



REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

BURBANK CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of September 10, 2025 was called to order by Mayor Gilgenberg at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 6530 West 79th Street Burbank, Il.

ROLL CALL

A roll call by Clerk Pyle indicated the following members present: Ald. Barb Gagle, Ald. Sheri Gustafson, Ald. Robert Contreras Ald. Claude Haerr, Ald. John Pacella, Ald. Mitchell Piznarski, Ald. Thomas Phillips, Mayor Gilgenberg, Treasurer David Viverito. Also in attendance: City Attorney: Vincent Cainkar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gilgenberg asked Reavis student Jacob Gustafson to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gilgenberg asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in order to recognize the victims of violence in the country.

JOURNAL

Mayor Gilgenberg asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2025. The motion was made by Ald. Contreras and seconded by Ald.Pacella. Motion carried with unanimous approval by voice vote and so declared by the Chair.

CURRENT BILLS

Mayor Gilgenberg then asked for a motion to approve the current list of bills. The motion was made by Ald. Contreras and seconded by Ald.Gagle. A roll call indicated 7Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye: Ald. Barb Gagle, Sheri Gustafson, Ald. Robert Contreras, Ald. Claude Haerr, Ald. John Pacella, Ald. Mitchell Piznarski, and Ald. Thomas Phillips

ADMINIS-TRATION REPORT

Mayor Gilgenberg discussed replacing the Christmas tree, next to the firehouse, that died. He stated he looks forward to seeing it replaced with a new 25' tree.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Pyle had no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Viverito reported that auditors issued the City of Burbank a clean opinion and the city remains in the black.

ORDINANCES / PETITIONS / RESOLUTIONS

Ald. Haerr made a motion seconded by Ald. Gustafson to approve Ordinance No.13-9-25 authorizing a variation to allow the construction of a six-foot front/side yard fence for the property located at 6334 W. 79th Street, Burbank, Illinois. A roll call indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye: Ald. Gagle, Ald Contreras, Ald. Gustafson, Ald. Haerr, Ald Pacella, Ald. Piznarski and Ald. Phillips. Motion passed.

Ald. Contreras made a motion seconded by Ald. Gagle to approve Ordinance No.14-9-25 an ordinance amending chapter 6. Fire protection and prevention, by changing section 6-32, section 6-33, section 6-34, section 6-37, section 6-38, and section 6-39, of the Municipal Code of the City of Burbank. A roll call indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye: Ald. Gagle, Ald Contreras, Ald. Gustafson, Ald. Haerr, Ald Pacella, Ald. Piznarski and Ald. Phillips. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS	No reports made for this meeting.
POLICE DEPT. REPORT	Police Chief Garcia reported the two Ford Explorers were picked up and are being outfitted for the new Canine Unit. The Police Department picked up the canine and it is starting a six-week training program. Chief Garcia informed the audience that the “coffee with a cop” event was being held on 9/12 at the Starbucks on Harlem and 79 th St. from 4-6 P.M. Chief Garcia announced that Commander Rich Thielan was retiring on Friday and thanked him for his service.
FIRE DEPT. REPORT	Fire Chief Kreil reported the annual pancake breakfast was a big success. The Chief thanked McDonalds and Reavis volunteers for their contribution. Chief Kreil informed the audience that McDonalds was hosting a fundraiser for the Fire Department on 9/14 from 8-11:00. The department is also conducting the fill the boot event over the weekend. Chief Kreil made a presentation to honor Lt. Dan Simpson on his retirement after serving the City of Burbank for 36 years. The chief also reported that the ambulance and Tahoes were delivered this week.
BUILDING AND ZONING	Director Hession had no report at this time.
PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Director Darji reported the street sweeper and two pickups have been delivered and put in service. Mayor Gilgenberg asked the director to bring the new street sweeper to the next Council meeting for the residents and City Council to view.
CITY ENGINEER REPORT	City Engineer Tim Geary reported that the fourth phase of the MFT Project is about 60% completed and the other three are awaiting installation of sod. The mayor inquired about an incident with a dump truck taking down some electrical wires. Tim Geary reported it was repaired.
OLD BUSINESS	No old business reported for this meeting.
NEW BUSINESS	Ald. Gagle made a motion seconded by Ald. Haerr to hire Timothy Walsh to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. A roll call indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Voting Aye: Ald. Gagle, Ald Contreras, Ald. Gustafson, Ald. Haerr, Ald Pacella, Ald. Piznarski and Ald. Phillips. Motion passed. The Oath of Office was administered by Dennis O’Dowd, Chairman of the Police and Fire Commission.
CITIZENS REPORT	<p>Rita Holz – 5852 W. 77th St. Expressed a concern about young people riding motorized scooters in town. The mayor stated that everyone knows that they are not supposed to ride the scooters down the street, however they choose to do it anyway. The mayor asked Chief Garcia to comment. The chief stated that when the people riding the scooters are stopped, his officers try to educate them on the dangers. In most instances the parents are notified and tickets are issued when necessary. The mayor said he will contact the Superintendents of District 111 and 220 and ask them for some cooperation from the schools. Mayor Gilgenberg stated that he regrets to hear of instances when the paramedics must respond to kids being injured in scooter accidents. He wants the kids to understand that even at a low speed they can still get seriously injured in the event of an accident.</p> <p>Harry Cose – 8316 Lockwood Ave. Stated he is having a noise problem with his neighbor. Mayor Gilgenberg and Chief Garcia strongly encouraged him to contact the police to report it. Officers have Decibel Meters to use and will write tickets if necessary. Tickets range from \$200 - \$2,000.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Alderman Contreras and seconded by Alderman Gustafson with unanimous approval and so declared by the Chair. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.</p>