



City of Fredericksburg

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 ~ 6:00 P.M.

Charlie Kiehne, Mayor
Tom Musselman, Councilmember
Bobby Watson, Councilmember

Jerry Luckenbach, Councilmember
Kathy O'Neill, Councilmember
Kent Myers, City Manager

WRITTEN COMMENT

Comment Form #	Name	Address
1	Annette Bennett	
2	Tom Marschall	

Shelley Goodwin

From: Annette Bennett
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:41 AM
To: Shelley Goodwin
Subject: submission for written public comments

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Shelly, please enter my public comments as stated below for the meeting on Jan 3, 2022, thanks

Our representative republic form of government was founded on citizen participation and free speech, yet for too long the citizens have been complacent and silent. Today --when we finally start to speak - - we are seeing unprecedented censorship, suppression of free speech and destruction of constitutional rights. The excuses range from "fact checkers", hurting someone's feelings, disagreeing with "settled" science to decorum.

Unfortunately we are now seeing this take place in Fredericksburg. I am speaking **against** the proposed rules of conduct and decorum.

My impression is that you don't like what we have to say - you don't like how we say it - you don't like our enthusiasm or our expression of frustration. You don't like that we question the legality or constitutionality of your actions. You don't like our involvement. **The proposed rules of decorum are nothing but your attempt to shut us up.**

We have elected representatives to city council who have failed to listen to those citizens who care enough to get involved and speak out on important issues. You have an obligation and process to bring items to the agenda when issues are repeatedly raised by your citizens at city council meetings. Not just issues that the city manager wants to discuss. Are our voices any less important just because they require thoughtful analysis and consideration on your part -- rather than taking the easiest way out? Yet - you have continued to fail to address our concerns time after time - and now you are trying to silence our right to free speech. **Shame on you.**

Annette Bennett

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"Where law ends, tyranny begins. Unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it."

-William Pitt the Elder

Shelley Goodwin

From: Tom Marschall
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Shelley Goodwin
Subject: Meeting comments

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I have tried to find the link for comment submissions on the city website, and have not been able to find any links that work. Would you please add these comments to "written comments" for the meeting tonight. Thank you.

Tom Marschall
830-992-0815

"Disbelief"

In July 2021 a city official signs a document with the "United States Treasury", and then a few months later reads a statement from a lobby group, that gives the impression that the document signed back in July was not a contract with the federal government. The lobby group amends their statement saying the "not a contract with federal government" was erroneous. I find it difficult to fathom why this person is employed by our city? And to top it off, this person then states that he has never lied in public!

"Decorum changes"

In my 60 plus years of existence, one thing I have learned about making changes to address a problem is that first, the problem must be correctly identified. I feel the "decorum" problem has not been identified in its entirety. The proposed changes indicate an assumption that all problems have been initiated by the public in attendance at meetings. I would agree that the problems have all been verbalized by citizens. But the proposed changes to not address the root cause of some of the issues. That root cause is the lack of decorum upon the part of some city council and staff in statements made at meetings. Statements have been made that are not factual and misleading, creating the outbursts by citizens. The proposed decorum changes will do nothing to address this issue.

I find it ironic that our council wants to discuss "decorum", when no one on the council want to address the lie being maintained on the city website concerning the lie in the 19 July minutes.