

City of Fredericksburg

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 ~ 6:00 P.M.

Gary Neffendorf, Mayor
Tom Musselman, Councilmember
Kent Myers, City Manager

Charlie Kiehne, Councilmember
Bobby Watson, Councilmember

The City of Fredericksburg City Council will meet in a regular session on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing, and in person attendance will not be available. Members of the public may attend the meeting remotely by web or telephone via Zoom Teleconferencing (see details below). These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Fredericksburg is allowing public comments to be submitted remotely, by 3 p.m. on June 1, 2020 using any of the following methods:

1. Complete the Citizen Comment Form online at www.fbgtx.org; or
2. Email your comments to sgoodwin@fbgtx.org; or
3. Complete a Citizen Comment Form located inside the Public Access entrance at 126 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas, and place in the box marked Citizen Comment Form.

Copies of the submitted comments will be provided to the City Council and made public on the City website under the “**June 1, 2020**, City Council Regular Meeting” tab.

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 CITY COUNCIL.

A. Consider approval of City Council Minutes:

- i. May 6, 2020 Special Meeting
(Agenda Packet Pages 5-8)
- ii. May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting
(Agenda Packet Pages 9-18)

6. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Consider a presentation from the Gillespie County Health Board. (Agenda Packet Pages 19-38)

B. Consider approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar. (Agenda Packet Pages 39-42)

C. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action concerning the appointment of a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the Office of Councilmember until the May 2021 City election. (Agenda Packet Pages 43-44)

7. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- A. Governor Abbott’s Executive Orders**
- B. COVID-19 Recovery Task Force**
- C. Format for Future City Council Meetings**
- D. Financial Update**

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

(Agenda Packet Pages 45-46)

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Reports about items of community interest, which no action will be taken.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), and Section 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations):

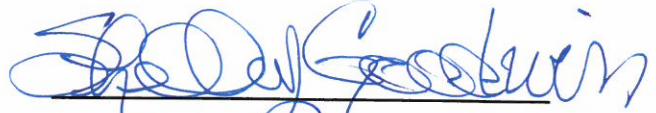
- A. Consider and discuss economic development agreement related to the construction and operation of a Hotel and Conference Center in the City; and to receive legal advice concerning said economic development agreement (Section 551.087 and Section 551.071) and**
- B. Consider and discuss the appointment of a qualified person to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councilmember, and to receive legal advice regarding the interpretation of the City Charter and other laws as applicable to said appointment (Section 551.071 and Section 551.074).**

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.

12. ADJOURN

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 1:00 p.m. on May 28, 2020, at the entrance and on the bulletin board of the City of Fredericksburg City Hall, 126 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, Texas.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MAY 6, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. This meeting was held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing, and in-person attendance was not available. Members of the public attended the meeting remotely by web or telephone via Zoom Teleconferencing. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present on the Teleconferencing:

Mayor Linda Langerhans
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Neffendorf
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Kelli Olfers, Gillespie County Health Department Director
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator
Jeff Rich, Water Superintendent
Lee Stubblefield, Electric Department Superintendent
Glenn Koennecke, Street Department Superintendent
Kerry Schmidt, Landfill Department Superintendent
David Feller, Stormwater Vegetation Management Superintendent
Krista Wareham, City Accountant
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Langerhans called the regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, via Zoom Teleconference. Mayor Langerhans announced a quorum of the City Council present.

2. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reviewed the history of the pandemic and how Gillespie County and the City has addressed the issues. He also discussed the current Order by Governor Abbott and reported the following numbers:

	Positive Cases	Deaths
World	3,442,234	227,247
National	1,152,372	67,456
Texas	32,332	884
213 out of 254 counties		
Region 8	2,174	72

Adjacent counties' information:

- Blanco County 6
- Kendall County 16
- Kerr County 5
- Llano County 3
- Mason County 24

He reminded everyone of the CDC guidelines, and the key to slowing this pandemic is social distancing.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Langerhans reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. She stated the City did not receive any citizen comments.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON:

A. Mid-Year Budget of the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020

i. Consider amendments and making appropriations for each department and account.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated this year the review process will be handled differently due to the significant decreases we are experiencing in several revenue accounts due to COVID-19. He provided the following review of the proposed mid-year budget changes and the proposed Budget Amendments:

- City staff has met to review revenues and expenses for the six months, with the primary focus being to identify additional cost savings that we could implement to offset some of the reductions in revenues.
- Each department took a proactive approach to help avoid employee layoffs, service reductions, and other more significant impacts.
- The City's FY 2019 audit shows that we are in excellent financial conditions, and our fund balances exceed our financial management policies.
- For the first six months of this fiscal year, we have been within budget in almost all major accounts, except for our legal costs.
- Staff is anticipating significant decreases in sales taxes, building permit fees, RV fees, and other park user fees and have identified budget reductions that will offset a large portion of these revenue decreases.

- The biggest cost savings are LBJ Park restroom, sidewalk improvements, and not opening Town Pool.
- The Tourism Fund has been impacted due to decreases in HOT revenues during the last six months of this fiscal year.
- The CVB and the City fund balances can offset the projected decreases in HOT revenues.
- The CVB has adjusted its budget by reducing its expenses by \$413,172 and the use of \$135,453 from its fund balance.
- The other City funds projection is a 20% decrease in commercial sales for the Electric Fund and a 25% reduction in commercial water sales.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, reviewed the street paving program and the possibility of elimination this year, which would provide additional budget savings of \$384,000.

The City Council discussed the sales tax, permitting of Short-Term Rentals, reduction in staff and continuing City services, and the employment freeze. They also discussed the openings at the Police and Fire Department not being included in freeze. The City Council discussed the street paving project, sidewalk projects, and water/wastewater projects.

B. Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to recipients

i. Consider awarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to recipients.

Kent Myers, City Manager, reported that the staff requested updated information from local organizations on their plans for special events partially funded by HOT revenues. His recommendation is not to fund these organizations, which have canceled their events. The City Council previously approved funding for local organizations that exceeded our original budget.

The City Council discussed the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to recipients and those who have canceled their events. The City Council agreed by consensus to fund the events that have already been held and to reimburse any event that has canceled who have provided receipts.

5. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to adjourn the Wednesday, May 6, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 3:47 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Neffendorf
Mayor

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council will meet in a regular session on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing, and in-person attendance was not available. Members of the public attended the meeting remotely by web or telephone via Zoom Teleconferencing. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present on the Teleconferencing:

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Neffendorf
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Bobby Watson (left meeting at 8:36 p.m.)

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Laura Hollenbeck, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf called the regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, via Zoom Teleconference. On roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf aye
Councilmember Musselman aye
Councilmember Kiehne aye
Councilmember Watson aye

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf announced a quorum of the City Council present.

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf reported Linda Langerhans announced her resignation effective May 17, 2020, the City Council and staff wish her the best. He stated as Mayor Pro Tem he will run tonight's meeting and later in the meeting there is an Agenda Item to discuss this item more.

2. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reviewed the history of the pandemic and how Gillespie County and the City has addressed the issues. He updated the Council on the Governor's plan to test all nursing homes (residents and staff), jails/prisons, and meatpacking plants. He also reviewed the following:

- World cases 4,629,000 positive cases and over 300,000 deaths
- National cases- 1,466,000 positive cases and 87,730 deaths
- Texas cases- 48,693 positive cases, 1,347 deaths, and 72,313 tested
- Region 8 -2,943 positive cases and 91 deaths.

He also reviewed the surrounding counties cases:

Gillespie County	5
Mason County	31
Llano County	3
Blanco County	6
Burnet County	28
Kerr County	10
Kendall County	21

He reminded everyone of the symptoms of the virus and to continue:

- Social distancing
- Wearing masks
- Good hygiene
- Stay home when sick
- Wipe down offices and home
- Use hand sanitizers

He wanted to thank Garrison Brothers, who has been making hand sanitizer and donating some to the City. He also announced that this week is EMS week and he wanted to commend them for their hard work and compassion.

3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated he wanted to recognize Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer, for all her work preparing the Annual Report "Steps in Path of the Future." He reported it is another quality job.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. He stated the City received three citizen comments, and the staff will get back with those who commented.

5. CONSENT

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A. Consider approval of City Council Minutes

i. April 27, 2020, Special Meeting

ii. May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf, to approve the City Council Minutes for April 27, 2020, Special Meeting and May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

6. ORDINANCES

A. Consider the approval of Ordinance 2020-13 amending Article V-Speed Regulations, of Chapter 44-Traffic and Motor Vehicles-of the Code of Ordinances, amending the maximum speed limit for W. Main Street (US 87 North) within the City Limits, determined upon the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Study for said roadway. W. Main St./US 87N Speed limit modification (first of two readings; City Council may waive second reading).

Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer, stated TxDOT-Austin District recently conducted a speed study on W. Main Street (US 87 North). He reviewed the process for amending Speed limits on Texas highways. As a result of the speed study, TxDOT is proposing to lower the speed limit for the following:

- Southbound Traffic (Inbound) from the City Limit Line to Bowie St.; lower from 45 mph to 40 mph.
- Northbound Traffic (Outbound) from the Bowie St. to the City Limit line; lower from 45 mph to 40 mph.

He also reviewed the process for signage and stated staff supports these speed limit changes.

The City Council discussed the signage process and the process to educate the public on these changes.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve Ordinance 2020-13 amending Article V-Speed Regulations, of Chapter 44-Traffic and Motor Vehicles-of the Code of Ordinances, amending the maximum speed limit for W. Main Street (US 87 North) within the City Limits, determined upon the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Study for said roadway. W. Main St./US 87N Speed limit modification; waive second reading. On roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye
Councilmember Musselman	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider the approval of Ordinance 2020-14 creating a Joint Airport Zoning Board; and investing such Joint Airport Zoning Board with the powers authorized under the provisions of the Airport Zoning Act (Chapter 241 of the Texas Local Government Code) (first of two readings; City Council may waive second reading).

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, reviewed the history of the Joint Airport Zoning Board and the Nov 25, 2019, Gillespie County Commissioners Court Meeting. They approved the process of updating the airport zoning ordinance via a Joint Airport Zoning Board. He also reported on March 16, 2020, the City Council voted unanimously to select Councilmembers Bobby Watson and Gary Neffendorf to serve on the Joint Airport Zoning Board. He noted the reasons why the Airport Zoning Ordinance should be updated.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve Ordinance 2020-14 creating a Joint Airport Zoning Board; and investing such Joint Airport Zoning Board with the powers authorized under the provisions of the Airport Zoning Act (Chapter 241 of the Texas Local Government Code); waive second reading. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye
Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider the approval of Resolution 2020-11R approving the Annual Review of the City's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies.

Laura Hollenbeck, Finance Director, stated the Public Funds Investment Act requires that the City's Investment Policy be reviewed and approved by City Council on an annual basis. She stated by approving Resolution 2020-11R, the City Council will adopt the Policy and Strategies for this year.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve Resolution 2020-11R approving the Annual Review of the City's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Watson	aye
Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Consider approval of Mid-Year Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2020.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated with the decreases the City is experiencing in our major revenue accounts, it is necessary to make amendments to our budget to reduce our expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. He reviewed the directions the City Council provided at their May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting. He also stated the amendment includes the final payment from the Wallner Estate for Animal Control Services.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, reviewed some of the reductions:

- Street Fund that would allow us to do about ½ of the normal street paving this year
- Main Street Decorative Lighting Project included as a recommended cost reduction of \$225,000. The total cost of this project is \$450,000.
- Hiring freeze
- Cuts in each department's budget, while preserving services.

The City Council discussed revenue and expenditure accounts. They also discussed the Main Street Light Fund and agreed by consensus to fund ½ of \$225,000 (\$112,500) and maintain those funds for replacement of the poles that are most in need. They also recommended staff make a priority list of the light poles that are in most need.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendments for FY 2020 (including the change to the Main Street Light Fund). On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action concerning the resignation of Linda Langerhans, Mayor, effective May 17, 2020, and the appointment of a qualified person to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Mayor until the next city election.

Daniel Jones, City Attorney, reviewed the City Charter and the process to fill the Mayor or City Council vacancy.

The City Council discussed the process provided in the City Charter and to return to this item after the Executive Session.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to approve with regrets the resignation of Linda Langerhans, Mayor, effective May 17, 2020. On roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye
Councilmember Musselman	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discuss and consider the reopening of City Facilities.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, stated the City Council previously approved the reopening of certain City facilities and now staff is requesting to reopen City Hall and the City Hall Annex (June 1, 2020), the Recycling Center, City Park facilities, and additional phases for reopening the Golf Course. All reopening will require some minor modifications, and employees will be required to follow the CDC Guidelines and the Texas Health and Human Services Office-Based Employee Checklist. He reviewed the Recycling Center, Parks Department, LBJ Golf Course reopening plans.

The City Council discussed the modifications to the Customer Service areas, Recycling Center, and the need for wearing masks.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to approve the reopening and schedule of City Facilities per staff's recommendation. On roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf aye
Councilmember Kiehne aye
Councilmember Watson aye
Councilmember Musselman aye

The motion passed unanimously.

D. July 4th Parade

i. Discuss and consider the July 4th Parade and insurance coverage.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated Daryl Whitworth, with the 4th of July Parade, has requested that the City provide insurance coverage for the Parade if it is held this year. This insurance has been provided in previous years and costs the City about \$100 to add to our policy.

Daryl Whitworth reviewed the challenges the Committee is facing due to COVID-19. He stated he would like to move forward with planning, and the final day to cancel is June 23, 2020.

The City Council discussed the cancellation process and Governor Abbott's current Executive Order.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to approve moving forward with the planning of the July 4th Parade and the City covering the insurance coverage for this year. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Kiehne aye
Councilmember Watson aye
Councilmember Musselman aye
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Discuss and consider the Recurring Fee Waiver Request for the Fredericksburg Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7105 Fourth of July Kiddie Parade.

Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director, stated the Fredericksburg Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7105 traditionally sponsors a Fourth of July "kiddie parade" on Independence Day. She noted this event meets the definition of a special event per the City Special Events Ordinance, and the requirements that must be met or waived. She reviewed Jim Bisson's request letter for a waiver or discount reservation fee for the use of Kiner Halle annually on July 4th.

The City Council discussed the requested waiver.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to approve waiving the fee this year for the July 4th Kiddie Parade conducted by VFW Post 7105.

On roll call vote:

Councilmember Watson aye
Councilmember Musselman aye
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf aye
Councilmember Kiehne aye

The motion passed unanimously.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Governor Abbott's Executive Orders

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated Governor Abbott held a press conference today. He reported that City staff is still working through the new order, but some of the reopenings approved are:

- The immediate reopening of daycares and Boys/Girls Clubs.
- Restaurants can increase their capacity to 50% with restrictions.
- Bowling Alleys at 25% capacity with restrictions.
- Youth sports and camps on June 1st with restrictions.
- Summer school on June 1st with restrictions.

B. COVID-19 Recovery Task Force

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, stated the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force will hold their third meeting tomorrow. He noted the Task Force elected Julie Kuhlken as the Chair and Dr. James Partin, M.D., as the Vice-Chair. The Task Force is still working on its Mission and Vision Statement. Each member has provided input regarding their business or industries' way of dealing with the Governor's latest Executive Orders.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Future Agenda Items.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Musselman read the following statement:

As Mayor Linda Langerhans retires from public office, we look back on an era of steady leadership during a time of growth and change. Linda was Fredericksburg's first home rule mayor, elected in 1992, serving four terms until 2000. The voters of Fredericksburg elected her mayor again in 2014, and she has served another three full terms with distinction. Linda's vast wealth of knowledge about Fredericksburg will be sorely missed by those who have served with her as elected officials.

Personally, I know, I will miss her counsel!

But, the Mayor is not going anywhere and she will still be active in numerous projects that are close to her heart. She is a member of the Fredericksburg 175th Anniversary Committee, as well as the Market Square Redevelopment Commission. Additionally, her counsel, guidance, and knowledge of our local history will be an invaluable asset as a member of the Courthouse Square Advisory Committee.

Linda will continue her long history of service to Fredericksburg. I know that she will act as a mentor to the next generation of young businessmen and women who will, as she has done so many times, step up to the challenge and agree to serve this community as a volunteer, City Board member, or elected City official.

Linda, your hard work and dedication to our community has left a lasting impression. You have helped make Fredericksburg what it is today, and what it will become in the future.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters):

- A. Consider and discuss the appointment of a qualified person to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Mayor until the next City election, and to receive legal advice regarding**

the interpretation of the City Charter and other laws as applicable to said appointment (Section 551.071 and Section 551.074); and

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss Agenda Item 11. A. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to go out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 8:29 p.m. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

7.A. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action concerning the resignation of Linda Langerhans, Mayor, effective May 17, 2020, and the appointment of a qualified person to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Mayor until the next city election.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, appoint Gary Neffendorf to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Mayor until the next city election. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider and discuss preliminary analysis and recommendation to the City Council prepared by legal counsel, regarding pending ethics complaint (Section 551.071 and Section 551.074); and (Councilmember Watson was not present during this discussion)

C. Consider and discuss economic development agreement related to the construction and operation of a Hotel and Conference Center in the City; and to receive legal advice concerning said economic development agreement (Section 551.087 and Section 551.071).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss remaining items. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	was not present

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to go out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 9:01 p.m. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	was not present

The motion carried unanimously.

11.B.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to approve the following:

- Take no action be taken in response to the complaint. None of the facts alleged or facts uncovered through the investigation have given rise to a violation of Article VI, Chapter 2 of the Fredericksburg Municipal Code.
- There was not a Substation Interest violation as none of the three items at issue were concerning real property in which Watson has a Substantial Interest.
- There was not an Economic Benefit violation as none of the three items at issue caused Watson to obtain anything of value.
- There was not an Economic Interest violation as none of the three items at issue would cause Watson an economic impact that is indistinguishable from the impact on any other property owner within the Boot Ranch development.

On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	was not present

The motion passed.

12. BUSINESS ITEM

See the actions taken in Executive Session under Agenda Items 11. A. and 11.B.

13. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to adjourn the Monday, May 18, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 9:08 p.m.

On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	was not present
Mayor Pro Tem Neffendorf	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Neffendorf
Mayor

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: May 27, 2020

TO: City Council

FROM: Kelli Olfers

SUBJECT: Gillespie County Health Board Presentation

Summary:

Each year the Gillespie County Health Board produces an annual report that is submitted to City Council and Commissioners Court for their review. This report contains recommendations to be considered by both City of Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners Court.

Recommendation:

Please allow presentation of the 2019 Gillespie County Health Board annual report to be presented by Brett Beyer, Chairman of the Gillespie County Health Board.

Background / Analysis:

The Gillespie County Health Board is an advisory board to City Council and Commissioners Court. This board was formed by the cooperative agreement by the two contributing members.

Attachments:

Please see attached.

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GILLESPIE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD

2019 Annual Report



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PURPOSE OF GILLESPIE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD

- Per the Gillespie County Public Health Division Cooperative Agreement Article II (A) states "...the Gillespie County Health Board, which shall recommend to the operating members both substantive and procedural rules necessary and appropriate to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Gillespie County, Texas".
- "Operating Members" and/or "Government Entity" refers to the City of Fredericksburg, and/or Gillespie County.

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2019 GILLESPIE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD REPORT

- Introduction of Gillespie County Health Board Members and Ex-officio Members
- Sanitarian's Report
- Reportable Conditions
- Domestic / Family Violence
- Recommendations
- 2020 Health Topics

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2019 GILLESPIE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS

- Brett Beyer – **Chairman**
- Brenda Matysiak – **Vice Chairman**
- Amy Montgomery - **Secretary**
- Cynthia England
- Ruthann Hoover
- David Jung
- Jesse Barter
- Jodi Johnson
- John Dubea

Ex-Officio Members:

- Kelli Olfers (GCHD)
- Norma Cardona Price (DSHS Kerrville)
- Brenda Hulteen (DSHS Kerrville)
- Nehilot Dipiazza (DSHS Kerrville)

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SANITARIAN'S REPORT

2019 Gillespie County Statistics

- 35 new or change of ownership in retail and/or institutional facilities
- 6% increase in number of retail food establishments from previous year
- 431 retail food inspections performed (doesn't include plan review or courtesy inspections)
- 41 mobile units were inspected and issued a health permit
- 330 temporary health permits issued for special events

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TEXAS DEPT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES KERRVILLE

DSHS staff officing in Kerrville covers Gillespie County.
Services offered include:

Educate the community about child safety, nutrition, physical activity, and Zika

Serve on the FISH School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

Participate in county emergency preparedness activities

Assess community health needs

Recruit and educate Texas Vaccines for Children providers

Audit local schools and child care providers for compliance with immunization requirements

Educate healthcare providers about notifiable conditions and reporting requirements

Reported Communicable Diseases

	2016	2017	2018
Campylobacteriosis	16	9	7
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae	1	0	1
Chagas, chronic symptomatic	0	0	1
Cryptosporidiosis	4	1	0
Cyclosporiasis	0	1	2
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive	0	1	2
Hepatitis B, acute	0	0	1
Malaria	0	0	1
Pertussis	0	1	0
Q fever, Chronic	0	1	0
Salmonellosis	8	5	7
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli	0	3	3
Shigellosis	5	1	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	1	2	6
Streptococcus, invasive Group A	2	1	2
Streptococcus, invasive Group B	2	2	1
Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Typhus fever-fleaborne, murine	0	0	2
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	0	0
Vibrio vulnificus infection	0	1	0
Vibriosis, other or unspecified	0	1	3
Zika virus infection, non-congenital	1	0	0

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PROPOSED COMMUNITY ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Domestic / Family Violence
- Pedestrian Safety
- Gun Safety / Preparedness
- Vaccination / Immunization rates

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAMILY VIOLENCE

According to the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, the definition of domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain control over another intimate partner. Many types of abuse are included in the definition of domestic violence:

PHYSICAL
SEXUAL
EMOTIONAL
ECONOMIC
PSYCHOLOGICAL
THREATS
STALKING
CYBERSTALKING

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

- Definitions of domestic violence recognize that victims can include anyone, regardless of socioeconomic background, education level, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender.
- Spouses
- Sexual/Dating/Intimate partners
- Family members
- Children
- Cohabitants

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EFFECTS ON AN INDIVIDUAL

- Long after domestic trauma, the nervous system may continue to respond to perceived danger and trauma. It can keep the individual stuck feeling hypervigilant, dissociative, or numb for years to come.
- Individuals who are brought up in an environment of domestic violence are much more likely to perpetuate the cycle by becoming either a victim or perpetrator of domestic violence.
- Impact on child's global development is markedly detrimental – studies show that observing domestic violence is as harmful as actually experiencing it.

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EFFECTS ON A COMMUNITY

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FACTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Domestic violence is one of the most chronically underreported crimes
- Of the reported cases, on average, a woman will be assaulted by her partner 35 times before reporting
- Not reported because of fear, embarrassment, wanting privacy of family, financial dependency etc.
- Domestic violence is very much a public health problem
- Child abuse is reported by teachers/counselors but often times they do not report domestic violence
- Some reported domestic violence does involve drug use

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LOCAL PARTNERS CONTRIBUTING TO RESEARCH

- Law Enforcement
- The Grace Center Board Members
- Director of Kendall County Women's Shelter
- The Hill Country Needs Council – Licensed Psychologist
- Hill Country Chapter of Guardians of the Children
- Legal Council Professionals

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LOCAL STATISTICS



Gillespie County Sherriff's Office &
City of Fredericksburg Police
Department



2018 Domestic Violence Incidents

- 29 incidents involving family violence
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2016-2018 Sexual Assaults

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WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

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- Be non-judgmental
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GILLESPIE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Secure a place for supervised visitation. This could be monitored by the child protective officer position mentioned above.
- Provide more parenting classes.
- Provide more education on behavioral health and domestic violence.

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GILLESPIE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD
2020

- New Members – Cathy Lindig & Wanda Detmar
- DSHS – organizing Child Fatality Review Team
- Development of Community Resource List
- Suggestions from Commissioners Court and or City Council on local health concerns???

2019 Annual Report of the Gillespie County Health Board

I. INTRODUCTION

The Gillespie County Public Health Division Cooperative Agreement provides for the creation of an Advisory Public Health Board, known as the Gillespie County Public Health Board, which shall recommend to the operating members (City of Fredericksburg and County of Gillespie) both substantive and procedural rules necessary and appropriate to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Gillespie County, Texas.

The *Gillespie County Health Board* respectfully submits this report for its 2019 activities, findings, and recommendations.

Members of the Health Board:

Brett Beyer – **Chairman**
Brenda Matysiak – **Vice Chairman**
Amy Montgomery - **Secretary**
Cynthia England
Ruthann Hoover
David Jung
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Nehilot Dipiazza

Note: Department of State Health Services has an office in Kerrville that serves both Kerr and Gillespie counties. Nehilot Dipiazza, Norma Cardona Price and Brenda Hulteen are the contacts for that office and they serve on several community organizations such as the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

II. SANITARIAN'S REPORT

The Gillespie County Health Division (GCHD) is staffed with a Registered Sanitarian who serves as the Director and an additional Registered Sanitarian with her Masters, who is the department's Food Safety Inspector. The GCHD strives to ensure residents receive the maximum protection in food sanitation and environmental health. The duties of this

department include, but are not limited to: retail and institutional food inspections, environmental health inspections on daycares, public schools, foster homes and swimming pool inspections. Additionally, our office handles day to day calls, reports, accounting, plan reviews and environmental complaints and investigations.

The following new retail establishments received permits and opened or changed ownership in 2019: Fritztown Cinema, Church's #3601, Mac's BBQ Partners, St. Joseph Halle, McDonald's, Pioneer, AANI Diamond 002, Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards, Wedding Oak Winery, Los Tres Potrillos, Safari Winery, Kaffee Haus, The Rock House Hideaway, Lock Stock & Barrel, Fredericksburg Fudge, Heath Sparkling Wines, Slate Mill Wine Collective, Albert Ice House & Dance Hall, Bejas, Woerner Catering, Metzger Market, Bankersmith, Squeeze In, Pritzer Sweet Shop, McCurdy Creek Ranch – The Wine Barn, Chicken Express, Augusta Vin, James Brothers on Main, Frisch, Vista Oaks Ventures, Wild Hare Bistro, Primat Catering, Nina's Popcorn Emporium, Lone Star Bar & Grill, Fancy Goat Boutique, and Laina's. **(35 Total)**

As of December 31, 2019, 431 retail food inspections had been performed in 2019. This number does not include courtesy inspections, i.e. inspection approvals upon opening, during construction or follow up visits. There were 41 mobile permits issued this year as opposed to 33 the previous year.

With it being mandatory for all food and beverage employees to be certified food handlers, training for food handlers continues on an as needed basis. Many food service workers obtain their certification online. The Agri-Life Extension office has held 3 food manager certification classes this past year.

There were 330 temporary health permits issued this year as opposed to 338 permits issued last year. There were 270 retail health permits compared to 255 the previous year which was an increase of 6%. The following is a list of some of the functions with temporary health permits inspected in Gillespie County:

- Fredericksburg Trade Days
- Bankersmith Events
- Stonewall Peach Jamboree
- Lavender Festival
- Peddler Show
- Gillespie County Fair
- Fredericksburg Farmers Market
- Lutheran Fall Festival
- Mesquite Art Festival
- Gillespie County Horse Races
- Crawfish Festival
- Walt Stock & Barrel
- Oktoberfest
- Food & Wine Fest
- Fredericksburg Vintage Car Swap
- Food Truck & Wine Festival
- Hill Country Fall Classic
- Best Fest

- The Victory Cup / Hot Air Balloon Festival

The GCHD (Gillespie County Health Division) inspected 6 daycare centers and there were no foster home inspections conducted this past year. Fredericksburg ISD, Harper ISD, & Doss Consolidated have been inspected for health and safety with reports submitted to those school district superintendents.

The Director of GCHD participates on several boards that meet on a regular basis.

- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Create Healthy Community Council
- Child Care Task Force

III. REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

Texas Department of State Health Services Region 8 Reportables 2019

Statewide reporting database has been experiencing technical issues and this information is unavailable at this time. This information will be updated when the data is available.

Note: DSHS staff officing in Kerrville does cover Gillespie County. Some of the services include but are not limited to immunizations and STD screenings, health talks and education on a variety of different topics, child safety seat inspections/education, and participation with emergency planning.

IV. DOMESTIC / FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Gillespie County Health Board started 2019 with discussions on multiple topics of concern in our community. Some of those items are listed below:

- Domestic Violence
- Pedestrian Safety
- Gun Safety / Preparedness
- Vaccination / Immunization rates

After much discussion, the board decided that domestic violence in Gillespie County would be the priority for discussion this year. The natural place to start with information on this topic was a meeting with four board members from The Grace Center.

The Grace Center is an established non-profit organization with a goal of building a shelter where those who have been impacted by domestic violence can seek shelter from their abuser. Their vision is to provide services that break the cycle of domestic violence, giving individuals hope and healing. Their mission is to provide support and services for individuals impacted by domestic violence.

The Grace Center has a board of directors with bylaws and has been approved with their 501-C3 nonprofit status. This project is very much in the beginning stages and their

board wants to make sure their project is done correctly and timely. Their plan is for a 32 bed facility, similar to Kendall County Women's Shelter and complete with security to create a safe environment. Currently, the Kendall County Women's Shelter and the shelter in Kerrville are normally at capacity. The services The Grace Center will provide will be free and confidential. The shelter will be available not only to the victim but to children effected as well.

Some of the local statistics that were pulled from the Gillespie County Sheriff's Office and the Fredericksburg Police Department were as follows:

- 2018 Domestic Violence Incidents
 - 29 incidents involving family violence
 - 2 murders – 1 in the county and 1 in the city. These two incidents were classified as homicides.
- 2016-2018 Sexual Assaults Reported in Gillespie County
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Hattie Allen is the CEO of the Kendall County Women's Shelter and serves on the board for The Grace Center. Hattie explained to the board the three types of domestic violence: emotional, physical, and sexual. This type of violence can happen to anyone. Most of the time the perpetrator wants to control their partner. Many times the victim relies on the perpetrator for many reasons – financial or whatever, but it normally takes a victim 5 – 7 times before they leave their abuser for good. She further explained that The Grace Center's purpose is to provide support and services for individuals impacted by domestic violence. The shelter would provide housing, food, and resources to those impacted by domestic violence as well as educate and aid those on how they can receive additional help to remove themselves from violent domestic environments. Life skills programs will be a part of these services

The next area of expertise that the health board sought was law enforcement. Sergeant Vorauer with the City of Fredericksburg and Detective Sergeant James Ahrens with Gillespie County Sherriff's office met with the board. The following were interesting facts that were presented at our meeting:

- Domestic violence is one of the most chronically underreported crimes
- Of the reported cases, on average, a woman will be assaulted by her partner 35 times before reporting
- Not reported because of fear, embarrassment, wanting privacy of family, financial dependency etc.
- Domestic violence is very much a public health problem
- Child abuse is reported by teachers/counselors but they do not report domestic violence
- Some reported domestic violence does involve drug use
- 2018 reported 2 murders; 29 incidents involving family violence
- 2016-2018 reported 27 sexual assaults in the city of Fredericksburg and 19 in Gillespie County.

Other agencies that may be involved in domestic violence cases are CPS (Child Protective Services) and APS (Adult Protective Services) and Narcotics Division. The

Kid's Advocacy Place located in Kerrville is a resource that is used when children are involved. This facility is grant funded and is a safe, child-friendly place where abused children can tell their stories during the initial stages of a child abuse investigation. They also receive guidance for specialized medical and therapeutic services that begin their recovery process from the physical, emotional, and psychological trauma that can sometimes be caused by abuse.

Both officers mentioned the greatest need for law enforcement is man power in dealing with investigations. It was suggested as a recommendation that the city and county share a child protective officer in an effort to better address the needs locally. Another need is having a facility to send an abused person to, as many times the closest facilities are full. Another need is education for the general public on domestic violence and how to look for the signs and what to do and who to report it to.

The next area the board explored was the Hill Country Community Needs Council. Rhonda Gross who is a licensed psychologist at the Needs Council, spoke to the health board about the increase in clients. Rhonda spoke about domestic violence in Gillespie County and showed us statistics on counseling appointments at the Hill Country Needs Council from 2018 Jan – March (56 appointments) as opposed to 2019 Jan- March (171 appointments). This equates to over a 200% increase in domestic violence counseling sessions. The Needs Council has added two additional counselors to their staff. The wait time for appointments is normally not more than a couple of days.

Rhonda also went into detail to explain the different types of domestic abuse – emotional, physical, and sexual. Rhonda then discussed the power and control wheel which is a visual aid that explains: using intimidation; using emotional abuse; using isolation; minimizing, denying and blaming; using children; using male privilege; using economic abuse; and using coercion and threats. She further spoke about why people abuse and it is simply the desire to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner. She also spoke of children and how many times they can be caught in the middle during a domestic abuse situation. It was mentioned that the closest place for supervised parental visits is in San Antonio. A recommendation for the annual report was to propose to have a secure place for supervised visits here in Gillespie County.

Some of the effects on a community:

- Domestic violence is not a “personal” problem that stays at home
- Approximately 60% of adults in the U.S. work, so chances are that in a given workplace, many employees are victims, perpetrators, or have a friend or family member who is a victim
- More than 44% of working U.S. adults say they have experienced the effects of domestic violence in the workplace
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Some of the effects on an individual:

- Long after domestic trauma, the nervous system may continue to respond to perceived danger and trauma. It can keep the individual stuck feeling hypervigilant, dissociative, or numb for years to come.

- Individuals who are brought up in environment of domestic violence are much more likely to perpetuate the cycle by becoming either a victim or perpetrator of domestic violence
- Impact on child's global development is markedly detrimental – studies show that observing domestic violence is as harmful as actually experiencing it

Finally Rhonda offered information on what we can do to help if we know someone who is in a domestic violence situation:

- Acknowledge that they are in a very difficult and scary situation, be supportive and listen
- Let them know that the abuse is not their fault
- Be non-judgmental
- Respect the individual's decision and be supportive
- Encourage the abused to talk to people who can provide help and guidance
- Refer to local resources and remember that you cannot "rescue"
- Provide support in ongoing domestic violence counseling and support services at the Needs Council and participate in the development of a local family violence shelter, The Grace Center

Concern for children and services for children became a resounding theme in much of the health board's discussion so we then met with Randy Paul who is the president of the Hill Country Chapter of Guardians of the Children (GOC). This group is based out of New Braunfels and serves 18 counties. He explained the main mission of Guardians of the Children organization is "See Something Do Something". The GOC is a 501c3 non-profit public benefit organization to educate the public about child abuse prevention and create a safer environment for abused children. The GOC provides education on anti-bullying and child abuse prevention. GOC serves as advocates and empowering agents to children who are victims of abuse, and neglect. GOC has a Lil' Guardian program that "adopts" victims of abuse into the program. The Lil' Guardian is assigned two Points of Contact (POC), who they can contact for support if they feel unsafe. Lil'Guardians who have to attend court are accompanied by the GOC to provide support during trying times. Each Guardian member has their personal story that motivates them to serve their community, but all the Guardians share the passion to protect those who most need it. The GOC operates on funding provided through donations, fundraising events and grants. The Hill Country Chapter has an annual fundraising event in the spring. Thirty percent of the funds raised go to advertising of educational material and the other 70% goes to the children. For example, they provide school supplies for the children they help. All Guardians have to undergo a background check and become volunteers with Child Protective Services in the Hill Country. The process begins with a referral and then an intake interview will occur and they meet the family and the child. The organization will continue to have a relationship with the child as long as the child would like.

The GOC list 8 items that you can do if you see or suspect child abuse:

- Call 911
- Say something
- Stop the abuse
- Take photos, videos & notes
- Report the abuse with detail

- TX Abuse Hotline: 800-252-5400
- www.TXABUSEHOTLINE.org
- Children's Advocacy Center 830-626-2543

The board then requested to meet with legal council professionals that deal with family/ domestic violence. Cheryl Sione, local attorney who specializes in family law and John Hoover, Assistant District Attorney for 216th Judicial District met with the health board.

Mr. Hoover has been a prosecutor for 6 years and he prosecutes felonies in Gillespie and Kerr counties. He explained from January 2018 to present (September), there were 65 cases of family violence. Of those, 61 were convicted. This equates to a very high conviction rate with most found guilty or end up pleading guilty. 21 of those 65 cases were sexual abuse cases. In that same time frame, two were family violence murders. Once a person has been indicted for a family violence crime, there are certain bond restrictions that often include no contact with the victim. Sometimes the victim ends up making up with their abuser. When a child (16 yrs. or younger) is involved, a forensic interview takes place. John indicated that there has been an uptick in the number of these in Gillespie County compared to Kerr County. He mentioned that these cases are across all socioeconomic backgrounds. Sometimes indictments involve someone from another country and the process of international extradition has to go through Washington which makes it difficult at best. The Hill Country Crisis Council is a resource for families or individuals who have suffered family violence or sexual assault and need help but often the facility is full.

From the civil side of this topic we had local attorney Cheryl Sione speak. She agreed with statements Mr. Hoover made about domestic violence that are listed above. She mentioned that CPS (Child Protective Services) doesn't get too involved as long as the child is safe and protected. There has to be proof of abuse or neglect in order to remove a child from their home. She also mentioned that drugs are a key factor in many of the family violence situations. The hardest to prove is the emotional abuse. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is only involved in CPS cases. The nearest CASA office is Hill Country CASA in Kerrville. This office serves Bandera, Gillespie, Kendall and Kerr counties. Cheryl mentioned that there are many emotional abuse cases and much of this is due to bad parenting. She feels the need for more opportunities for parenting classes but unsure how to get parents to participate. Other recommendations are better relations as to services that are offered such as the Hill Country Crisis Council. Offering education and community outreach with schools was also suggested. Another recommendation was having EMS/ Law Enforcement give pamphlets on available services when domestic violence is suspected. It was also mentioned that the proposed domestic violence shelter, The Grace Center, is needed and will have much to offer victims of family violence.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide support for the development of The Grace Center. This project will be a shelter where those who have been impacted by domestic violence can seek shelter from their abuser. This can be in the form of a supportive resolution by City Council and Commissioners Court.
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- Secure a place for supervised visitation. This could be monitored by the child protective officer position mentioned above.
- Provide more parenting classes.
- Provide more education on behavioral health and domestic violence.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

This report is respectfully submitted to the City of Fredericksburg City Council and to the Gillespie County Commissioners Court. Please let us know if additional information is desired or if you would wish this report to be given orally at the Council Meeting or Commissioner's Court.



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: May 27, 2020
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kent Myers, City Manager
SUBJECT: FY 2021 Budget Calendar

Summary:

Each year the City prepares a calendar showing the major steps involved in developing the Budget.

Recommendation:

Following any revisions made by the City Council at Monday's meeting, it is recommended that the FY 2021 Budget calendar be adopted.

Background / Analysis:

The attached proposed calendar for the FY 2021 Budget is intended to identify the major steps involved in the development of the Budget. This calendar meets the statutory requirements in terms of public hearings and public notices.

As shown on the attached calendar, the development of the annual budget is an involved process with numerous meetings and public hearings. This process starts at the next City Council meeting with the Council discussion on your budget priorities for the coming year. These priorities are then used by City staff in developing the proposed budgets for their departments.

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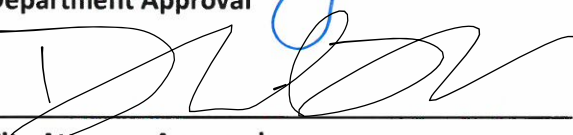
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FY 2021 Budget Calendar

June 15	Monday	Council Meeting- Council Budget Priorities - TBD (6:00 PM)
June 16	Tuesday	City Manager Provides Budget Guidance to Department Heads
June 8 - June 24		Department Heads Prepare Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets
June 8 - June 24		Develop Updated Capital Improvement Plan
June 17	Wednesday	Publish Notice of Public Hearing on Budget
June 30 - July 10		Meetings with City Manager, Finance Department, and City Departments
July 6	Monday	Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Presentation to Council - TBD (6:00 PM)
July 6	Monday	Public Hearing for Citizen Input on 2020 Budget - TBD (6:00 PM)
July 13 - 17		City Manager and Finance Director Prepare Balanced Budget
July 20	Monday	Send Proposed City Budget to City Council
July 22	Wednesday	City Council Workshop on Proposed General Fund Budget - TBD (4:00 PM)
July 25	Saturday	Receive Certified Property Values from GCAD
July 28	Tuesday	City Council Workshop on Proposed Enterprise Fund Budgets - TBD (4 PM)
August 1	Saturday	Calculation of No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates by Tax Assessor/Collector
August 3	Monday	Budget Workshop with County Commissioners - TBD (8:30 AM - 10:30 AM)
August 5	Wednesday	Publish Notice of Public Hearing on Budget
August 5	Wednesday	Publish No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates
August 12	Wednesday	City Council Budget workshop on all Funds – Proposed General Fund & Enterprise Funds Budget - TBD (4 PM)
August 24	Monday	Council Public Hearing on Proposed Budget/No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Submitted to Council/Approve Proposed Tax Rate
September 2	Wednesday	Publish Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate Increase (if necessary)
September 9	Wednesday	Public Hearing on Tax Increase (if necessary) -TBD (6:00 PM)
September 9	Wednesday	Publish Notice of Tax Revenue Increase (if necessary)
September 21	Monday	Council Adopts Separate Budget and Tax Rate Ordinances - TBD (6:00 PM)

* All meeting locations are currently shown as TBD due to COVID-19



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: May 27, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kent Myers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment to City Council

Summary:

Due to the resignation of Mayor Langerhans and the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Gary Neffendorf to serve as Mayor, there is a vacancy on the City Council that should be filled by June 16.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council consider individuals who are qualified to fill this vacancy and make the appointment at this meeting if possible. This will provide an opportunity for City staff to brief the new City Council member on several major items that are included on the June 15 City Council agenda.

An executive session is included on the agenda in case the Council wants to meet in this session to discuss the appointment before making a final decision.

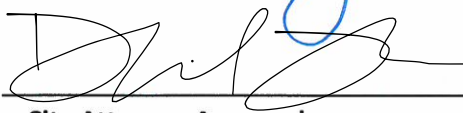
Background / Analysis:

Attachments:

None

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Future Agenda Items

City Council

June 15, 2020

Regular Meeting

City Council = Red

1st and 15th Regular Meetings @ 6p.m.

Planning & Zoning = Green 6-3-2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

Historic Review Board = Purple 6-9-2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustment = Blue 6-11-2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

City Events = Yellow

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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28	29	30				

Proclamation

1. Linda Langerhans
2. Women's Right to Vote

Consent

1. 6-1-2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances

1. W. Live Oak 91.43 acres
 - a. Annexation,
 - b. Land Use Map
 - c. Zoning

Resolutions

Public Hearing

Approvals-Misc.

1. Mayor Pro Tem appointment
2. Windcrest pro ration
- 3.

Presentations, Discussions and Updates:

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Transportation Project Traffic Impact Study
3. July 4th Parade

Executive Session

July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting

City Council = Red

6th and 20th Regular Meetings @ 6p.m.

Planning & Zoning = Green 7-8-2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

Historic Review Board = Purple 7-14-2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustment = Blue 7-16-2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

City Events = Yellow

July 3rd City Holiday

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