

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Law Enforcement Center ~ 1601 East Main Street

Linda Langerhans, Mayor
Graham Pearson, Council Member
Charlie Kiehne, Council Member

Gary Neffendorf, Council Member
Bobby Watson, Council Member
Kent Myers, City Manager

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CALL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** This time is for citizens to address the City Council on issues and items of concern not on this agenda. There will be no City Council action at this time.
6. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** - No discussion or action may take place
7. **ADJOURN**



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: November 28, 2016

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kent Myers, City Manager

SUBJECT: EDC Board Appointment

Summary:

The EDC currently has an opening for a City representative on their Board. In addition, one of the City's current Board representatives, Julie Kuhlken, has a term that expires the end of this year.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Julie Kuhlken be reappointed for another two-year term. It is also recommended that Stephen Harris be appointed as the new City representative on the EDC Board for a 2-year term.

Background / Analysis:

Attachments:


Department Approval


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DATE: November 28, 2016
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kent Myers, City Manager
SUBJECT: 2017 Holiday Schedule

Summary:

Every December we request that the City Council approve a City holiday schedule for the coming year.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the 2017 Holiday Schedule.

Background / Analysis:

The attached report shows the current holidays that the City recognizes along with holidays recognized by the Federal, State and County government as well as the Fredericksburg School District. As indicated, the City provides fewer holidays than most other government agencies. For example, the County has 3 ½ more holidays than we recognize. On certain of these holidays, such as MLK day and President's Day, it is a challenge to conduct business due to our inability to communicate with these agencies. In addition, child care is a challenge for some of our employees who have children that are out of school on some of these holidays.

Anyway, I wanted to share this information for your review and consideration prior to approving the new holiday schedule. Our employees do truly appreciate all of the things that the Council does to support them including the paid holidays provided by the City.

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Attachments:

Holiday Listing and Comparison


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Holiday Comparison

City of Fredericksburg	Gillespie County	State of Texas	Federal (Banks & Post Office)	Fredericksburg School District
New Year's Day	New Year's Day	New Year's Day	New Year's Day	Martin L. King Day
Good Friday	Martin L. King Day	Martin L. King Day	Martin L. King Day	Presidents Day
Memorial Day	Presidents' Day	Presidents' Day	President's Day	Good Friday
Independence Day	Texas Independence	Memorial Day	Memorial Day	Memorial Day
½ County Fair Day	Good Friday	Independence Day	Independence Day	County Fair Day
Labor Day	Memorial Day	Labor Day	Labor Day	Labor Day
Veteran's Day	Independence Day	Veterans Day	Columbus Day	Veterans Day
Thanksgiving	County Fair Day	Thanksgiving	Veterans Day	Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving + 1	Labor Day	Thanksgiving + 1	Thanksgiving Day *	Thanksgiving + 1
Christmas Eve	Veterans Day	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
Christmas Day	Thanksgiving	Christmas Day		
	Thanksgiving + 1	Christmas +1		
	Christmas Eve	(O) Rosh Hashanah		
	Christmas Day	(O) Rosh Hashanah +1		
		(O) Yom Kippur		
		(O) Confederate Hero		
		(O) Texas Independence		
		(O) Cesar Chavez Day		
		(O) Good Friday		
		(O) San Jacinto Day		
		(O) Emancipation Day		
		(O) LBJ's Birthday		9 Days Total (doesn't Include summer and Christmas holidays)
10 ½ Days Total	14 Days Total	13 Days Total	10 Days Total*	

* Many Federal Agencies give a Family Day the day after Thanksgiving, banks & post offices are not allowed to do so by law. Most Federal agencies actually give 11 days off.



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: December 5, 2016

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Clinton Bailey, P.E., Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities

SUBJECT: All-Way Stop Intersection at East Austin St. and North Elk St.

Summary:

This item is for the discussion of converting the intersection of East Austin Street and North Elk Street from a two-way stop intersection (East and West bound Austin Street) to an all-way stop intersection.

Recommendation:

n/a

Background / Analysis:

With a recent phase of the indoor exhibit renovations being completed at the Pacific Combat Zone of the National Museum of the Pacific War and additional phases of renovations pending, representatives of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation recently contacted City of Fredericksburg officials and expressed their concerns regarding the intersection of East Austin Street and North Elk Street. In the past, high volumes of pedestrian traffic at this intersection existed mainly during Living History reenactment events held during eight weekends throughout the year between March and November but with major renovations

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being completed, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the volume of pedestrian traffic and thus the potential for increased pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the East Austin Street/North Elk Street on a regular basis on non-event days.

Chapter 44, Article IV, Section 44-108 of the City of Fredericksburg Code of Ordinances gives the traffic engineer of the City of Fredericksburg the authority to install traffic control devices whenever and wherever the condition of traffic, the frequency of passage of vehicles or pedestrians, or both, the direction and volume of the flow of traffic, the dimensions and conditions of the streets and sidewalks, and the use of property abutting the streets are such that the traffic engineer finds it to be necessary for the free flow and the expeditious handling of traffic and the safety of persons and property. All traffic-control devices including signs, signals, and markings (pavement and/or curb) installed or used for the purpose of directing and controlling traffic within the city must conform to the "Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (TMUTCD)." All signs, signals and markings erected or used by the City of Fredericksburg must be uniform and be located so far as practicable according to the directions shown in the manual throughout the city. A list of all signs, signals, and markings erected or in use in the city are kept on file in the office of the city secretary.

According to Section 2B.07 of the TMUTCD, all-way stop control can be useful as a safety measure at intersections if certain traffic conditions exist. Safety concerns associated with all-way stops include pedestrians, bicyclists, and all other road users expecting the intersecting road users to stop. In the case of the East Austin Street/North Elk Street intersection, pedestrians crossing the intersection expect intersecting road users to stop. The TMUTCD gives optional warrant criteria to traffic engineers contemplating the installation of all-way stop applications. The optional criterion that applies in this situation is "The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes."

To establish the basis for the engineering evaluation of the intersection, the City of Fredericksburg Street Department conducted traffic counts over a two week period on each leg of the intersection of East Austin Street and North Elk Street in each direction. Traffic counts indicated a significantly higher volume of vehicular traffic on north and south bound Elk Street than east and west bound Austin Street. Visual observation indicated that pedestrians were generally having a difficult time negotiating the intersection in the presence of vehicular traffic. Visual observation also indicated that adjacent streets were not impacted by vehicles trying to avoid the temporary all-way intersection. Large volumes of pedestrians were also observed crossing the intersection which appeared to cause a fair amount of disruption to traffic traveling north and south bound on Elk Street. Warrants for the installation of an all-way stop intersection were met based solely on the fact that vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near this busy intersection needed to be controlled and an all-way stop configuration was the easiest and most cost effective method to achieve this. On October 26, 2016 the intersection of East Austin Street and North Elk Street was temporarily converted to an all-way stop intersection. The intersection will be permanently converted to an all-way stop configuration on December 6, 2016.

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