



# City of Fredericksburg

City Council Regular Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 ~ 9:00 AM  
New City Hall at East Campus  
2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

## **City Council Members Present:**

Mayor Jeryl Hoover  
Mayor Pro-Tem Emily Kirchner  
Councilmember Bobby Watson  
Councilmember Tony Klein  
Councilmember Randy Briley

## **City Staff Present:**

Clinton Bailey, City Manager  
Garret Bonn, Assistant City Manager  
Leticia Vacek, City Secretary  
Mick McKamie, City Attorney  
Krista Wareham, Director of Finance  
Aaron Anderegg, Director of IT  
Brian Vorauer, Chief of Police  
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief  
Kris Kneese, Director of Public Works/Utilities  
Evan Williamson, Interim Director of Development Services  
Sean Doerre, Public Information Officer  
Alyssa Rivera, Public Outreach Liaison  
Leslie Ball Embrey, Assistant to the City Secretary

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeryl Hoover called the meeting to order.

### **2. INVOCATION**

Pastor Ryan Meyer of Stonewall Trinity Lutheran Church led the invocation.

### **3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jeryl Hoover led the Pledge to the Texas and US Flags.

### **4. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Briley reminded everyone to go online and vote for the National Museum of the Pacific War as the Best History Museum. He mentioned this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ending of the Vietnam War Era adding that the American Veterans Traveling Tribute of the Vietnam Moving Wall is coming to Fredericksburg. He reminded everyone

of the Chamber Banquet and noted tickets were still available. He stated that the CVB had no updates as of this morning.

Councilmember Klein stated that he attended Commissioners Court on Monday and one of the items brought up was the Courthouse Square Committee that is looking to enhance and restore the courthouse, grounds, and to improve their side of the square. He added that they talked about doing some of these things.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner provided an election update noting that 4 candidates have filed for 2 City Council positions and named the candidates: Todd Eidson, Charlie Kiehne, Cheryl Rowan, and Bobby Watson. She added that the City General Election will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 7am to 7pm at the Gillespie County Elections Office on Frederick Road. She also reported that Frontier Days are coming at Fort Martin Scott on April 17-19 and will have some incredible programming noting it will be a fun event for history buffs and all children.

Councilmember Watson reported that he will attend the Airport Advisory Board Meeting today at 1pm.

Mayor Hoover addressed item 7A at this time.

## **5. CONSENT**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

- A. **Consider approval of the Regular City Council Minutes of January 21, 2025. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)**
- B. **Consider the approval of Resolution 2025-04 for a FY2026 Police & Community Safety Robot through the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Grant Program. (Alyssa Rivera, Community Outreach Liaison)**
- C. **Consider approval of the purchase and installation of office furniture from DCInteriors Office Furniture for the newly remodeled Law Enforcement Center meeting room in the amount of \$97,591.40. (Brian Vorauer, Chief of Police)**

Councilmember Klein moved to approve consent items 5A-C. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **6. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **Hold the Second Public Hearing for the Voluntary Annexation of a portion of Post Oak Road between Live Oak Road and Smith Road that is owned by Gillespie County. The Annexation request is for the Right-of-Way (ROW) only. This annexation will not increase or extend the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction; Presentation is the same as previous; No Action Required. (Evan Williamson, Interim Development Services Director)**

Mr. Williamson noted that this was the second public hearing required for the voluntary annexation of right-of-way only at Post Oak Road between Live Oak Road and Smith Road.

Mayor Hoover declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wanted to speak on said item. There being none; Mayor Hoover declared the public hearing closed.

- B. Hold Public Hearing for Annexation request by Steve and Beverly Allen for Property Located at 648 & 652 Post Oak Road, Also Referred to as Approximately 5.282 Acres of Land Described as Lot 128B-AR of the Allen Addition in Gillespie County, Texas. (Evan Williamson, Interim Development Services Director)**
- i. Presentation by applicant**
  - ii. Presentation by the Staff**
  - iii. Hold Public Hearing**
  - iv. No action required**

Mr. Williamson presented the item for approximately 5.282 acres of land located at 648 & 652 Post Oak Road. He mentioned that no action was required on said item but to conduct the public hearing at this time.

Steve Allen, the applicant, stated that they purchased the property and now the Golden Hub has approached them, therefore, they have requested the annexation of the land.

Mayor Hoover declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wanted to speak on said item. There being none; Mayor Hoover declared the public hearing closed and added no action was required on said items.

- C. Hold Public Hearing for request Z-2420 by Steve and Beverly Allen to Consider Establishing a Zoning of C1, Neighborhood Commercial for Property Located at 648 & 652 Post Oak Road, also referred to as Approximately 5.282 Acres of Land Described as Lot 128B-AR of the Allen Addition in Gillespie County, Texas. (Evan Williamson, Interim Director of Development Services)**
- i. Presentation by the Applicant**
  - ii. Presentation by the Staff**
  - iii. Hold Public Hearing**
  - iv. No action required**

Mr. Williamson presented said item being related to Item 6B for the same property noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the requested zoning of C1 for the property listed as 5.282 acres of land located at 648 & 652 Post Oak Road. He mentioned that no action was required on said item but to conduct the public hearing at this time.

Steve Allen, the applicant, stated that they purchased the property and now the Golden Hub has approached them, therefore, they have requested the annexation of the land.

Mayor Hoover declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wanted to speak. There being none; Mayor Hoover declared the public hearing closed and added no action was required on said item.

## **7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES**

- A. Consideration and approval of the Juvenile Case Manager (JCM) Program Interlocal Agreement with the Fredericksburg Independent School District (FISD) to establish a cooperative framework for the administration and operation of the JCM Program as a strategic measure to prevent and intervene in truancy and fine-only juvenile related offenses. (Shelley Becker, Municipal Court Judge)**

Judge Becker presented said item for an interlocal agreement with FISD for the administration and operation of a JCM Program to prevent and intervene in truancy and fine-only juvenile related offenses.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the JCM Program agreement with FISD. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consider and take action on appeal of Interim Director of Development Services' denial of STR permit for Scott Gallup at 502 South Eagle Street Unit #102 (Tyler Debish, Short Term Rental Specialist)**

Said item was postponed to a future meeting per the request of the applicant.

- C. Consideration and discussion of the possibility in adopting an Ordinance that would regulate drones in order to protect privacy. (Mick McKamie, City Attorney)**

Mayor Hoover turned the floor over to City Attorney Mick McKamie who stated that people are concerned about their property. Local entities can adopt an ordinance however, such regulation is subject to FAA Approval. Mayor Hoover asked if the message was that there was nothing more that the city could do.

George Studor and Carole Hammerson spoke on said issue. Mrs. Hammerson noted that perhaps it could be viewed as public nuisance. Mr. McKamie stated that a public nuisance may not just be declared but would have to be proved and federal law counteracts same. He added that there could be a private nuisance. Mayor Hoover mentioned that an ordinance would be difficult to enforce for our police department. There was no action to be taken on said item.

- D. Presentation and Discussion of Sidewalk Program Plan. (Sibyl Deckard, Staff Engineer)**

Sibyl Deckard presented a powerpoint of the Sidewalk Program Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner asked of a pedestrian bridge near McDonalds. Mr. Williamson stated that staff has a meeting with TxDOT on re-evaluating that bridge and will bring that forth. Councilmember Briley mentioned current sidewalk tripping hazards. It was stated that the city was addressing specific areas. Councilmember Watson asked about collectors and arterials. Mrs. Deckard highlighted potential changes of neighborhood connectivity, on both sides of collector arterials and for all commercial zones. Mr. Kneese added that staff would like to see sidewalks on both sides. Councilmember Watson asked about the sidewalk escrow. Mr. Williamson explained the escrow process.

A discussion was held with regards to sidewalks on Hwy 16, sidewalks in the new Chikfila area and on pedestrian easement and utility issues around infrastructure. It was noted that sidewalks in residential areas would require the city to budget and to maintain them. Kris mentioned that sidewalk programs are a slow process and the city's sidewalk program has come a long way. He added that developments outside the city limits can be required to put in sidewalks through a development agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner asked if staff had discussed sidewalks with FISC. Mr. Williamson stated that he has not had a discussion with them. Mayor Hoover stated that it is good to have a sidewalk plan to follow but if we need to review an ordinance and update it; he was in favor of doing that.

**E. Consideration and possible action relating to a request from the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce for \$185,000 of HOT Funds for the 2025 Food and Wine Festival. (Jim Mikula, Chamber President/CEO)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner moved to approve the funding request from the Chamber of Commerce of \$185,000 of HOT Funds for the 2025 Food and Wine Festival. Councilmember Briley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. Update on 2025 Food & Wine Festival. (Jim Mikula and Hayley Wakefield, Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce)**

Mrs. Wakefield and Mr. Mikula reported on the Fredericksburg Food & Wine Festival. Councilmember Klein asked about the funds provided for Markt Square Redevelopment for MarktPlatz. Mrs. Wareham stated that she would provide said information.

**B. Legislative Update.**

City Manager Bailey provided a brief update on the Legislative Session that has started. He noted that a number of bills have been filed and together with Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner, a Legislative Update on city related bills introduced will be provided at every other meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner noted that in the State Budget \$12 million has been appropriated the Nimitz and \$1 million for Fort Martin Scott; but noted that said amounts have not been approved. She added that some bills that have been introduced are on the exemption of Homestead. She added that Senator Perry will

file a bill on the Vape Shop issues. Mayor Hoover thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner for her interest in the Legislative process.

**9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- A. City Manager Clinton Bailey reviewed the Future Agenda Items List and Upcoming Meetings with the Council.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections - 551.071 and 551.074.

- A. Consultation with City Attorney - Former Texas Rangers Foundation 380 Agreement and Ground Lease (Texas Government Code Section 551.071).
- B. Consultation with City Attorney Regarding Carleton Schnelle v. City of Fredericksburg Police Department EEOC Charge No. 451-2024-03544 (Texas Government Code Section 551.071).

Mayor Hoover recessed the meeting to go into executive session at 10:12 am. Mayor Hoover reconvened the meeting into open session at 11:04 am.

**11. BUSINESS ITEM**

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the City Council may act on any item posted in Executive Session, as necessary.

Councilmember Briley moved to approve the recommendation of outside counsel as it relates to Item 10B. Councilmember Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. ADJOURN**

Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

  
Jeryl Hoover, Mayor

Attest:

  
Leticia Vacek, TRMC, CMC, MMC  
City Secretary/RMO