



City of Fredericksburg

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

Jeryl Hoover, Mayor
Tony Klein, Councilmember
Bobby Watson, Councilmember

Sharon Joseph, Councilmember
Emily Kirchner, Councilmember
Clinton Bailey, City Manager

WRITTEN COMMENT

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1	Sylvia Hicks	Not provided
2	Annette Bennett	Not provided
3	Matt Kolodzie	Not provided
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From: [Sylvia Hicks](#)
To: [Citizen Comments](#)
Subject: Comment for upcoming City Council Meeting July 18, 2022
Date: Sunday, July 17, 2022 12:36:45 PM

ATTENTION CITY COUNCIL -

Our schools in FBG have been infiltrated with a cancel culture curriculum and FBG libraries with pornography.

Our elections have been infiltrated with fraud. If you don't believe that, go on the internet to this website:

tv.gab.com and watch the documentary 2000 Mules.

Our country, once the land of the brave and the free, has been infiltrated by our government and our freedoms eroded.

This didn't happen overnight.

This has been evolving over many generations while we have been asleep at the wheel.

One example of our government trying to take over control

of "we the people" is to dole out free money to cities like Fredericksburg under the guise of "rescuing us".

But their "free" money has so MANY strings attached.

We the people of Fredericksburg say NO THANKS.

Our freedom is not for sale!

I speak for the people of Fredericksburg that want to reject the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds of \$2.8 billion.

We want this city council to send that money back.

Cut us loose from those government strings.

We want this city council to reject the incoming ARPA money that is on its way to Fredericksburg.

We do not need government assistance.

We can make it just fine on our own. United we stand.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Hicks

From: [Annette Bennett](#)
To: [Shelley Goodwin](#)
Subject: public comments re ARPA money
Date: Sunday, July 17, 2022 3:01:48 PM

Thanks to each of you for serving on city council. There are important decisions which must be made regarding our city's future budget and direction. I hope you'll consider my comments below before you cast your vote.

Last year the city obligated itself to comply with the terms of ARPA funds from the federal government in return for 2.8 million, half on which has already been received. The terms included compliance with executive orders affecting not only government employees but also any other parties relating to the award. **The city agreed to comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders and to provide for compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award.** To enforce compliance would be unconstitutional yet failure to comply would require defaulting on the agreement with financial harm to the taxpaying citizens.

Can you imagine signing a contract with open ended unknown future stipulations, with requirements to enforce and monitor companies we do business with and with perhaps unconstitutional requirements? That is what our city has done.

I urge you to take a look at the Notice to City Council submitted to the last city council. This notice was signed by **hundreds** of local citizens. I call on city council to reject the upcoming second installment and disentangling our city from the money already received. If action is not taken, the citizens will have lost local control of the government forever to the whims of a distant, disconnected federal government.

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

From: [Friendly Natives](#)
To: [Citizen Comments](#)
Subject: July 18th 2022 Council Meeting Agenda Item 8c
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 11:47:32 AM

Dear Council,

In you discussions about an amended schedule for outdoor irrigation under Stage 4 of the City's Water Conservation Measures, please consider that most of the outdoor irrigation water goes toward turfgrass lawns. This is usually done by portable overhead lawn sprinklers, or built-in irrigation system sprays or rotors.

As the region seems to be embracing the practice of reduction in size and amount of lawn grass, and placing more value on maintaining trees and other plantings,*please consider the allowance of drip irrigation, soaker-style hoses, or other non-aerial irrigation methods to sustain trees and non-lawn areas in accordance with the existing permitted schedule.*

Many trees in town were lost to roots drying out back in the 2010-2011 drought when irrigation use was severely restricted. If residents could have provided some irrigation to tree rootzones of trees and shrub beds with drip-irrigation or soaker-style hoses, many plants and trees could have survived, without wasting overhead water on grass.

Trees are usually a landscape's most impactful and most valuable asset. If we lose grass, it can be replaced. If we lose trees, the losses are much more devastating.

"Drip or soak trees and planting beds - let the grass go to a reduced schedule"

Thank you for your service to the Fredericksburg community.

Sincerely,
Matt Kolodzie

July 18, 2022

Public Comments Regarding
The ARPA Contract

I wish today to thank and support our City Council for their earnest desire to understand, research, discuss and seek legal counsel regarding the ARPA Contract that the City had previously entered into with the Federal Government. I appreciate our Council's effort towards due diligence and thoroughness in taking the time to drill down into this most serious issue by addressing it during the executive session tonight.

Over the past year, the people of this community have consistently and frequently voiced their concerns and objections to the City's acceptance of these Federal Funds by speaking out both publicly and by written comments which is recorded in the City Council Meetings. Additionally, several hundred individual legal Notices and Sworn Affidavits from the people were served to the previous council as well. Highly knowledgeable citizens such as George Studer and Eric Hammerson and others have invested much time and research, and have presented the many concerning details and long-range negative consequences this controversial contract with the federal government would bare upon our town.

It is my sincere hope, along with the many members of our Fredericksburg community, that in the best interest and good of our town, the city will find a way to disentangle itself from this trojan horse with the Federal Government, and thereby protect our town and its people from the long-term, far-reaching implications this APRA agreement would impose.

For your review, I include here a brief overview of a few of the most troubling controversial points of the ARPA Contract:

ARPA CONTRACT
Some Key Controversial Points

So, what's so bad about accepting this attractive "FREE" Money from the Federal Government by way of the American Rescue Plan Act? What is the agreement the City has entered into? And why have over 70 municipalities in Texas sent this money back from whilst it came?

As explicitly stated in the Terms and Conditions, the ARPA contract binds recipients of these funds to mandatory compliance to Executive Orders.

Here is the key excerpt from the Terms and Conditions:

9a. "Recipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and Recipient shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award."

These terms, particularly as they relate to the Executive Orders (EO's), are open ended. Would you enter into a contract in which you did not know all of the terms? These EO's can be now or in the future. With the stroke of a pen, Biden can issue any EO for Vaccine mandates, contact tracking, vaccine passport, confiscation of guns, travel restrictions, and make it applicable. There are no confines.

Any federal executive order that can make state and local governments subservient to presidential stroke-of-the-pen actions poses a grave threat to state and local sovereignty, and the unalienable liberty interests of the people.

In today's current political environment and with an administration that has shown to be hostile to the inalienable rights and good of the people, as well as a total disregard for the Constitution and the rule of law, how wise would it be to enter into a contract with such an entity?

In addition, this compliance is cascading, as it would also apply to all contractors and sub-contractors and their employees who would be hired to do work related to these funds. It would apply to the local non-profit organizations, their employees and volunteers that apply for these funds through the city. It would also potentially apply to utility customers and other parties who use such services as broadband and water projects which are tied to these funds.

There are many, many troubling aspects and conditions of this contractual agreement with the Federal government (the total documents are around 1000 pages!) that have been pointed out by others. Ultimately, this is one shiny apple, along with its invasive federal encroachment upon our local community and sovereignty, that is not worth the bite!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Hormuth