



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

3:30 PM

City Council Chambers

630 E. Hopkins - Work Session

I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the special meeting of the San Marcos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomaides at 3:33 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2018 in the City Hall Conference Room, 630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Prewitt, Council Member Saul Gonzales, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott Gregson, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Mayor John Thomaides and Council Member Ed Mihalkanin

Absent: 1 - Council Member Jane Hughson

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a work session presentation and hold discussion regarding Parking Mobility, a program designed to engage citizens in the process of enforcing disabled parking space violations within the City of San Marcos

City Manager Bert Lumbreras provided a brief overview of the Parking Mobility program and turned it over to Police Chief Chase Stapp to present the presentation.

Police Chief Chase Stapp provided the Council with a presentation related to Parking Mobility, a program designed to engage citizens in the process of enforcing disabled parking space violations within the City of San Marcos. This program is overseen by a non-profit company that uses a smartphone app that is utilized by trained citizen volunteers to record and submit violations. Violations are reviewed by law enforcement before a citation is issued. This program is currently in use by Hays County.

The annual fee structure is \$35,000 to \$40,000 annually. 100% of all fine collections would be given to the City. Mr. Mack Marsh, Project Director for Parking Mobility, expanded on the Chief's presentation and informed the Council that they are the only company providing this service, and therefore this is a sole source product, and that they began their program here in Hays County.

Staff recommended moving forward with identifying funding, bringing back a contract for Council consideration, recruiting volunteers, educate the public and begin enforcement following a 45-day implementation timeline. The Council was in agreement with the Staff's recommendation.

2. Receive a work session presentation and hold discussion regarding a recommendation by the Chief of Police for the creation of a Police Citizen Advisory Panel to enhance the Police Department's ability to receive and consider community feedback and address community concerns and problems.

City Manager Lumbreras introduced this item and provided an overview of the discussion. He provided that in the wake of Senate Bill 4, Police Departments across the State found themselves having to either build or rebuild relationships with minority segments of their communities. Media coverage surrounding the bill led to a great number of misconceptions about the role of local police in the enforcement of Federal immigration laws. The San Marcos Police Department has been proactive in communicating with our minority communities in the form of various outreach events, social media, and one on one conversations. At a recent City Council meeting, one citizen asked Council to consider the creation of a citizen's review board for the police department. Since that time, Police Chief Chase Stapp has conducted research into the various models of citizen police input bodies being used around the country. Chief Stapp provided the Council with a presentation regarding a recommendation for the creation of a Police Citizen Advisory Panel to enhance the Police Department's ability to receive and consider community feedback and address concerns and problems. He reviewed several examples of Citizen Review Boards, including models from the City of Austin and the City of San Antonio. Chief Stapp reviewed his key take-aways from an article published in The Police Chief, Oct 2015. He reviewed lessons learned by Fruita, Colorado. Chief Stapp reviewed the local practices and the 2017 complaints: seven discourtesy (two substantiated) & one attentiveness. Two serious internal complaints that led to two employee resignations. Chief Stapp provided his recommendations related to the creation of the Chief's Advisory Panel. He advised that it consist of a 9-member panel and that the City Manager and himself should make the selections. He encouraged recent graduates of the Citizen Police Academy, no felonies or convictions of moral ineptitude. Council suggested that the Council provide names to the City Manager and Chief Stapp, and allow them to make the final decision. The composition of the panel should be four citizens, four police department members (both sworn & not sworn), and a Texas State University facilitator. Chief Stapp will provide an annual report to the Council no later than a year of operation. Council direction was to move forward with the recommendations as proposed with the exception of Council providing the

City Manager and Chief suggested members.

III. Adjournment.

Jamie Lee Case, TRMC, City Clerk

John Thomaides, Mayor

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