



City of Fredericksburg

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 ~ 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
Tony Klein, Councilmember
Todd Eidson, Councilmember

City Staff:

Clinton Bailey, City Manager
Garret Bonn, Asst. City Manager
Leticia Vacek, City Secretary
Mick McKamie, City Attorney
Cliff Cross, Director, Development Services
Kris Kneese, Public Works/Utilities Director
Krista Wareham, Finance Director
Brian Vorauer, Police Chief
Lynn Bizzell, Chief Fire/EMS
Andrea Schmidt, Parks/Recreation Director
Sean Doerre, Public Information Officer
Aaron Anderegg, IT Director
Maria Garcia, Asst. City Attorney
Tyler Hooper, Asst. Director of Finance
Brandon Gold, Asst. IT Director
Cody Oris, 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

George Studor, a City Resident, delivered the invocation.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoover led the Pledges.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Eidson thanked Ashley Morris, Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Vorauer and Chief Bizzell, for keeping everyone informed and safe during Ice Storm Fern. He also recognized Kris Kneese and staff at the Electric and Water Departments for keeping the power on and the water running during the storm. He reported that he attended the CVB Meeting on January 27th and that the CVB received 12 applications for the CVB CEO position.

Councilmember Klein reported that the Commissions Court meeting was postponed to Monday, February 2, 2026. He added the Market Square Redevelopment Commission plans to meet in March.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner attended the Fire/EMS Installation Ceremony on January 30th on behalf of Mayor Hoover.

Councilmember Watson shared that the Egg Drop at the Airport will be held on March 28th at 1:00 pm with double the amount of eggs (15,000) to be dropped this year.

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 City Council Minutes for the Special Meeting of January 13, 2026, and the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026 (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)

Councilmember Klein moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5A as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Ordinance 2026-05 Calling the City of Fredericksburg's General Election to be held on May 2, 2026. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)

City Secretary Vacek presented said Ordinance noting that early voting and election day voting will all take place at the Gillespie County Elections Office at 95 Frederick Road. She added both the School and City Elections will be conducted jointly sharing the location and expenses.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 2026-05 Calling the City of Fredericksburg's General Election to be held on May 2, 2026. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

- A. Consider approving the allocations of the 2026 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding. (Krista Wareham, Finance Director)

Krista Wareham noted she had no new comments. Mayor Hoover stated that Legal has reviewed the items and standard practice has been to award to non-profits. A discussion ensued regarding consideration of funding for-profits. It was the consensus of the Council to exclude for-profits.

At this time, the Council followed the list addressing each application and their amount requested. They compared the previous request and the amount allocated in 2025. They also considered the size of the organization and their access to other funding resources.

Rorie Cartier, CEO of the Nimitz Foundation, addressed the Council with regards to the proposed allocation of funds. After a brief discussion, the Council reconsidered the proposed allocation to the foundation.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the 2026 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding allocations as provided on Exhibit A (attached to the minutes). Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager Bailey thanked the staff for their teamwork during Ice Storm Fern. He recognized Ashley Morris, Emergency Management Coordinator, for her efforts in coordinating partnerships and keeping everyone informed on a daily basis. Chief Bizzell also recognized Ashley Morris who provided a report.

Ms. Morris reported that they had four travelers who took shelter at the United Methodist Church. She gave a shout out to the City's Electric and Water crews and thanked all First Responders.

Councilmember Watson asked how the new radio system worked. Chief Bizzell stated that it worked great. Councilmember Klein asked about the side of town that lost power. Kris Kneese reported that the Nimitz Station went down but was back online. He also explained why some flickering occurred. Mayor Hoover and the City Council thanked everyone involved.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. City Manager Bailey reviewed the Future Agenda Items and Upcoming Meetings with the Council. He noted the next regular City Council Meeting on February 17th will be in the new Council Chambers.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections listed for each item.


- A. Discuss and consideration of Water Supply Purchase/Lease pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072. (Mick McKamie, City Attorney)
- B. Legal Matters Update — Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Attorney-Client Privilege).

Mayor Hoover announced the Council would recess into Executive Session at 10:08 am to discuss Items 10A and 10B.

Mayor Hoover reconvened the meeting from Executive Session at 10:37 am and stated that no action was necessary.

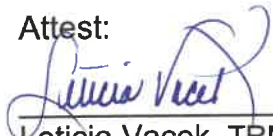
11. ADJOURN

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



Jeryl Hoover, Mayor

Attest:



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

Awarded

APPLICATION #	ORGANIZATION	EVENT NAME	City 2026 requested	Advertising & Promotional Programs	Promotion of the Arts	Historical restoration & preservation	Sporting Events
1	Admiral Nimitz Foundation Admiral Nimitz Foundation	National Museum of the Pacific War Pacific Combat Zone	\$160,000	\$150,000			
2	Church of the Colored People of Gillespie County	African American Museum	\$45,000	\$45,000			
3	Die Kunstler Von Fredericksburg A.K.A DK	Fall Show and Sale	\$4,000	\$4,000			
4	Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce	Light The Night Christmas Parade & AfterGlow	\$18,000	\$18,000			
5	Fredericksburg Community Orchestras	Fredericksburg MusikFest 2026	\$4,000	\$4,000			
6	Fredericksburg Education Initiative dba SystemsGo	Rockets 2025 - Central Texas	\$5,000	\$5,000			
7	Fredericksburg Farmers Market	Fredericksburg's Farmer Market	\$6,000	\$5,000			
8	Fredericksburg Junior Chamber of Commerce	Fredericksburg Jaycees Crawfish Festival	\$25,000	\$15,000			
8	Fredericksburg Music Club	2026 Concert Series	\$10,000	\$7,500			
10	Fredericksburg Rotary Club Foundation, Inc	Fredericksburg Craft Beer Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000			
11	Friends of the Written Word	Fredericksburg Book Festival	\$5,000	\$5,000			
12	Frontier History Company	Living History Presentations	\$6,700	\$0	\$5,000		
13	German Choirs of Fredericksburg	Maifest & Herbstfest Concerts	\$2,500		\$2,500		
14	Gillespie County Fair & Festival Associations	Horse Racing & 136th Gillespie County Fair	\$75,000	\$30,000			
Totals			\$363,500	\$7,500	\$80,000	\$7,000	

15	Gillespie County Historical Society	Fassel Roeder Historic Preservation Project	\$80,000				\$80,000				
16	Gillespie County Historical Society	Pioneer Museum - Home Tour	\$20,000	\$10,000							
17	Jack & Adams Bicycles	Doss Gravel	\$12,500	\$5,000						\$5,000	
18	Lone Star Heritage	2026 Historic Story/Site Signs	\$7,400	\$0							
19	Meals for Vets	Hill Country Vet-Fest	\$5,000	\$3,000							
20	Oktoberfest/PCAA	Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg	\$20,000	\$15,000							
21	Rotary Club of Fredericksburg Morning	CarFest	\$2,500	\$2,000							
22	Rotary Club of Fredericksburg Morning	Kraut Run	\$2,500							\$2,000	
23	St. Mary's Catholic School	Beautification and Spirit	\$15,599	\$0							
24	Stonewall Chamber of Commerce	Stonewall Peach JAMBoree & Rodeo	\$30,000	\$10,000							
25	Texas Cellos	Fredericksburg Music Festival & School	\$50,000	\$10,000							
26	Texas Hill Country Higher Education Development Foundation	8th Annual Forging Futures Classic	\$10,000	\$5,000							
27	Vereins Quilt Guild of Fredericksburg	Vereins Quilt Guild Quilt Show	\$5,000	\$5,000							
28	Fredericksburg Art Guild	Operational and advertising	\$5,155	\$0							
29	Heritage School	EISBAHIN	\$10,000	\$0							
			\$651,854	\$363,500	56%	\$7,500	1%	\$80,000	12%	\$7,000	1%

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\$ 458,000 awarded today
 \$ 700,000 budget
 \$ 219,000 awarded to the Chamber/FWF
 \$ 23,000 remaining balance in budget for distributions