

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/RETREAT MAY 24, 2019

Members Present:

Mayor Linda Langerhans
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Gary Neffendorf (left the meeting at 12 p.m.)
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Laura Hollenbeak, Director of Finance
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Tammy Loth, Human Resources Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks and Recreation Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director Public Works and Utilities
Garret Bonn, Assistant City Engineer
Trevor Dupuis, Parks Superintendent
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With all members of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Langerhans called the workshop/retreat of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019, in the Cardinal Room of the Lady Bird Golf Course, 341 Golfers Loop, Fredericksburg, Texas.

2. Consider Discussion on Next Steps for Sports Park

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated with the Sports Park Bond failing Staff has been looking at different options at the request of the City Council.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities, reviewed the suggestions that have been submitted regarding the Sports Park. He also reviewed facilities and the different sport associations that are using facilities and the cost to maintain those facilities.

Dan Kemp, Soccer Association, reviewed a proposal that he and Mark Cornet have been working on regarding leasing City owned property on Friendship Lane.

The City Council discussed the option list and recommended removing items 13 and 15. They also discussed the maintenance cost for the Parks Department. They recommended having a Workshop with the County Commissioners.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities, stated he will schedule a meeting with the representatives of the different associations to provide them with an update and to brainstorm to develop different ideas for the park.

3. Consider Discussion on City Council Rules of Procedure

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated after the May election the City Council holds a discussion regarding the Rules of Procedures. He reviewed some decorum from other municipalities.

The City Council discussed renaming Retreats to Workshops, decorum, speakers stating their name for the record and controlling public hearings. They also discussed moving the speaking podium to the center of the room and facing the City Council, as well as adding a timer that would attach to the podium.

4. Consider Report and Discussion on Affordable Housing

Kent Myers, City Manager, provided an update on affordable housing. He also reviewed the existing multifamily housing and the vacant units.

Tim Lehmberg, Gillespie County Economic Development, reviewed the tax credit options for affordable housing.

Penny McBride, Chamber of Commerce, stated the Board feels that affordable housing is a priority and they are looking at ways to address this issue.

5. Consider Report and Discussion on Mid-Year Budget

Kent Myers, City Manager, provided an update on the Mid-Year Budget Report. He also reviewed the annual audit on the Golf Course and a one-year extension of the Retail Coach contract. He reviewed the Tourism Fund and the Animal Control Donation Fund.

Andrea Schmidt, Parks Director, reviewed the need for replacing the Christmas lighting at Marktplatz. She also reviewed the pros and cons for City employees installing the lights.

Steve Wetz, Police Chief, reviewed the different needs for Animal Control to be spent from Wallner Donation.

The City Council discussed a one-year extension of the Retail Coach contract, Animal Control needs and the Christmas lighting at Marktplatz.

6. Consider Discussion on FY 2020 City Budget

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the preliminary information related to the FY2020 City Budget. He also reviewed the effect that SB2 and HB2 could have on the budget if they pass. He provided historic staffing report, fee increases for events and the proposed Budget Calendar.

The City Council discussed staffing needs, event fees, and proposed Budget Calendar.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated once the Ad Valorem Tax figures come in from Gillespie County Appraisal District then we will have better numbers to work with.

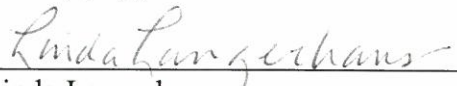
7. Consider Report and Discussion on Major Street Projects

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities, reviewed the Transportation Project, cost, funding and current rankings.

The City Council discussed the different projects, current rankings and their cost. They also discussed the different ways to fund the projects. They recommended scheduling a Joint Workshop with the County Commissioners to discuss different projects and funding.

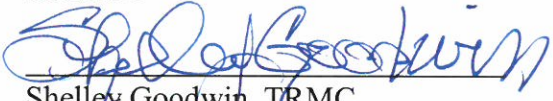
8. Adjourn

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to adjourn the Friday, May 24, 2019 City Council Workshop/Retreat at 12:15 p.m. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



Linda Langerhans
Mayor

ATTEST



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

