CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONER’S COURT SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2020

City Council Present:
Mayor Linda Langerhans (left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.)
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne (arrived at 8:45 a.m.)
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Gillespie County Commissioner’s Court
County Judge, Mark Strocher
Commissioner Pct. 1, Charles Olfers
Commissioner Pct. 2, Keith Kramer
Commissioner Pct. 3, Dennis Neffendorf
Commissioner Pct. 4, Donnie Schuch

City Council and Commissioner’s Court Members Absent:
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Neffendorf

City Staff Present:
Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
David Jung, EMS Director
John Culpepper, Emergency Management Director
Steve Olfers, Fire Marshall
Evan Williamson, Staff Engineer
Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER
With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Langerhans called the special meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioner’s Court to order at 8:31 a.m.
on Friday, February 28, 2020, in the City Hall Fire Training Room, 126 West Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Tom Hutton, Citizen Informed Relief Route (CIRR), expressed his concerns with citizens not being informed. He announced there is a petition in the process for “Stopping the Relief Route”.

Nicole Kroeger encouraged City Council and citizens to say no to the Relief Route and to actively fight the route.

Lisa Roach expressed her concerns with TxDOT and their lack of communication with the Relief Route.

Dave Campbell expressed his concerns with the Relief Route and feels a bond would never pass for the route. He also encouraged everyone to support the City’s routes and not the Relief Route.

Marc Williamson expressed his concerns with the Relief Route and encouraged everyone to support the local routes.

Bruce Staffel expressed his concerns with a lack of communication. He also expressed his concerns with the negotiation process being used by TxDOT.

Wayne Allision encouraged the City Council and Commissioner’s Court to place the Relief Route on the ballot for voters to decide. He also expressed his concerns with the eminent domain process.

Tim Lafferty stated residents do not want the By-Pass and they do not want trucks on Main Street. He also stated trucks will not be required to drive on the By-Pass Route instead of Main Street.

Mickey Poole stated all City residents live within the County. He expressed his concern with the direction of how the Relief Route is going.

3. Present and Discuss the Establishment of a City/County Airport Zoning Board.
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, introduced Tony Lombardi, Gillespie County Airport Manager.

Tony Lombardi, Gillespie County Airport Manager, reviewed the history of the airport and the need to update the Zoning Airport Ordinance. He reviewed TxDOT’s checklist for creating an Airport Zoning Board.

The City Council and Commissioner’s Court discussed the City/County Airport Zoning Board makeup, Zoning Airport Ordinance, and the appointing authority. They agreed by consensus to move forward with the appointments (City Council appoints two members).
4. Present and Discuss the Five-Year Fire/EMS Strategic Plan.
Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the Fire Chief and his staff have been working on a Five Year Strategic Plan.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Fredericksburg Fire EMS 5 Year Strategic Plan 2020-2024. He reviewed the following:
- Organizations
- Recent Accomplishment
- Mission Statement and Core Values
- Community Profile
- Future Economic Development
- SWOT Analysis
- Strategic Initiatives

He also discussed the incident maps and the future need for a Fire Station on the east side of town and the need for an additional ambulance.

The City Council and Commissioner’s Court discussed the growth on Highway 290 and Highway 16 North, the National Standard response time, and the communication system.

5. Present and Discuss the Traffic Impact Study.
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, introduced Jake Gutekunst, Kimly-Horn.

Jake Gutekunst, Kimly-Horn, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Transportation Projects Traffic Impact Study. He also reviewed the Draft TIS Report.

Cord Switzer expressed his concern with the proposed Relief Route. He also expressed his concerns with how Kimberly-Horn arrived at the alternative travel routes.

Sarah Clark expressed her concerns with the Mulberry Extension Project.

Lucky Lindy Segall expressed his concern with truck traffic on Main Street and not requiring them to use other streets. He also expressed his concerns with the proposed Relief Route.

Mickey Poole expressed his concern with the anticipated growth used in the Study. He also recommended getting TxDOT involved, since they will have to approve the Study and routes.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, stated TxDOT has not provided input on the Study or routes, but they should be interested since these routes will assist with taking pressure off state roads.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated TxDOT was invited, but they were unable to attend this meeting.

The City Council and Commissioner’s Court discussed the Study and the Draft Report. They also discussed the next step.
6. ADJOURN

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Friday, February 28, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 11:20 p.m. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Linda Langerhans
Mayor

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary