



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 27, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council met in a special session on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 4:00 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
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Langerhans called the special meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 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 cases in Region 8, 1706 and 63 deaths. He also reviewed the surrounding counties case:

Mason County	5
Llano County	3
Blanco County	6
Burnet County	15
Kerr County	5

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, reviewed the current status of the City Facilities. He also discussed the different plans and the monitoring of closures of collections of trash on Main Street.

Chris Meade, Touchstone Golf, stated Touchstone had created a Phase Plan for the reopening of the LBJ Golf Course and the safety of the customers.

Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director, reviewed the opening of the restrooms at LBJ, RV Park, Cross Mountain, Market Square, and Convention and Visitor Bureau.

The City Council discussed the increase in positive cases in Mason County. They also discussed the opening of restrooms and the opening of the batting cages.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Langerhans reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. She stated the City received four citizen comments, and a Councilmember will get back with those who commented.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON:

A. The reopening of certain City facilities, including the Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course.

Kent Myers, City Manager, noted all City services have still maintained through this pandemic.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, stated he has been working with the Parks Department and Chris Mead with LBJ Golf Course.

Chris Meade, Touchstone Golf, stated they developed reopening phases for the Lady Bird Golf Course. He reviewed the steps and recommended reopening with Phase 2.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, stated City staff supports the proposed reopening plan and will reopen on Friday, May 1, 2020, with Phase 2.

Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director, reviewed the current facilities that are open. She stated City staff is recommending the reopening of several park facilities include the following:

- Dog Park
- Cross Mountain Park restroom
- Pavilion #3 and #5 restrooms at LBJ Park (these are restrooms on both ends of the park)

- One restroom in RV camping area

She noted the City staff is recommending the following facilities would remain closed:

- Fort Martin Scott buildings
- Tatsch House and Pioneer Pavilions (we do have a few reservations in May we will need to cancel if these remain closed)
- Large restroom at Marktplatz
- CVB restrooms
- Other restrooms in LBJ Park including two in the RV area and others at pavilions, Park Headquarters, ballfields, and Tatsch House
- Old Fair Park basketball pavilion and skate park
- Batting cages at various parks
- All playgrounds
- New RV reservations

She also noted the City staff had discussed the reopening of the garbage cans in the parks. She stated with the visitors beginning to come back to town, the trash receptacles and additional trash cans will be needed.

The City Council discussed the City staff recommendation of reopening of several facilities of the parks and the reopening of the LBJ Golf Course at Phase 2. The City Council also discussed the garbage cans and the Batting Cages.

The City Council agreed by consensus to the following:

- City staff recommendation of reopening of several facilities at the parks
- Reopening of the LBJ Golf Course at Phase 2.
- Reopening the garbage cans in the Parks and on Market Square
- Reopening the Batting Cages with restrictions.

B. The creation of a Business Recovery Task Force, related to local recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, stated in response to Governor Abbott recent plan to begin reopening the Texas economy many cities across the state have formed task force groups to help business and local citizens through the rapid changing reopening process. He noted at the April 20th the City Council Meeting the discussion under the City Manager's report resulted in a consensus of the City Council supporting the creation of the Recovery Task Force. He reviewed the purpose, function, and composition of the proposed Task Force. He also reviewed the benefits the Task Force will have on the community. City Staff has held discussions with several local entities regarding the potential direct participation in a Task Force. He reviewed the potential Task Force composition.

The City Council discussed the need and role of the Task Force. They also discussed the purpose of the Task Force and the need to meet with the County Judge regarding the Task Force.

C. The City's plans to ensure compliance with Governor Abbott's updated Executive Orders, related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Governor Abbott's 18th Executive Order issued earlier today regarding reopening Texas services. He reviewed the highlights of Phase I, which will begin on May 1, 2020, and Phase II will start on May 18, 2020. He noted the concerns of the new Order regarding the occupancy, cleaning, and mask requirements.

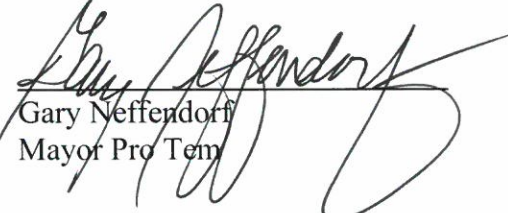
The City Council discussed the new Order and the reopening of businesses.

5. ADJOURN

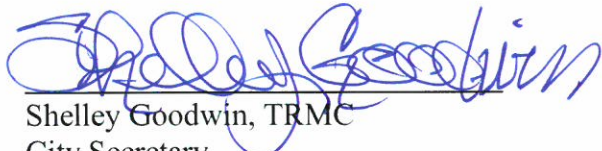
Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to adjourn the Monday, April 20, 2020, City Council Special Meeting at 4:53 p.m. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Musselman	aye
Councilmember Neffendorf	aye
Councilmember Kiehne	aye
Councilmember Watson	aye
Mayor Langerhans	aye

The motion passed unanimously.


Gary Neffendorf
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary