



City of Fredericksburg

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 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
Laurie Cassidy, Deputy City Secretary
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

Michael Bell, Pastor of Christ the King Church delivered the invocation.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoover led the Pledges.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PROCLAMATIONS/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- A. Garret Bonn, Assistant City Manager, presented a slide show on the before and after of the construction development of the New City Council Chambers. Mayor Hoover thanked all who have participated in the management of the project. Clinton Bailey, City Manager thanked Garret Bonn for his work on the project.
- B. Mayor Hoover presented a Proclamation to Debbie Zabica, honoring the Hill Country American Red Cross.
- C. Clinton Bailey, City Manager, recognized Leticia Vacek, City Secretary for the completion of her seventh recertification through the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program at the University of North Texas (35 years in the program). She is one of only two Municipal Clerks who have received their seventh recertification. In addition, she received her 35-year membership certificate with IIMC.
- D. Lynn Bizzell, Chief Fire/EMS, Glenn Priess, President of the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department, and Amy Burrier each shared kind words about Frank Stead and his dedication to the City of Fredericksburg for the past 23 years. Many members of the Fire Department as well as County Commissioners were present for Frank's recognition. Frank introduced his wife, Carol and expressed his gratitude to everyone in attendance. Chief Bizzell presented Frank Stead with his helmet which will be engraved with his number.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Eidson reported that students from Fredericksburg High School were recently awarded the Judges Special Award for House 8.0 at the Best in American Living Awards. He also noted the CVB conducted four Zoom interviews in February and narrowed the top candidates to three. March 2, two in-person interviews were conducted, and the final in-person interview is scheduled for March 9.

Councilmember Klein shared that County Commissioners are working to update security at the Law Enforcement Center to provide a separate entrance to the meeting chambers. He also noted that today is Election Day (Primaries), and reminded everyone to please go vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner thanked all the First Responders for keeping everyone safe over the past couple of weeks with the fires and suspicious package. She shared that she visited Washington DC last week and everyone she met expressed that Fredericksburg is a great city to be from. She reminded all that in order to vote in the May 2nd Joint General Election for the City and Fredericksburg ISD you must be registered to vote by April 2, 2026.

Councilmember Watson reported he attended the EDC meeting on February 20th. He welcomed everyone to the new Council Chambers and congratulated Frank Stead on his Retirement from serving the Fire Department.

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 Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting of February 17, 2026. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary/RMO)

Councilmember Klein moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 5, "Buildings and Building Regulations" and Chapter 17 "Fire Protection" of the City Code to adopt the International Code Council (ICC) Codes. (Cliff Cross, Director of Development Services)

i Presentation by the Staff

ii Take Action - Approve Ordinance 2026-10 for the Amendment.

Cliff Cross noted that the staff is proposing Ordinance 2026-10 to adopt the 2021 ICC Code Amendments to Chapter 5 Buildings and Building Regulations and Chapter 17, Fire Protection.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve Ordinance 2026-10 as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

- A. Re-consideration and discussion for possible action of the 2026 HOT Funding Applications for the National Museum of the Pacific War and Oktoberfest. (Mayor Jeryl Hoover).

Mayor Hoover stated that he is the one that brought this item forward and not the applicants. He noted that these two events have created HOT receipts. He added that his recommendation is that they be funded as follows: an additional \$5,000 to Oktoberfest and \$10,000 to the National Museum of the Pacific War.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve the Mayor's request for additional funding that the two applicants qualified for in the amount of \$10,000 to the National Museum of the Pacific War and an additional \$5,000 to Oktoberfest. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consider the approval of a street closure request for an event to be called "Warehouse Row Makers Market" on S. Lincoln Street from the north side of the Barons Creek bridge to E. Creek Street from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2026, as well as the potential for a second event in the Fall (Garret Bonn, Assistant City Manager).

Jill Elliott presented a proposed street closure request for the Lincoln Street Market Event to be held on May 9, 2026. This Event would consist of approximately 75-100 vendors. Garret Bonn mentioned that he would work with Engineering, the Police Department, and Parks. He noted that the Fall Event would come back at a future date dependent upon the May Event.

Councilmember Klein moved to approve the street closure request for the May 9, 2025 Event, "Warehouse Row Makers Market". Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Economic Development Commission Quarterly Update by Tim Lehmborg, EDC Director.

Tim Lehmborg presented the quarterly Economic Development Update including sales tax receipts data through the end of 2025. He started with the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission 2026 Work Plan that included Business Retention, Expansion, and Optimization. He covered the Labor Force Issues and noted that they have added Airport Development.

Tim also covered the estimated number of rooms and lodging data from the Comptroller's Office. Mayor Hoover referenced the City's 2025 vs 2024 drop of 4.16%. Tim responded that everyone is more judicious about how they spend money.

Mayor Hoover asked Carol Bolton and Jill Elliott to update the Council on their businesses. Carol stated that her business has mirrored the same. She added that January/February this year has been great. Jill noted that last year was rough, but she added that this year has shifted in a positive way. She felt that Wine Tastings have shifted that dynamic.

Anna Hudson, with Landmark Planning & Development Advisors spoke to various items such as the TIRZ and made mention of the possible HEB relocation.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. City Manager Bailey reviewed the Future Agenda Item List with the City Council denoting the requested Joint Meeting with HRB on April 21st at 9:00 am followed by the Strategic Planning/Budget Kick-Off Meeting. Councilmember Klein questioned why have the latter meeting if it will have to be repeated after the election. A brief discussion followed and City Manager Bailey stated he would get back with the Council on that meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections - 551.071 (Attorney Client Privilege) and 551.074 (Personnel).


- A. Legal Matters Update - Texas Government Code Section 551.071. (Mick McKamie, City Attorney)
- B. Consider and Discuss the position of City Attorney for appointment, reappointment, or reassignment pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel).

Mayor Hoover announced the Council would recess into Executive Session at 10:45 am to discuss Items 11A and 11B.

Mayor Hoover reconvened the meeting from Executive Session at 11:10 am and stated that no action was necessary.


12. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.



Jeryl Hoover, Mayor

Attest:



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