



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JULY 6, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 6, 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 Gary Neffendorf
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Polly Rickert
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 Hollenbeck, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reported as of 7-6-2020:

World 11,327,790 Positive Cases			United States 2,886,267 Positive Cases			
Texas Positive Cases	Texas Total Deaths	Texas Active Cases	Texas Recovered Cases	Texas Test Performed	Texas Counties	Texas Hospitalized
200,557	2,655	94,120	10,782	2,431,861	247 out of 254	8,698
Region 8 Total Cases	Region 8 Deaths	Region 8 Active Cases	Region 8 Counties	Region 8 Pending investigation cases	Region 8 Probable cases	Region 8 New cases Since last report
20,990	177	12,245	28 out of 28	1,179	404	690 (24 hours)

He reviewed the importance of watching the hospitalizations and the effects large increase in patients could have on Hill Country Memorial Hospital. He also reviewed the counts of surrounding counties:

- Gillespie County 51
- Mason County 34
- Llano County 11
- Blanco County 31
- Kerr County 126
- Kendall County 103

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

3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated he received the following:

- An email expressing Police Officer Victor Martinez's professionalism and politeness during a traffic stop.
- An email expressing Police Officer Brandyn Griffin's professionalism and courtesy during a traffic stop.
- An email expressing gratefulness for EMS who worked with Willow Creek Fire Department to assist on a call at Enchanted Rock and go above and beyond the call of duty.
- Customer Service Card expressing the efficiency and courtesy that Blake Adams, Landfill Chipping Crew, showed while performing his duties.

- Letter expressing the appreciation for Doris Segner, Utility Clerk, David Feller, Vegetation Management Supervisor, Brandon Vollmar, and Floyd McLaughlin of Vegetation Management for correcting a tree problem.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Neffendorf reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. He stated the City received one citizen sign up for verbal comments, two written citizen comments, and the staff will get back with the citizen who provided comments.

Carlo Rivera spoke regarding a safety concern on East Travis Street. He noted that he also provided his comments in an email and encouraged the City Council to correct the safety issues on this roadway.

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. June 15, 2020, Regular Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Rickert, to approve the correction of the City Council Minutes for June 15, 2020, Regular Meeting, and waiving the usual Marktplatz rental fees for the Chamber of Commerce who will be hosting a job fair to help our community get back to work. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Rickert	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Hold Public Hearing to receive Citizen's Input on the FY2021 Budget.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to go into the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Neffendorf asked if anyone wished to speak. No one did.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to go out of the Public Hearing and back into the regular session at 6:30 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding the Post Oak/Cherry Street Extension Annexation and Zoning Schedule.

Brian Jordan, Development Services Directory, provided an update on the proposed annexation. He noted at the retreat in January 2018; the City Council prioritize the community areas for annexation. After the U.S. Highway 290 East corridor and the W. Live Oak Street area, the Post

Oak Road/Cherry Street extension was determined as the next highest priority. Also, the City Council identified the extension of Cherry Street and improvements to Post Oak Road as one of four roadway priority projects in the Transportation Master Plan and associated Traffic Impact Study. He also discussed Resolution 2019-06R and the proposed schedule. He also noted a meeting with property owners would occur prior to the start of the process.

The City Council discussed the Post Oak/Cherry Street Extension Annexation and Zoning. They also discussed the proposed Section 4.01(b) of 11B. No. 347 (2019) and Resolution 2019-06R. They also discussed the area landowner notification process and the proposed schedule.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rickert, seconded by Mayor Neffendorf, to delay the proposed Post Oak/Cherry Street Extension Annexation and Zoning Schedule for 90 days. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	nay
Mayor Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Rickert	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

The motion carried (4 to 1).

B. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding a presentation on the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the City of Fredericksburg.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, provided the history of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He stated the process was established to provide a routine procedure for identifying, evaluating, and advocating the City of Fredericksburg's current and future capital needs. The capital planning process not only provides an orderly and routine method of proposing the planning of capital improvements, but the process also makes capital expenditures more responsive to community needs by informing the public. The CIP does not appropriate funds but supports the budget process and the appropriations made through the Budget's adoption. A successful CIP provides considerable advance notification, planning, evaluation, scope definition, design, public discussion, cost estimation, and financial planning. He also reviewed the objectives utilized to develop a CIP. The CIP ensures coordination between City departments and the City Council in the planning and implementing capital projects. The CIP identifies and determines future infrastructure needs and establishes priorities among projects, so the available resources are used to the greatest extent possible. He then provided a PowerPoint presentation, and each Department reviewed their 5-year plan and cost.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the proposed City Hall was not part of the original packet. He reviewed the history of the proposed City Hall, property purchased on Friendship Lane, and the estimated cost. He also reviewed how the Security State Bank drive-through was converted into offices. He had this project was put on hold to work on the Sports Park. He also stated if the City Council is interested in considering this project, then a committee will need to look at staffing needs and square footage requirements.

The City Council discussed the 5-year CIP and the estimated cost. They also discussed the space need for employees in the future.

C. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding continued operation of City facilities during the COVID-19 recovery period.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated there had been discussion about closures of certain City facilities. He noted the closures might be necessary due to the increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases, including two positive employees. He reviewed the high-risk areas (Skate Park, Basketball Park, and Market Square). He also discussed the measures being taken at swimming pools and the golf course. He also stated that staff is recommending continuing to monitor the trends in the number of positive local cases, hospitalizations, and other information before they consider closing any City parks.

The City Council discussed the increasing positive cases and the high-risk park areas in town.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Budget Update

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated all the meetings with departments have been conducted, and everyone presented a tight budget. He also stated the Finance Department will present the City Council with the proposed Budget on July 20, 2020, and provide you with a list of items City staff wants to add. He also reviewed the upcoming Workshops:

- General Fund on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 4 p.m.
- Enterprise Fund on Wednesday, July 28, 2020, at 4 p.m.
- City/County Joint Budget Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

B. Governor's COVID-19 Orders

C. Mask Order

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated 8. B and C. will be reported together. He noted Friday; Governor Abbott issued a Order regarding wearing face-coverings. The staff has reviewed the Order and is working with businesses. He also noted that the Order reduced gatherings, so there will be several special event items on the July 20, 2020, agenda for consideration.

D. COVID-19 Task Force

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, reported the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force discussed the recent executive Order and provided stakeholder reports.

E. 4th of July Events

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the Gillespie County Fair Association Races were conducted and seemed to go well, but attendance was down. The Firework Show went well, as well as a citizen organized parade.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

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

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Neffendorf stated that according to Governor's Abbott's Order regarding outdoor events of 10 people or more, the purview belongs to the Mayor and County Judge. He noted the events that remain under the Governor's purview.

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 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property):

A. Consider and discuss E. 290 Owners Coalition vs. City of Fredericksburg, Texas, pending in the 216th District Court (Section 551.071); and

B. Consider and discuss possible waiver of attorney client privilege, for certain confidential legal communications between the City Council and attorneys rendering legal services to the City Council; and to receive legal advice concerning same (Section 551.071); and

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); and

D. Consider and discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, located in the vicinity of US 290 E at the Pedernales River crossing, approximately two miles to the east of the City of Fredericksburg (Sec. 551.072).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to go out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 9:30 p.m. The City Council voted four (4) for, and none (0) opposed. (Councilmember Watson was not present at this time). The motion carried (4-1).

13. BUSINESS ITEM

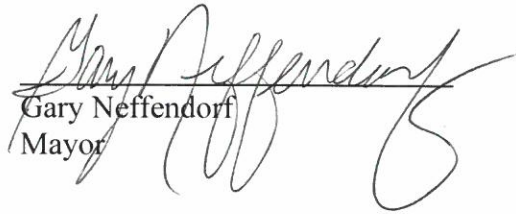
12.C. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to terminate the economic development agreement related to the construction and operation of a Hotel and Conference Center in the City. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Mayor Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Rickert	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye

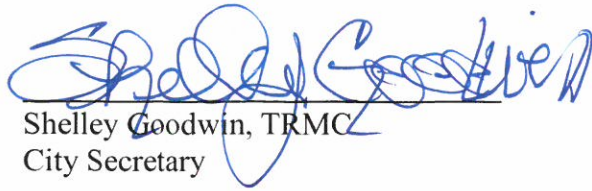
The motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Monday, July 7, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 9:33 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Gary Neffendorf
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

