



# City of San Marcos

## Special Meeting - Final-Amended City Council

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Thursday, June 11, 2020

4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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**Due to COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting. To view the meeting please go to [www.sanmarcostx.gov/videos](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/videos) or watch on Grande channel 16 or Spectrum channel 10.**

### I. Call To Order

### II. Roll Call

1. Receive status reports and updates on response to COVID-19 pandemic; hold council discussion, and provide direction to Staff.
2. Consider, by motion, approval of a joint letter from members of the City Council calling on Governor Greg Abbott to take specific actions to alleviate the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Latinx Texans and people of color.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Executive Session in accordance with Section §551.074 of the Texas Government Code: Personnel Matters - to discuss, review and finalize the Annual Appointee Evaluation goals for the City Manager.

### RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Consider action, by motion, or provide direction to Staff regarding the following Executive Session item in accordance with Section §551.074 of the Government Code: Personnel Matters - to discuss, review and finalize the Annual Appointee Evaluation goals with the City Manager.

### III. Adjournment.

**POSTED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020 @ 12:30PM**

**TAMMY K. COOK, INTERIM CITY CLERK**

### IV. ADDENDUM

Item #1 and #2 were added after the agenda was posted on June 5, 2020.

**ADDENDUM POSTED ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 @ 3:00PM**

**TAMMY K. COOK, INTERIM CITY CLERK**

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** ID#20-385, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

Receive status reports and updates on response to COVID-19 pandemic; hold council discussion, and provide direction to Staff.

**Meeting date:** June 11, 2020

**Department:** City Manager's Office

**Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:** N/A

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account Name:** N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- Economic Development - Choose an item.
- Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- Land Use - Choose an item.
- Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

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**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

**Background Information:**

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

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**Recommendation:**

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# **City of San Marcos**

## **City Council Special Meeting**

June 11, 2020

# Status Report

## Item 1

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# Known Cases – as of today

- **1,973,797 U.S. cases with at least 112,133 fatalities in 55 states or territories including D.C. (More than 17,376 new cases since yesterday)**

*\*source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

- **79,757 (25,423 active) cases in 236 Texas counties with 1,885 fatalities**

*\*source: Texas Department of State Health Services*

- **492 in Hays County with 5 fatalities (230 active and 257 recovered)**

- 4,580 tests returned negative
- 71 active and 75 recovered in San Marcos (2 fatalities)
- 39 cases have required hospitalization, 10 current

*\*source: Hays County Health Department*

# SAN MARCOS Updates to Governor Abbott's Actions

- **June 3: Announced Phase III to open Texas**
  - Businesses to operate with no more than 50% occupancy – many exceptions listed
  - No occupancy restrictions for:
    - Essential services
    - Religious services
    - Local government operations
    - Child care services
    - Youth camps
    - Recreational sports programs
  - 50% occupancy limit does not apply to outdoor areas, events, or establishments, except the following:
    - Museums and libraries
    - Swimming pools
    - Water parks
    - Professional, collegiate sporting events
    - Zoos, aquariums, natural caverns
    - Rodeos and equestrian events
  - 50% occupancy limit does not apply to salons, massage establishments, other personal care/beauty services as long as there is social distancing between work stations
  - Restaurant occupancy limit increased to 75% beginning June 12
  - Only seated customers may be served in indoor bars, similar indoor establishments
  - County judge or mayor may impose additional restrictions for certain outdoor gatherings over 500 people

# SAN MARCOS Updates to Governor Abbott's Actions

- **June 4: Extension of emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits through June**
  - Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide approximately \$177 million in emergency SNAP benefits
  - More than 900,000 SNAP households will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by June 12
- **June 8: Expanded testing in underserved and minority communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19**
  - Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is coordinating with local officials, public health officials, and emergency management offices in cities across the state to identify and rapidly expand COVID-19 testing
  - Check [www.covidtest.tdem.texas.gov](http://www.covidtest.tdem.texas.gov) to find the nearest test collection location

## Efforts to date (updated)

- **Countywide recovery document at 95% completion**
- **Processed Late Fee Exemptions for 139 commercial utility accounts, 93 residential utility accounts since implementation on March 26**
  - Set up payment arrangements totaling over \$334,296 for 1381 utility customer accounts over that same time period
- **Race and Ethnicity data added to COVID-19 case reporting from Hays County as of 6/9 – included on dashboard**
- **TDEM testing sites – Bonham 6/14, Bowie 6/18**

- **CESF (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund) grant award letter received 6/8**
  - Just over \$51,000 is funding to reimburse City for overtime and supplies related to COVID-19
  - Applies to Police and Fire Department COVID-19 expenses such as PPE, overtime, other COVID-related equipment

# Helpful community links

- <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/covid19info>
- <http://haysinformed.com/health-update/>
- <https://hayscountytexas.com/covid-19-information-for-hays-county-residents/>
- <https://www.txstate.edu/coronavirus>
- <https://www.smcisd.net/>
- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>
- <https://sanmarcostexas.com/>



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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider, by motion, approval of a joint letter from members of the City Council calling on Governor Greg Abbott to take specific actions to alleviate the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Latinx Texans and people of color.

**Meeting date:** June 11, 2020

**Department:** City Clerk per Council Member request

**Amount & Source of Funding**

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- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Core Services

Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

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**Background Information:**

Council Member Baker seeks support from City Council regarding the proposed letter to Governor Abbott.

The letter is below:

Gov. Abbott:

The large majority of those who have been hospitalized by COVID-19 are people of color and low-income populations. Public health experts have confirmed that this is mainly because Latinx and people of color are overwhelmingly working on the front lines. Inaction to protect our frontline workers will result in predictable consequences, including loss of life. Our local democracies are trying to take every action allowable under the law to address this reality. Clearly, it is necessary for the state to take action as well. We are calling on you to address the disproportionate impact this virus has on Latinx Texans.

We call on you to:

1. Expand Medicaid. Texas is the most uninsured state in America. The Latinx community lacks health insurance more than any other major population in Texas. It is disturbing that you continue to refuse these federal health care dollars during the COVID crisis.
2. Have the Attorney General drop the lawsuit that is blocking paid sick time policies. Paid sick time would be guaranteed for all workers in Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio if it were not for the state's lawsuit. Paid sick time is more important now, than ever.
3. Use the Economic Stabilization Fund (a.k.a. Rainy Day Fund) to provide immediate and continued financial relief to working class families, regardless of immigration status. Doing so will lead to fewer people being forced to return to work if they are vulnerable or at-risk.
4. Nullify SB4, the "Show Me Your Papers" law. Because of your law, many immigrants are too afraid to seek critical medical interventions or public assistance for fear of being separated from their families
5. Support Texas municipalities efforts to manage the Covid crisis. There is no "one size fits all" solution, municipalities should be permitted to enforce CDC guidelines and emergency protocols that will most protect and benefit their unique situations and constituents, which for San Marcos includes a large percentage of

Latinx and low income households. We must be supported in our efforts to save lives and prevent further devastation to these communities.

We have taken several steps at the local level to alleviate some of the economic burden faced by our citizens. However, there are many things outlined above that only you can legislate to help our community and they require your full and absolute attention. Inaction on protecting people of color or those that are low-income from COVID-19 is an affirmative decision to perpetuate racial and class injustice. It is a decision that will cost lives. We eagerly await your response.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

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**Recommendation:**

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# City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins  
San Marcos, TX 78666

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** ID#20-347, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

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