



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

3:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room

630 E. Hopkins - Work Session

I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the work session meeting of the San Marcos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomaides at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in the City Hall Conference Room, 630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Council Member Gonzales had an emergency at work and was unable to attend.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Saul Gonzales

1. Receive a Staff presentation regarding the Climate Action Plan Initiative for the City of San Marcos, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Bert Lumbreras, City Manager provided an overview and introductory comments and introduced Tom Taggart, Executive Director of Public Services and Jan Klein, Conservation Coordinator.

Jan Klein, Conservation Coordinator, provided the Council with the Climate Action Plan Initiative Presentation.

Ms. Klein reviewed the background of the initiative, greenhouse gas (GHG) basics and the purpose for GHG inventory. She provided the methodology and tools that the City of San Marcos uses, the Local Government Operations Protocol Version 1.1, and explained how it provides a standardized set of guidelines to assist governments to quantifying and reporting GHG emissions associated with their government operations.

Ms. Klein reviewed the GHG emissions by department and what each department includes. She provided the GHG emissions for facilities and

vehicles as well.

Ms. Klein reviewed what actions have already reduced City of San Marcos GHG emissions, and also provided the next steps and additional opportunities for reducing GHG emissions. Ms. Klein mentioned that many more opportunities for reducing GHG emissions can be found in the San Marcos Sustainability Plan that was adopted in October 2013: 2.1 Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, 2.2 Energy Efficiency and Renewables, 2.6 Green Purchasing.

Discussion was held regarding the Mayors Climate Action Plan Initiative.

Discussion was held regarding the Sustainability Plan opportunity rankings. Discussion was held regarding Council Members sending in their “low hanging fruit” opportunities so that Staff could bring this back for Council to formally adopt a Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held related to having a status on the opportunities, maybe once a year, and adding the Climate Action Plan as an Appendix C instead of it being a separately adopted plan. Discussion regarding having the climate action opportunities included in Land Use Analysis.

Council consensus was to pull the greenhouse gas opportunities and place it in an Appendix C within the Sustainability Plan, and Staff to provide an update on where we are. Staff will provide recommendations related to policy changes that may need to come back to Council. Staff will also provide specific goals related to San Marcos and those options.

- 2. Receive a transit presentation from KA Associates and hold discussion regarding Federal Transit Administration Direct Recipient status in the San Marcos urbanized area, and provide direction to the City Manager.**

Hugh Kierig, Principal with KA Associates, provided the council with the presentation related to Direct Recipient

Mr. Keurig provided the Council with a report on transit systems within the San Marcos area.

They recommended that the City of San Marcos Becomes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Direct Recipient (DR). The benefits include: Greater Direct Involvement of Operation, Provides More Local Autonomy of Services, Positions The Bus System for Long Term Viability, and Direct City Oversight May Result in Additional Administrative Costs.

Mr. Kierig provided that the City would continue with the Operating Contract with CARTS through Phase II, Review and Transition.

Oscar Hairell, Assistant Director of Community Services – Transit, presented the next steps to becoming a Direct Recipient.

- Request the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board TPB officially recognize the city as the Direct Recipient for the San Marcos UZA**
- Request CAMPO TPB conveys formal concurrence and support of the City’s Direct Recipient status to the TxDOT-PTN.**
- Request TxDOT- Public Transportation Division (PTN) convey formal concurrence and support the City’s Direct Recipient status to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).**
- Following formal concurrence of the City as the Direct Recipient for the San Marcos UZA, all Federal and State requirements for the Direct Recipient will become the City’s responsibility.**
- Initiate Federal and State transit compliance requirements and processes.**
- City continues coordinated transit plan Phase II to research the benefits and challenges of creating an integrated seamless transit partnership between the city and Texas State University.**
- Maintain current transit service and operations with current service provider until direction on final transaction.**
- 2019 Five year Transit Strategic Master Plan. Mr. Hairell provided that the City has received a grant to fund this Master Plan.**

Eric Algo, Texas State University, addressed the Council and reiterated their commitment to the vision of having a good transit system for all of San Marcos’ residents.

The Council provided consensus to move forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 3. Executive Session in accordance with Section §551.087 of the Texas Government Code: Economic Development - to receive a briefing and deliberate regarding the potential offer of Economic Development Incentives to Project World Series and Project Duplo.**

A motion was made by Council Member Mihalkanin, seconded by Council Member Hughson, to enter Closed Session at 4:51 p.m.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gregson, Council Member Derrick, Council Member Hughson, Mayor Thomaides and Council Member Mihalkanin

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gonzales

III. Adjournment.

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Thomaides then adjourned the Work Session meeting of the San Marcos City Council at 6:15 p.m.

Jamie Lee Case, TRMC, City Clerk

John Thomaides, Mayor