SPEAKING AT AN AGENDA ITEM

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- State your name and address before your comments begin.
- Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, or to the audience.
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# City of Fredericksburg

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 ~ 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL COMMENT FORM SPREADSHEET**

Gary Neffendorf, Councilmember  
Tom Musselman, Councilmember  
Bobby Watson, Councilmember  
Charlie Kiehne, Councilmember  
Polly Rickert, Councilmember  
Kent Myers, City Manager

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COMMENTS: I believe the subject of our GCo Fair Parade needs to be addressed. There is a petition going around Fredericksburg right now, and our community is speaking out!! If people are allowed to protest with no social distancing, then why in the world can we not have a parade? Your choices as our town leaders are affecting our community. This is the biggest pandemic I've ever seen, and y'all need to wake up and let us start living our lives again! If you want normal back, then make a stance and let Fredericksburg get back to the basics of life.
Thank you, Elizabeth Scripps

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<td>Absolutely yes, it needs to continue. I think we are all learning that covid may not be as bad as we thought. Businesses have already been devastated, jobs lost, we can't take another economic hit</td>
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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: Package 97-106 4th of July Parade

COMMENTS: Seeing the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Texas since Memorial Day, and taking note that these increases are occurring in areas where there have been substantial public gatherings, I feel it is shortsighted and unwise to hold our annual July 4th Parade in Fredericksburg. Most of the attendees will be from cities where increased cases have been reported, and there will certainly be no social distancing. Given the fact that summer temperatures have not slowed the transmission of the coronavirus, as they normally do the flu, I believe that the preservation of the life and health of many of our citizens should take priority over, and will heavily outweigh, the disappointment shared by all of us in postponing this popular event until next year, when in all likelihood a vaccine will have been found and implemented. I further believe the option of a “reverse parade” at Lady Bird Park will create a dangerous traffic environment on Highway 16 and the park entrance, and will not be a healthy situation for people on stationary floats or other individuals who must work in the July heat. The expenditure of county funds in order to accommodate these options is not justified when so many
communities across the USA have taken the responsible course and postponed such public events until 2021.

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Mayor and Council Members;

Thanks for your efforts to reduce spending and increase revenues without fee & tax increases. Maybe we could also consider zero budgeting making every department justify all expenses required to provide essential services. Hiring an efficiency expert seems to work well in private business when the expert reports to the Council rather than to a department head. Time and motion studies help to produce efficiency and cost reduction.

What better way to raise money than to put parking meters back into service. The ones that take credit cards and can charge more than $10 per day; an amount that the weekend crown is willing to pay to park. From Washington to Milam on Main, Austin & San Antonio Street. City residents spend very little time on these streets on weekends.

May also be time to look at eliminating vehicles for department managers. It may be less expensive to reimburse employees for use of their personal car for City business. Reduce the size & number of Police vehicles by keeping vehicles in service 24/7 instead of having officers drive them home and park them on the street. Eliminate as many vehicles as we can and buy nothing that is not in the budget. Pay for them or wait until we have the funds available.

Franchise tax for wine tour operators may be a good idea but the timing is suspect since they haven't worked for 2 months and will it really bring in enough to justify the expense of collection. We are getting sales tax revenues from STR, Lawn Services, Cleaning services, handyman services etc so it seems like everyone would be willing to pay Sales Taxes on any income produced inside the City.

Most restaurants have reopened but only a few are practicing the recommended safety protocol. Wait staff does not wear masks or keep 6' from the diners. Perhaps the committee you appointed to study the Covid 19 problem would be willing to visit restaurants and publish information by listing all restaurants that practice safety protocol. Just tell us who is trying to keep us safe. The restaurants that don't can put a sign in their door saying that masks are not mandated and we don't use them because they are uncomfortable. Or maybe we just reduce the size of our tip to wait staff unwilling to consider our safety when dining.

Thanks for your Service to the City & Residents

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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #:
8 C 4th of July Parade

COMMENTS: I am asking for the Council to cancel the parade and fireworks. This decision must be made with the collaboration of medical professionals and responsible government officials to guarantee safety of all and to assure all citizens that our hospital will not be overwhelmed later putting lives at risk. This is not a decision that should be based on the petition of people with a collective lack of patience. There will be many years of parades and events. To let this year be about defeating a pandemic is just the way of a crises. We cannot make it go away by simply denying reality. Hats off to all those that believe they are young and will survive the virus but this country has never been about choosing the easy way out for the sake of a good time. This is a country where lives matter. To put others at risk for the sake of a one day event is adolescent thinking. Please use the voice of reason.
Edward Rode  
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City Council of Fredericksburg, Texas  
Mayor of Fredericksburg, Texas  
City Attorney of Fredericksburg, Texas  
City Manager of Fredericksburg, Texas

I would like to know how you can legally annex the Live Oak Road annexation without a resolution, because the resolution you did do was completely illegal. Mr. Watson, who was not sworn in or a councilman at the time, participated in the May 14, 2019 meeting, which is completely illegal with the Open Meeting Act.

In order to annex Live Oak Road annexation, you will have to go by House Bill 347.

Mr. Musseleman, ex-government teacher, should be able to enlighten you on the laws of how the city council should be conducted. In the future, with the other lawsuit pending with the City, when that meeting is thrown out, I will be speaking with you. I cannot see any way that that could be a legal, binding, enforceable meeting.

I would also like to know how it can be legal to only give us 10 years on our ag exemption, when the law says we can have 45 years. And the non-service plan that you issued is not a service plan, because it has nothing about what we can or cannot do. If we plant a flower, will it throw out our ag exemption?

If you’re going to proceed with illegal actions, you will just be wasting taxpayers’ money.

Yours truly,

Edward Rode

[Signature]
Shelley Goodwin

From: Larry Saravo
Sent: Monday, June
To: Shelley Goodwin
Subject: Protest during Pandemic.

As a City that tries to protect it’s residents from CoVid 19 spread with social distancing and masks, Why are we allowing Protests to infect our City? Anyone can protest after the CoVid 19 virus has been totally controlled! Who is in charge?

Sent from my iPhone