



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND GILLESPIE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT JOINT SPECIAL
MEETING
APRIL 26, 2022**

The City of Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners Court held a work session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. This meeting was held in person at the City Hall-Fire Training Room in Fredericksburg, Texas.

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Jerry Luckenbach
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Bobby Watson

City Council Members Absent:

Councilmember Kathy O'Neill

County Commissioners Present:

County Judge Mark Stroehler
Commissioners Donnie Schuch
Commissioner Charlie Olfers
Commissioner Kevin Kramer
Commissioner Dennis Neffendorf

County Commissioners Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Brian Vorauer, Police Patrol Division Lieutenant
Braxton Roemer, Police Special Services Lieutenant.
Justin Calhoun, Emergency Management Officer
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Director
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Garret Bonn, Assistant City Engineer and Interim Development Services Director
Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer
Evan Williamson, Staff Engineer
Reagan Radtke, Fire Marshall
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

County Staff Present:

Buddy Mills, Sheriff

Mary Lynn Rusche, County Clerk
Dana Smith, Human Resources Director
Vickie Schmidt, Tax Assessor/Collector
Steve Olfers, County Fire Marshall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiehne called the work session meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Mayor Kiehne and County Judge Stroeder announced the City Council and Commissioners have a quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kiehne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No comments were received.

4. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION AND ACTION

A. Consider and discuss the proposed new Fire Station site.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reviewed the history and the need for a new Fire Station. He reviewed the process used to locate the best location for response time. He also discussed the ability to partner with Central Texas College on a training program and Fire academy.

Frank Steed, Staff Officer for the Fire Department, provided a PowerPoint regarding the goals and objectives of the East Fire Station Study. He provided an Action Plan and requested permission to speak to the Hill Country University Center Board.

The City Council and County Commissioners discussed the need for an additional entrance and exit. The City Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the action. The County Judge stated the County Commissioners would need to take this back to Commissioners Court to discuss.

B. Consider and discuss the County Wide Radio System for Fire/ EMS.

Reagan Rabke, Fire Marshal, provided the history of the project and the creation of the Radio System Committee. He provided a PowerPoint regarding the current county-wide radio system and the proposed system. He also reviewed the cost of the tower leases, equipment, and the potential cost if an additional truck is purchased.

The County Commissioners reviewed the possibility of grant funding and remaining value in the current system.

Alan Kunze, LCRA, explained that the new tower site would also benefit the Sherriff Department. He also reviewed the different counties that recently switched to the LCRA system.

Several members in attendance provided their experience with Motorola equipment.

C. Consider and discuss an update on Sports Parks

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Public Works and Utilities Director, reviewed the history of the Sports Park and the failed bonds. He provided a proposed revised layout. He stated he has

been working with the Soccer Association and Fair Association. He reviewed the funds that the City and County have earmarked and the funds that the Soccer Association is raising.

Dan Kemp, Soccer Association, reviewed the number of soccer players and club soccer players. He also reviewed the current funds raised and protentional funds from an upcoming event. He also reviewed the current status of the fields.

The City Council discussed the other potential uses for the new fields. They also discussed the current need and the possibility of creating one area with good turf.

The County Commissioners discussed the timeline of the project.

D. Consider and discuss the Affordable Housing Development Strategies

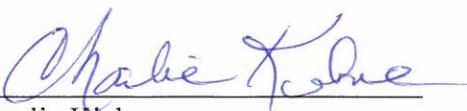
Vince Michel, Housing Coordinator, reviewed his background and noted that the housing issues are not just in Gillespie County. He provided information on creating a Public Facilities Corporation and the need for a commitment to addressing the housing issues at all levels. He also reviewed the different levels of housing needed in Fredericksburg and the possibility of the County joining the Regional Texas Housing Authority. He noted that all properties should be examined and entered into an interlocal agreement with the three taxing entities.

The City Council discussed the Public Facilities Corporation and the land needed to start the program. They also discussed whether all taxing entities need to participate in the corporation.

5. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to adjourn the Tuesday, March 1, 2022, City Council Joint Work Session Meeting at 10:55 a.m. The City Council voted four (4) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Stroehler ended the Joint Work Session Meeting at 10:55 a.m. for Gillespie County Commissioners Court with no more discussion.


Charlie Kiehne
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary