



City of Fredericksburg

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 ~ 9:00 AM
New City Hall at East Campus
2818 E. U.S. Hwy. 290
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

City Council:

Jeryl Hoover, Outgoing Mayor
Randy Briley Mayor-Elect
Bobby Watson, Councilmember
Tony Klein, Councilmember
Todd Eidson, Councilmember
Gary Neffendorf, Councilmember-Elect
Emily Kirchner, Outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem (Absent)

City Staff:

Clinton Bailey, City Manager
Garret Bonn, Asst. City Manager
Leticia Vacek, City Secretary
Maria Garcia, Asst. City Attorney
Cliff Cross, Director, Development Services
Kris Kneese, Director, Public Works/Utilities
Krista Wareham, Director, Finance
Brian Vorauer, Police Chief
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Andrea Schmidt, Director, Parks/Recreation
Sean Doerre, Director, Communications/PIO
Aaron Anderegg, Director, IT
Laurie Cassidy, Deputy City Secretary
Tyler Hooper, Asst. Director, Finance
Brandon Gold, Asst. Director, IT
Cody Oris, IT Specialist
Alyssa Rivera, PD Outreach Specialist
McKenzie Moellering, Comm. Outreach Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

2. INVOCATION

Jimmy Pruitt, Pastor of the Bridge Church delivered the invocation.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoover led the Pledges.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/RECOGNITIONS

A. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG: Presentation to Mayor Pro-Tem Emily Kirchner.

In the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Kirchner, Mayor Hoover presented her service award to Councilmember Watson who accepted it on her behalf.

Presentation to Mayor Jeryl Hoover.

Councilmember Watson presented a service award to Mayor Hoover on behalf of the City Council. Mayor Hoover graciously accepted the award and thanked the Council and City Staff.

B. Presentation of Certificate of Election to Newly Elected Mayor Randy Briley, Councilmember Tony Klein and Councilmember Gary Neffendorf. (Mayor Hoover)

Mayor Hoover presented Certificates of Election to Mayor Randy Briley, Councilmember Tony Klein, and Councilmember Gary Neffendorf.

C. Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to Mayor Randy Briley, Councilmember Tony Klein and Councilmember Gary Neffendorf. (Judge Shelley Becker)

Judge Becker administered the Ceremonial Oath of Office to Mayor Randy Briley, Councilmember Tony Klein, and Councilmember Gary Neffendorf.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Neffendorf shared that he had the privilege of serving as the City Manager when Jeryl Hoover was elected Mayor in 2006. He thanked Mayor Hoover for his service and congratulated Mayor Briley and Councilmember Klein on their election while thanking the voters.

Councilmember Klein noted his admiration for Mayor Hoover and stated that he has worked alongside him for the past four years. He reported he attended the Market Square Redevelopment Committee Meeting where they discussed musical instruments to be provided by the Rotary Club for children to play. He added that they have started ordering the figurines for the Glockenspiel. He reported also attending the Commissioners Court Meeting where they discussed the airport development agreement to build another hanger. Lastly, he thanked everyone who voted.

Councilmember Eidson reported that he and Councilmember Watson were part of the panel who interviewed five candidates for the City Attorney position. On May 13th he attended the Chamber State of the Burg as well as the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country and was provided with an update on flood relief efforts. On May 15th he attended Career Day at the elementary school and on May 18th he attended the Chamber Board Meeting.

Councilmember Watson shared that the week of May 5-8 he attended the Chamber Restaurant Week. On May 9th he attended the Lincoln Street Makers Market. On May 11th the City began the Bulk Pick-up Program. On May 12th he participated in the Canvass of the General Election. He also attended the Fredericksburg ISD Incubator Pitch Event held at the Rockbox, which was an incredible event. On May 13th he attended the Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit which included great speakers on development. Lastly, on May 15th he attended the EDC Meeting.

Mayor Briley extended his appreciation to Mayor Hoover for his years of dedication and service. He also shared his appreciation of service for Councilmember Emily Kirchner. He thanked all the candidates who stepped forward to run and to serve the community and thanked all the voters who exercised their civic duty. Lastly, he shared that he has a fair amount of knowledge and professional experience but does not know everything. He added he has a great deal of confidence in the City Staff and Councilmembers. He shared his commitment to work collaboratively across the board to protect, preserve, and advance Fredericksburg responsibly.

Mayor Briley announced that for those that were in attendance for the ceremonial items, they were at liberty to leave the meeting at this time. He addressed Item 7A after the Ceremonials followed by Item 6.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Adoption of Ordinance 2026-22 accepting the canvass and declaring the Official Results for the City's General Election of May 2, 2026. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)

City Secretary Vacek recommended approval of Ordinance 2026-22. Councilmember Klein moved to approve Ordinance 2026-22 for the Canvass of the City's General Election Official Results of May 2, 2026. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Joint Meeting with the Historic Review Board held April 21, 2026 and the Regular Meeting held May 5, 2026. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)
- B. Consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Calendar. (Krista Wareham, Finance Director)

Councilmember Klein moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6A and 6B as presented. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- B. **Request Z-2608:** By Clayton Walvoord, Rebecca Rather & Brad Oehler to Consider the Following: (Cliff Cross, Director of Development Services)

A. A Zoning Change from Single-Family Residential (R1) to Neighborhood Commercial (C1) for Properties Located at 408, 412 & 414 East Austin Street. *The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended Denial with a unanimous vote of 8-0.*

i Presentation by the Applicant

ii Presentation by the Staff

iii Hold Public Hearing

iv Take Action - Approve Ordinance 2026-23 for the Zoning Change

Anna Hudson, owner of Landmark Consulting representing the three property owners, addressed the Council. She stated that their request is to rezone from R1 to Neighborhood Commercial (C1). She provided an overview of East Austin Street and a recap of the previous rezoning request which was denied in 2023. She mentioned the City's Comprehensive Plan which was approved in 2024 as well as the STR Ordinance. She added her concerns with the Planning & Zoning Commission. She also discussed the transition zone, traffic patterns, and spot zoning.

Cliff Cross presented the recommendation of denial received from the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). He noted that the applicant made a request in 2023 and again a few months ago. He made the correction that zoning does not come first. Place types, land use, and the new comprehensive plan which was created in 2024 dictate the action. He added that P&Z recommended denial with a unanimous vote of 8-0. Lastly, he stated that the Council would need a super majority vote to overturn the P&Z recommendation.

Mayor Briley declared the Public Hearing open and called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Emails were received from the following individuals in opposition: Kathy O'Neill, Jay Brady, Elmeria Joann Madche, Jennifer Eggleston, Shelly Messer, Christina Harrison Pittman, Shelly Cole, Robert Brian Lawrence, and Mark Messer.

John Hever spoke regarding Rebecca Rather's property and shared he is in favor of that property being rezoned as requested.

Graham Person spoke against the zoning change.

Shelly Messer spoke in opposition and stated her husband Mark Messer also submitted an opposition letter.

Ron Woellhof spoke in opposition to the zoning change.

Mayor Briley declared the Public Hearing closed. He asked the Council for any additional comments and expressed concern about a domino effect.

Councilmember Klein moved to deny Request Z-2608. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2026-2027 Term. (Leticia Vacek, City Secretary)

Councilmember Klein moved to elect Bobby Watson as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2026-2027 term. Councilmember Eidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update. (Jim Mikula, Chamber President/CEO)

Jim Mikula presented the Chamber Quarterly Update.

B. Presentation by the Native Plant Society for Main Street. (Alan Kirchoff & Jonathan Watt) PULLED

Mayor Briley announced that said item was pulled and rescheduled.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

A. City Manager Bailey reviewed the Future Agenda Items and Upcoming Meetings List with the City Council focusing on the upcoming budget meetings.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections - 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), and 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

- A. Legal Matters Update - Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Maria Garcia - TOASE)**
- B. Discussion of City Attorney Applicants/Interviews - Texas Government Code Section 551.074.**
- C. Discussion of Water Supply Purchase/Lease pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.**
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding an amendment to the LCRA Wholesale Power Supply Agreement — Texas Government Code Section 551.071.**

Mayor Briley announced the Council would recess into Executive Session at 10:20 am to discuss Items 11A through 11D.

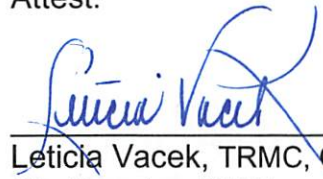
Mayor Briley reconvened the meeting from Executive Session at 11:25 am and stated that no action was necessary.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Briley adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.


Randy Briley, Mayor

Attest:


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