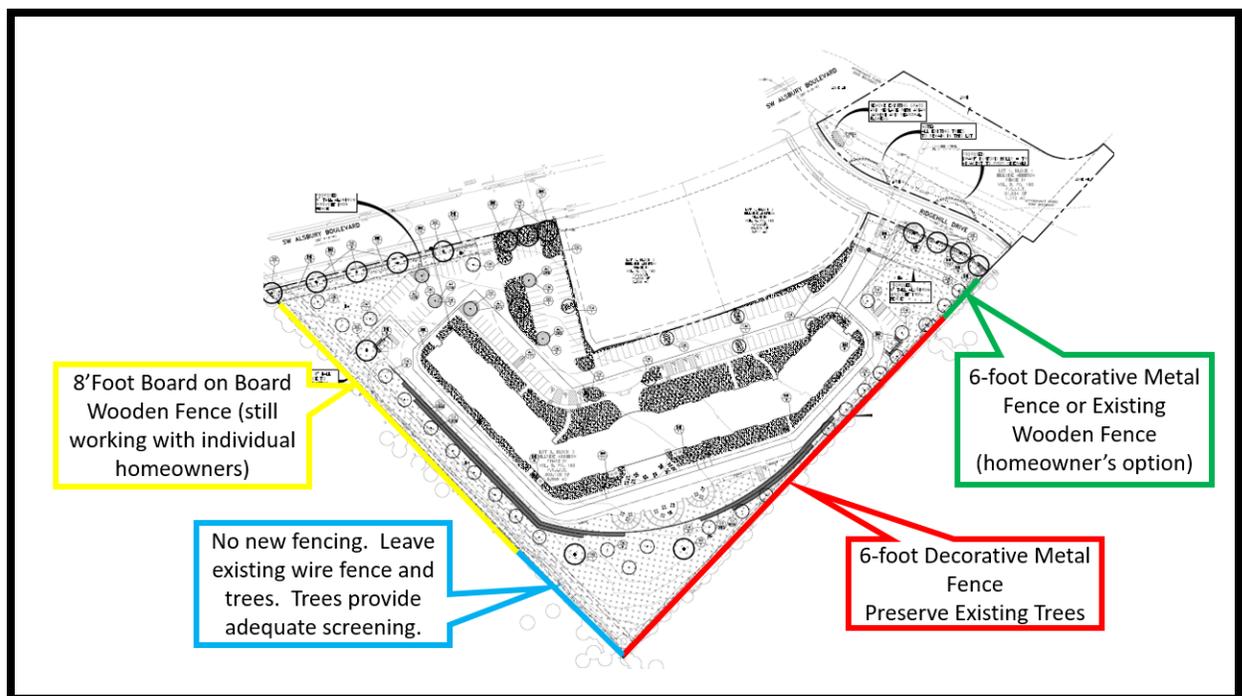


### **E. The Residence at Alsbury**

The Residence at Alsbury is the proposed independent senior-living, multi-family community on Alsbury across from Fire Station 1 that proposes use of Housing Tax Credits. The developer has submitted a PD-Planned Development zoning request and an associated site plan that will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission on August 6 and by Council on August 19. In advance of the consideration, the developer, Brett Johnson with Overland Property Group, met with nearby residents to make sure they were informed of his plans and to talk through any concerns that they have with the development. This meeting occurred on Wednesday, July 31.

There were approximately 16 residents at the meeting. The discussion included an overview of the project and questions and answers for those who were not already familiar with the project and had not attended previous meetings associated with the Housing Tax Credit application. Questions tended toward security, traffic, parking, drainage and screening.

In addition to general information about the project, a meeting objective was to determine and/or confirm the preferences of adjacent residents with respect to fencing and screening. There are some site limitations due to an existing easement that contains a major City water transmission main. There are also some large adjacent lots with existing trees and fences, so a masonry wall may not be desirable. The developer has met individually with homeowners directly adjacent to the project for feedback with respect to fencing. Below is an exhibit showing the proposed fencing plan.



**F. New Emergency Operations Manager selected**

Will Allen will start as the City of Burleson's Emergency Operations Manager on August 5. In this position, Will is responsible for the city's crisis planning, training, exercises and EOC operations. In addition to working with the city departments, he will also work closely with many community organizations in support of their efforts to assist the victims of city disasters.

Previously, Will has served as the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator with Collin County, Texas. There he was responsible for assisting in developing plans, training, and conducting exercises in preparation for the response and recovery of potential catastrophes in Collin County.

Prior to Collin County, Will volunteered with the Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps as their Steering Committee Chair. In this capacity, he worked for more than four years to develop a comprehensive volunteer program to link local health and medical volunteers with other state and federal agencies, as well as, build partnerships with other local, state and regional volunteer programs. During his term as committee chair, Will guided the preparation and training of the psychological first aid teams that responded to the City of Dallas following the fatal shootings of five police officers.

While Will is currently serving his fellow citizens in disaster preparation and response positions, he has rendered a thirty-five-year career in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. Throughout his many years of military service, Colonel Will Allen (retired), held a wide range of leadership positions that included command of a Dallas based, Cyber Operations Group, comprised of more than 600 service members that deployed on missions around the world to provide military and civilian telecommunications that met national security objectives. Concurrently, Will was tasked with preparing and mobilizing his units to deploy to numerous disasters, including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and others.

During his career, he distinguished himself by earning a Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service, five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards at three different organizations, and other medals.

We are excited to welcome Will to our team and look forward to his expertise leading the city's emergency operations.

**G. Chisenhall Irrigation**

On July 25, the Chisenhall irrigation controller alarms went off indicating a problem with the water pump system. Staff evaluated the system and determined that it was necessary to contact the vendor to further diagnose the problem. It was determined that the electrical system that controls the pumps moving water out of Bailey Lake to irrigate Chisenhall has been affected, and Oncor has been contacted to assess the cause of the electrical problem going to the controller. Once that issue is resolved, the pumps and motors on the system will be evaluated and additional repairs will be made, as needed. During this process, we are not able to irrigate the fields at Chisenhall. To protect the turf on the fields, we will not be able to host practices at Chisenhall for the month of August. Staff have discussed the issue with BYA leadership, and we are moving BYA's fall baseball & softball practices to Hidden Creek Sports Complex at a discounted field rental rate. BYA's fall season begins September 7.

**H. Blazin' the Station**

Burleson Fire Department partnered with Your Harvest House Burleson for a school uniform clothing drive on Saturday, July 27. The event collected school uniforms for youth from kindergarten to high school along with socks and undergarments. Del Norte Tacos and Texas Snow were at the event and donated a portion of sales to the school uniform drive.



**III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures**

<b>Upcoming Road Construction/Closures</b>			
<b>Project &amp; Limits</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Traffic Affected</b>	<b>Estimated Completion</b>
Renfro Street Medians in Old Town – Johnson to IH35W	<i>8/1 UPDATE – Medians and crosswalks are under construction. Work on irrigation and streetlights is underway. Landscape will follow, with an asphalt overlay as the final step.</i>	<i>8/1 UPDATE – Middle lanes closed to traffic, one lane open in each direction. Northbound Renfro will be closed between Main Street and Wilson for approximately 7 days starting August 1st so that 3 crosswalks can be built. Traffic will be detoured down Main St. To King to Wilson and back to Renfro. See item above for a map.</i>	<i>8/1 UPDATE – The current contract completion date is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. City staff continues to push the contractor for completion of the project.</i>
Old Town Quiet Zones - RR xings at Commerce, Renfro, Ellison, Eldred	<i>8/1 UPDATE – Work started on 6/3. UPRR was scheduled to resume their work 7/29 but has not been on site this week. The contractor is waiting on</i>	Closures at crossings when work is occurring. First location will be Renfro Street.	Start in June 2019, End in December 2019. Work is currently projected to be complete in September, but is dependent on UPRR's schedule.

	<i>UPRR work to be able to proceed.</i>		
NW Renfro Improvements – Wilshire Blvd. To Cindy Lane	Work now occurring near the SH174 intersection. Storm drain issue has been resolved. CVS drive has been removed, work on right turn lane ongoing.	<i>8/1 UPDATE – Lane closure on SH174 is expected to last 2 more weeks. Lane closure on Renfro Street will be in place several weeks as the right turn lane is built.</i>	Early 2020
McNairn 16" Water Line & Sewer Rebuild- SH174 to Turkey Peak Water Facility Site on Jayellen	Water line construction is progressing on Jayellen and near the Turkey Peak water site. Pavement work on McNairn north of Sunnybrook is underway.	Sections of McNairn closed as work progresses. One lane of Jayellen will be open during construction in the area. Full closure may be required for short times, and alternate routes are available.	October 2019

**IV. Upcoming Community Events**

**A. Events**

**Saturday, August 3: WORDfest SW at the Senior Activity Center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Calling all writers for a day of unforgettable creative connection.** WORDFest SW is a FREE event that will give writers a chance to meet fellow writers, literary leaders, and industry pros. Participants will also learn how to take their work to the next level, enjoy classes, exhibitors and more.

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# Junior Fire Academy July 15-18

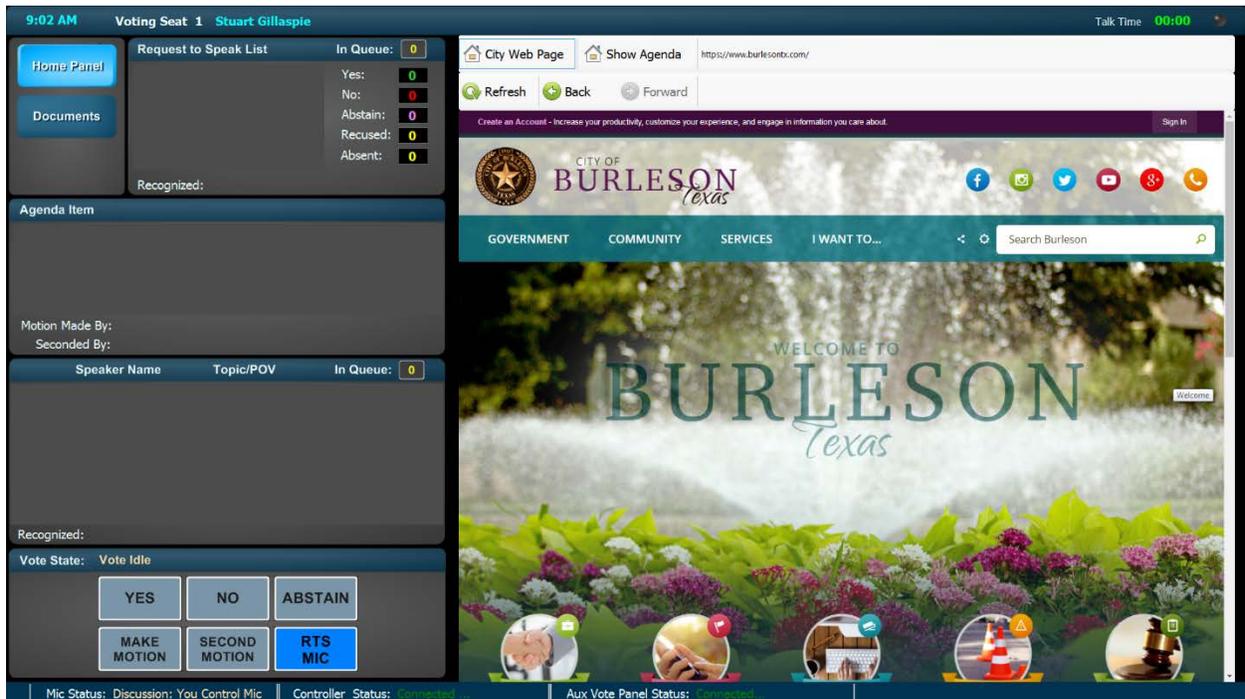


## Council Voting Technology:

### Background and Objectives

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on staff's work to replace our current electronic voting system at the Council Dais.

Staff has begun the process of replacing the mini-touch screen voting terminals with a software driven voting system. The new system will incorporate the voting system and the staff presentation on the same screen as seen below.



The left hand side of the screen will show the voting and will be operated by clicking your mouse on the buttons to make a motion, second a motion and to place your vote. As a motion is made and seconded it will show in the window on the left. The right portion of the screen will be the presentation window that will show what is being presented from the staff podium.

In order to accomplish the split screen we will be installing individual video processors at each workstation. This is scheduled to be completed on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Once completed, the mini-touch panels will be removed.

The new display, as seen above, will no longer allow the use of the local PC from each workstation. Therefore, staff will be issuing iPads to all council members for them to use as their computing device for accessing agendas or researching information on the Internet.

Each council member will receive his or her own personal iPad that will be able to access the internet from any location. The iPads will be set up individually to allow personalized access to emails, calendars, agendas, applications and internet browsing. In addition, by utilizing cloud accounts, staff will have the ability to transfer files such as agenda packet postings and other important documents straight to the council's iPads from any computer.



Apart from the new iPads themselves, the council agenda packet will also be receiving an overhaul, with easier navigation, internal anchor links, bookmarks and the ability to easily highlight and make notes directly on the iPad screen. The ultimate goal of this project is to not only create a simpler way for councilmembers to view, research and prepare items beforehand, but also to streamline presentations, voting systems and administration as a whole during meetings.