City of Fredericksburg

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 ~ 9:00 AM
New City Hall at East Campus
2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

City Council:
Jeryl Hoover, Mayor
Emily Kirchner, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bobby Watson, Councilmember
Todd Eidson, Councilmember
Tony Klein, Councilmember (Absent)

City Staff:
Clinton Bailey, City Manager
Garret Bonn, Asst. City Manager
Mick McKamie, City Attorney
Krista Wareham, Finance Director
Cliff Cross, Director, Development Services
Kris Kneese, Public Works/Utilities Director
Brian Vorauer, Police Chief
Braxton Roemer, Lieutenant Special Services
Derek Seelig, Lieutenant Patrol Division
Lynn Bizzell, Chief Fire/EMS
Andrea Schmidt, Parks/Recreation Director
Sean Doerre, Public Information Officer
Aaron Anderegg, IT Director
Brandon Gold, Assistant IT Director
Laurie Cassidy, Deputy City Secretary
Cody Otis, IT Specialist
Alyssa Rivera, PD Outreach Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Hoover called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

2. INVOCATION
Rev. Karen Horan from United Methodist Church delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Hoover led the Pledges.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PROCLAMATIONS/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

A. City of Boerne, Chief of Police Steve Perez recognized Chief Brian Vorauer and the Fredericksburg Police Department for achieving re-accreditation with the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Eidson reported on results from Oktoberfest, noting paid attendance was at 23,000, which is up 5% from last year. He also attended a few Food and Wine Festival events and thanked the Chamber for another successful event. He attended the CVB Board meeting last week. The Board is hiring a search firm to find the next CEO. Councilmember Eidson shared he is leaving tomorrow for the Texas Association of Builders meeting.

Councilmember Klein was absent due to a scheduled vacation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner noted she attended the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference in Fort Worth this past week along with Councilmember Watson and Sean Doerre. Sean, along with a panel of presenters, gave a presentation on *Rebuilding the Public Trust: Strategies for Restoring Confidence in Government.* She shared it was a great conference as she learned about ways to make our city better and learning of best practices.

Councilmember Watson also attended the TML Conference and agreed with Emily noting it was interesting to hear from other cities that are experiencing some of the same issues and to hear how they are handling those issues. He reported on the Airport Advisory Board meeting. The Hangar Hotel is sold out every weekend through the end of December. There are three more events in 2025 including the Santa fly-in on December 20th .There are already four events on the schedule for 2026, all of which are fly-ins. He noted he also attended the Food and Wine Fest, sharing it was a great event, and he is looking forward to next year.

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 City Council Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of October 21, 2025. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)

B. Consider approval of the purchase for Police Department Vehicles budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in the approximate amount of $433,250.00 but not to exceed $433,650.00. (Derek Seelig, Patrol Lieutenant, Fredericksburg Police Department)

C. Consider approval for the purchase of Police Department patrol vehicle emergency lights, radars, equipment, graphics, and installation for seven (7) marked units budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in the approximate amount of $181,383.26 but not to exceed $185,437.49 from FarrWest Specialty Vehicles. (Derek Seelig, Patrol Lieutenant, Fredericksburg Police Department)

D. Consider approval for the purchase of the Water Department Hydro Excavation Trailer included in the FY26 budget equal to $123,540.00.

E. Consideration to confirm the re-appointment of Brad Hardin and Jim Jarreau to the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission Board of Directors appointed by the City of Fredericksburg for another two-year term beginning December 31, 2025. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary and Tim Lemberg, EDC Executive Director)

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6A through 6E as presented. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consideration and adoption of Resolution 2025-28 providing for the acquisition and lease purchase financing of public equipment and authorizing the execution and delivery of documentation required in connection with Frost Bank. (Krista Wareham, Director of Finance)

Krista Wareham shared the city did a request for proposals (RFP) on October 8th which was publicly advertised through the city's website as well as our local newspaper and she received six proposals. She recommended the award to Frost Bank, who offered the lowest interest rate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner recused herself from this item.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Resolution 2025-28. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner abstained from the vote and Councilmember Klein absent.

8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Discussion of Potential Development on Goehmann Lane within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)

Robert Radovan, applicant, shared the development plat has been approved through the Planning and Zoning Commission with one condition. Mr. Radovan described the history of the Frederick Road extension in the thoroughfare plan, the high cost of constructing a bridge as identified in a 2019 Kimley Horn Study, and the need to consider alternative routes due to increased development and changing conditions.

Cliff Cross explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission did approve the development plat with the condition that any future thoroughfare plan must be consistent with the comprehensive plan, and that an alternate route must be defined before final plat approval. He noted there is no action being taken today, only looking for direction.

Mayor Hoover recognized John Bernard. Mr. Bernard shared his concerns about the impact to the neighborhood, property values, and traffic.

Mayor Hoover read a speaker card submitted by Michael Braden, an adjacent property owner, who raised concerns about the bypass ROW restrictions and the removal of such ROW. He shared his support for keeping the ROW as is.

Mayor Hoover read a second comment card submitted by George Studor, who emphasized the need for public safety standards in new developments. He also shared his concerns with allowing a battery storage facility inside the city limits, and the safety of children along Friendship near the middle and high schools.

Mayor Hoover clarified that battery storage facilities are prohibited within the city limits.

Mr. Radovan stated their development would include 60 hotel rooms, 37 villas, 45 estate lots, three restaurants, and a spa, and noted that a traffic impact analysis had been completed and submitted to the city for review.

The council discussed the process for amending the comprehensive plan, the need for a new study by Kimley Horn, coordination with the county, and the potential for annexation, with the next meeting with Kimley Horn for the scope and to study alternate routes and report back on schedule and costs.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Bailey reported on three meetings he held with two groups. Those involved included landowners, residents, developers, and County Commissioner Chuck Jenschke regarding the Hollmig Lane development. These meetings focused on stormwater runoff, erosion, drainage, and traffic concerns. Other development impacts were outlined in an ongoing effort to mediate between stakeholders and explore both short and long-term solutions in collaboration with the county.

Mr. Bailey also reported that he met with the developer's engineer to discuss whether the subdivision was designed and constructed to city standards. He requested additional data to verify drainage performance and is awaiting information to confirm compliance with pre-development runoff. One additional meeting is being planned before the item is brought back to the Council.

Kyle Segner representing the residents' group thanked Clinton Bailey for mediating. He shared that he finally feels like they have a voice. He urged the Council to step back and consider a widespread drainage plan, involving both the city and the county with updates to the comprehensive plan. He also suggested delaying annexation and implementing broader solutions rather than piecemeal fixes.

Deborah Youngblood spoke and thanked all for the update. She shared she is happy to see the progress made. She supported the delayed annexation.

City Manager Bailey shared one more meeting that will be held on November 10th at 10:00 am between the development group and property owners, with participation from Hill Country Alliance to explore green infrastructure options.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

A. City Manager Bailey reviewed the Future Agenda Items List with the Council.

11. 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 (Texas Government Code Section 551.071).

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 (Texas Government Code Section 551.071).

C. Legal Matters Update - Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Mick McKamie - City Attorney)

Mayor Hoover announced the Council would recess into Executive Session at 10:19 am.

Mayor Hoover reconvened the Executive Session at 10:38 am and stated that no action would be taken.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.

Jeryl Hoover, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Cassidy

Laurie Cassidy, TRMC, CMC
Deputy City Secretary