



# City of Fredericksburg

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 12, 2024~ 9:00 am

Law Enforcement Center

1601 E. Main Street

FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624

### City Council Members Present:

Mayor Jeryl Hoover

Mayor Pro-Tem Emily Kirchner

Councilmember Bobby Watson

Councilmember Tony Klein

Councilmember Randy Briley

### Members Absent:

None

### City Staff Present:

Clinton Bailey, City Manager

Garret Bonn, Assistant City Manager

Leticia Vacek, City Secretary

Krista Wareham, Director of Finance

Brian Vorauer, Police Chief

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief

Aaron Anderegg, IT Director

Sean Doerre, Public Information Officer

Brandon Gold, Assistant Director IT

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Special Budget Meeting of the City Council to order at 9:00 am and announced that a quorum was present.

## 2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE AS IT RELATES TO THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

### Presentation by Krista Wareham, Finance Director

Krista Wareham, Director of Finance outlined the Tax Rate Options and showed the City Property Tax History for the Council to consider. She also showed the monthly increase of \$77 for a home valued at \$450,000.00 with the voter approval rate and with the unused increment. A lengthy discussion ensued with regards to the Fire/EMS and Police Officer salaries. Police Chief Vorauer stated that the biggest issue in trying to attract police officer candidates to work for the department was financial. He noted that he would suggest adding a 2% increase for sworn officers to stay competitive with surrounding departments. Fire Chief Bizzell also agreed that it was a financial issue but also added that there were

other factors for his employees such as Paramedic Certification. He noted that there are few individuals that have said certification which is a two-year process to attain.

### **Conduct/Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Increase - Mayor Hoover**

Mayor Hoover declared the Public Hearing open and noted that nobody had registered to speak. He opened the floor to anyone that would like to comment. There being no one to speak, Mayor Hoover declared the Public Hearing closed.

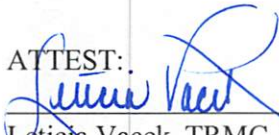
### **Action Required – Motion to postpone the Final Tax Rate vote until Tuesday, September 17, 2024.**

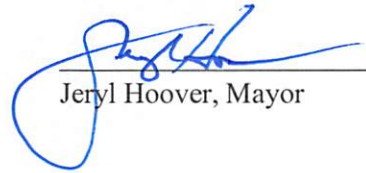
Councilmember Watson moved to postpone the final tax rate vote until Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Councilmember Briley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. ADJOURN**

Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

ATTEST:

  
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Leticia Vacek, TRMC, CMC, MMC  
City Secretary

  
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Jeryl Hoover, Mayor