

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-56

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO PURSUE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO REPURCHASE LAND DONATED, BUT NOT USED, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE'S ELLEN HALBERT UNIT.

Whereas, in 1992 the City donated approximately 330 acres to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for the development of Ellen Halbert Unit; and

Whereas, the purchase price TDCJ paid the City was \$1,997 dollars per acre; and

Whereas, the Ellen Halbert Unit was opened in March of 1995; and

Whereas, much of the property donated by the City to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) was not used in the development of Ellen Halbert Unit; and

Whereas, there is precedent for the Texas Legislature to authorize a municipality, in instances such as this, to repurchase property for the sales price TDCJ paid to the City; and

Whereas, the City Manager has held initial conversations with representatives of TDCJ, who have been amenable to working with the City to obtain authorization from the Texas Legislature for the City to repurchase a portion of the unused property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings. That the recitals to this Resolution are incorporated herein for all purposes.

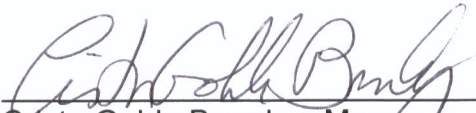
Section 2. City Manager Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as may be reasonably necessary, including but not limited to meeting with Texas Legislators and legislative staff, testify before legislative committees, the Texas House and Texas Senate, in order to obtain legislative authorization for the City to repurchase approximately 27 acres of real property donated to TDCJ that was not used for the development of the Ellen Halbert Unit for the price the City originally paid for the property, as further shown in Exhibit "A". The City Manager shall periodically report on his progress and shall not bind the City to the obligation to purchase any acreage without further Council approval.

Section 3. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, as modified by the governor's orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.


Section 4. Effective Date. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 10th day of November, 2020.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS


Crista Goble Bromley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelly Dix, City Secretary

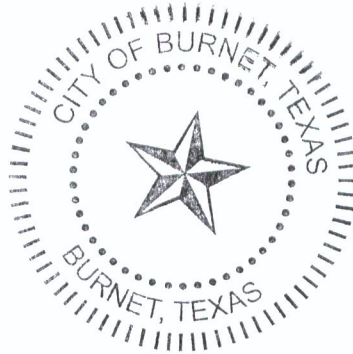


Exhibit "A"

