



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 23, 2021

The City of Fredericksburg City Council held their work session on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6 p.m. This meeting was held in person at the Law Enforcement Center.

Members Present:

Mayor Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Jerry Luckenbach
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Kathy O'Neill

Members Absent:

Councilmember Bobby Watson (excused)

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Brian Vorauer, Police Department Lt.
Braxton Roemer, Police Special Services Lieutenant
Eric Whiting, Information Technology Director
Regan Rabke, Fire Marshall
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
David Kellam, Assistant Finance Director
Krista Wareham, City Accountant
Lea Fugue, Public Information Officer
Justin Calhoun, Emergency Management Coordinator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiehne called the regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021. Mayor Kiehne announced a quorum of the City Council present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Annette Bennett, City resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate.

George Studor, City resident, spoke regarding the budget process.

Eric Hammerson, City resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate.

Gary Neffendorf, City resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate and fund balances. He also announced his candidacy for County Judge.

Jett Burns, County resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate.

Moe Saiidi, City resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate.

Bryan Bierswalt, County resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate.

Heath Bell, City resident, spoke regarding the Tax Rate.

3. FY 2022 CITY BUDGET

i. Review and discuss the proposed FY 2022 Budget.

Kent Myers, City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed FY 2022. The PowerPoint included the FY2022 Budget overview, proposed fees and taxes, personnel costs, highlights, and FY2022 Budget-next steps.

ii. Hold a public hearing to receive comments on FY2022 Budget.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, and a second by Councilmember Luckenbach to go out of Regular Session into Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. The Council voted four (4) for, and none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Moe Saiidi, City resident, spoke regarding the proposed FY 2022 Budget.

Eric Hammerson, City resident, spoke regarding County's contribution with the expenses in the proposed FY2022 budget.

George Studor, City resident, spoke regarding the need for storm preparedness in the budget.

Carol Hammerson, City resident, spoke presentation of the budget and affordable housing.

Tracy Knudson, City resident, spoke regarding lowering the FY2022 Budget by 5%.

Derrick Spence, County resident, spoke regarding the need for parking meters.

Jett Burns, County resident, spoke regarding the American Rescue Plan and the FY2022 Budget.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, and a second by Councilmember O'Neill to go out of Public Hearing into Regular Session at 7:05 p.m. The Council voted four (4) for, and none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Announce date, time and location for adoption of FY 2022 City Budget - Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center- 1601 East Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

Kent Myers, City Manager, announced the adoption of FY 2022 City Budget will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center- 1601 East Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

4. 2021 TAX RATE

i. Review and discuss the proposed 2021 Tax Rate.

Laura Hollenbeck, Finance Director, reviewed the Legislative guidelines and the different proposed Tax Rate options. She also reviewed the 2021 Property Tax Rate Comparison.

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the budget process and how the proposed Tax Rate impacts it.

The City Council requested a summary that takes out one-time expenses in the fund balance.

The City Council discussed setting the proposed Tax Rate with a higher percentage than last year and allow the staff to complete the proposed budget. Then they would come back with possibly a lower Tax Rate.

ii. Approve the proposed 2021 Tax Rate (roll call vote).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, and a second by Councilmember Luckenbach, to set the proposed FY2021 Tax Rate at 0.225823. On roll call vote:

Councilmember Luckenbach:	aye
Councilmember Watson:	absent
Mayor Kiehne:	nay
Councilmember Musselman:	aye
Councilmember O'Neill	aye

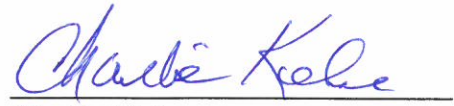
Motion passed three (3) for and one (1) opposed.

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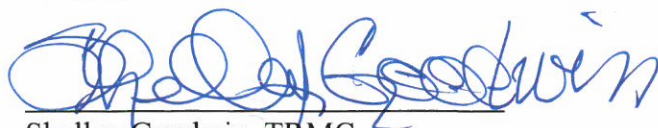
Kent Myers, City Manager, stated that with the new proposed Tax Rate amount, a public hearing on September 8, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Fire Training Room would need to be held. He also announced that the adoption of the 2021 Tax Rate would be on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

4. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Luckenbach, to adjourn the Monday, August 23, 2021, City Council Workshop at 7:25 p.m. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Charlie Kiehne
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary