



City of Fredericksburg

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 ~ 9:00 AM
New City Hall at East Campus
2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

City Council

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

City Staff

Clinton Bailey, City Manager
Garret Bonn, Assistant City Manager
Leticia Vacek, City Secretary
Mick McKamie, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Brian Vorauer, Police Chief
Krista Wareham, Director of Finance
Kris Kneese, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Evan Williamson, Intrm Dvlpmt Serv Director
Aaron Anderegg, IT Director
Sean Doerre, Public Information Officer
Derek Seelig, PD Lt.
Sibyl Deckard, Staff Engineer
Alyssa Rivera, PD Outreach Specialist
Leslie Ball Embrey, Asst to City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeryl Hoover called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION

Shelby Horn, Fredericksburg Church of Latter-day Saints provided the invocation.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jeryl Hoover led the Pledges.

4. PROCLAMATION - Historic Preservation Month

Mayor Hoover read and presented a proclamation for Historic Preservation Month to the Gillespie County Historical Society and Shelby Collier.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Briley congratulated Councilmember Watson and Councilmember-elect Todd Eidson on their successful campaigns. He also extended thanks to Cheryl Rowan and Charlie Kiehne for offering to serve our community. He thanked our Vietnam Veterans for their service honoring the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War noting that at Sunday's event, General Hagee was the keynote speaker. He noted Tammy King's countless volunteer hours with Rotary members that put the event together. He reported the State of the Burg to be May 14th at the Rock Box Theater. He noted the Chamber's after 5 celebration for small business week to be held at Lock Stock and Barrel, 5-7 pm on May 6th. He reported that the CVB and Chamber are partnering for Fun after 5 on May 8th celebrating National Tourism Week and its impact. He announced Founders Day took place with 230 attendees at their luncheon and 627 individuals visiting the Pioneer Museum that weekend. He added that a ribbon cutting was held at the Jenschke House that was recently renovated by Richard Laughlin and his team. He encouraged all to see this amazing property, with well-done landscape.

Councilmember Klein thanked Randy for his 2 years of service to this community. He noted that he really appreciated Randy for what he has done even though he is a Navy guy, as Tony served in the Air Force. He congratulated Bobby and Todd for winning the election and noted the low voter turnout indicating that about 7,000 City voters did not vote. He noted that it only took him 5 minutes to vote. He added that people do complain to the City Council but if you did not vote, do not complain. He also spoke to the newspaper that wrote last week that the city was going to Stage 5, or we will possibly go to Stage 5. He added that this council and the City Manager have not had that discussion. He did appreciate the rain lately, so that may delay any decision. He mentioned water conservation and no need to water when it rains. He also noted letters were being mailed to customers watering on the weekends. Lastly, he mentioned that the city has been in Stage 4 since he was a young man and we are not at Stage 5.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner noted her ditto to what everyone else has said. She noted that she was grateful for the peaceful and respectful election. She congratulated Bobby and Todd. She reported Frontier Fest at Fort Martin Scott was a fun event. There was a US Calvary Competition re-enactment which was remarkably interesting. She added there were visitors from Quebec, Canada, Mexico, England, Florida, Germany, France, New Zealand, Minnesota, and New York. She added that this week was Travel & Tourism week, Small Business week, and Teacher Appreciation week. She wished all the moms a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. She added that she attended the Economic Development Commission meeting and learned about the entrepreneurs' program that is ongoing at Fisd. She added that they need mentors, and it is an interesting and promising program that will benefit our students.

Councilmember Watson gave a shout out to all city voters that voted and especially for everybody that voted for him. He stated that he was extremely excited to continue serving the residents of Fredericksburg for another 2 years. He added this would be his last term on Council having served about 11 or going on 12 years. He expressed his enthusiasm about serving the City of Fredericksburg. He added that we are blessed to live in an incredibly special town, and it is an honor to serve the people of Fredericksburg.

Mayor Hoover could not agree more with Councilmember Klein with regards to the voter turnout. He noted the same when he ran in 2022 adding that it's disappointing because this town was built on a heritage of becoming Americans. He stated that being able to express your free will in elections has come to the point where we have a 15% turn out for City Elections. He noted he was preaching to the choir; thus, he thanked everyone that made time to be present today to address the council on the issues that matter to each one. He also expressed congratulations to Bobby and Todd and his appreciation to outgoing Councilmember Randy Briley. He added that he found Randy to be a thoughtful and studious Councilmember and could count on him to do his homework noting he was a good person. He personally thanked Randy for his contribution to the Council as a whole. He added that Randy would be missed on Council. He also expressed his gratitude to Councilmembers Klein and Kirchner who continue to be powerful colleagues.

6. 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 Regular City Council Minutes for March 18, 2025. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)

B. Consider Approval of Street Department Annual Construction Material Bid Award. (Kris Kneese, Director of Public Works/Utilities)

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner moved to approve Consent Items 6A and 6B. Councilmember Briley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Calendar and Directives. (Krista Wareham, Finance Director)

Krista Wareham presented the FY 2026 Budget Calendar and Directives. The Council adjusted the budget calendar dates of July 10 and August 26 with July 9th and August 21st. Mrs. Wareham also provided a brief update of the City's Q2 Financials.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner moved to approve the Budget Calendar as revised and the Directives for Fiscal Year 2026. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Receive and discuss presentation on proposal for the creation of a joint City-County Medical Services Advisory Council. (Mayor Hoover and Councilmember Klein)

Mr. George Studor presented a power point for the creation of a joint City-County Medical Services Advisory Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner mentioned the organization named "Connecting the Vine" among other non-profits that were already involved in similar efforts. Mayor Hoover also echoed Mrs. Kirchner's

comments and thanked George for his efforts noting that there are other non-profits that oversee the same efforts being put forth already. No action was taken on said item.

- B. Consider a Request for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding from Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery (Mayor Jeryl Hoover)

Councilmember Briley moved to provide an additional \$16,000 in HOT Funding for the Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Public Comment - Community perception related to Alcohol Consumption on Main Street.

Erica Castro, Jenn Keller, Michael Berman, Eric Hammerson, Carol Hammerson, Annette Bennett, Tim Dooley, Melissa Guensler, John Graham Jr., Charlie Kiehne, Tony VanDyke, Kelsey Morgan and Robert Garcia all spoke on their perception related to alcohol consumption on Main Street while several speakers detailed their individual experiences.

Chief Vorauer stated that he wanted everyone to know that he heard them and the police department heard them. He noted the department has been tracking numbers since 2019 and that is when they saw a spike in public intoxication and driving under the influence. He added since 2019, they have consistently been reporting about 60% of all arrests each year are for public intoxication and DWI's and it is a top priority for the police department. He commented that TABC has shifted from an enforcement agency to an administrative agency. The police department continues to communicate with them on concerns and issues. TABC has planned to conduct an operation in Gillespie County, but the details are unknown at the time.

Lt. Derek Seelig commented on the patrols' activities and said that downtown is especially heavy on weekends. He added that Patrol will do bar walk throughs especially at the establishments that we have received concerns with. Mayor Hoover thanked everyone for attending the meeting and speaking on this matter, adding that if these issues are not reported to the Police Department, it is difficult to address. He encouraged everyone to report any issues they encounter to assist the police department in managing these situations. Again, he thanked everyone for taking time to come to the meeting and speak on said item.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. City Manager Bailey will review the Future Agenda Items/Events.

City Manager Bailey presented the Future Agenda Items and Upcoming Events. Councilmember Briley mentioned that it took 12 months to provide proposals to the City Council relating to the City's Charter Amendments. He noted that said item be noted. City Manager Bailey replied that it is one of the topics of the upcoming City Council Work Session in which future Charter Amendments will be discussed.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- A. Consultation with City Attorney - Former Texas Rangers Foundation 380 Agreement and Ground Lease per Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.
- B. Consider and discuss Civil Action No. 1:24-CV-00701-D11 Joseph Brillhart, Laura Brillhart, and Sally Clark, Plaintiffs, v. City of Fredericksburg, Texas, pending United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division per Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Hoover announced that the City Council would recess into executive session at 11:03 am to discuss the Items 10A and 10B. Mayor Hoover reconvened the regular meeting at 11:18 am and announced that no action would be taken.

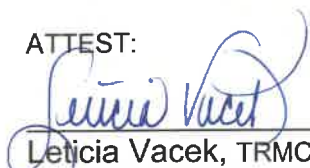
11. BUSINESS ITEM

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the City Council may take action on any item posted in Executive Session, as necessary. No action.

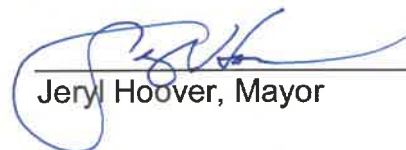
12. ADJOURN

Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.

ATTEST:



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



Jeryl Hoover, Mayor