



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Special Emergency Meeting City Council

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

3:00 PM

City Council Chambers

630 E. Hopkins - Special Emergency Meeting

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

1. Consider approval of Resolution 2020-74R, under the authority of Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, declaring and extending a local state of disaster in the City of San Marcos, Texas due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
2. Receive status reports and updates on response to COVID-19 pandemic; hold council discussion, and provide direction to staff.

III. Adjournment.

POSTED ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 @ 3:00PM

ELIZABETH TREVINO, INTERIM DEPUTY CITY CLERK

THIS SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SAN MARCOS CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN POSTED WITH LESS THAN 72 HOURS NOTICE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.045 DUE TO THE NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO IMMINENT THREATS TO HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2020-74R, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2020-74R, under the authority of Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, declaring and extending a local state of disaster in the City of San Marcos, Texas due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Meeting date: March 20, 2020

Department: City Manager

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

CITY COUNCIL GOAL:

BACKGROUND:

This resolution provides for the continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster in San Marcos, Texas due to the COVID-19 pandemic that was ordered by Mayor Hughson on March 15, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 418.108(B) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER IN THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID – 19, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to protect the health and welfare of Texans from COVID – 19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID – 19 cases that spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 1600 cases of COVID–19 have been reported in the United States, including 41 deaths with over 50 cases in Texas; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the COVID – 19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID – 19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of San Marcos residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Marcos will work collaboratively with Hays County to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jane Hughson declared a local state of disaster in San Marcos, Texas on March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the San Marcos City Council convened a special meeting on March 20, 2020 to consider continuing the declaration and deems it necessary to do so for the health and safety of the community,

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code authorizes the continuation of a declaration of a local state of disaster with the consent governing body of a political subdivision

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

PART 1. The declaration of a local state of disaster made by Mayor Jane Hughson on March 15, 2020 (attached to this resolution as Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference) is hereby continued in San Marcos, Texas with the consent of the city council.

PART 2. The declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be promptly filed with the City Clerk as required by Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act.

PART 3. This resolution is effective immediately and will remain in effect until terminated by subsequent resolution of the city council.

ADOPTED on March 20, 2020.

Jane Hughson
Mayor

Attest:

Tammy K. Cook
City Clerk

Jane Hughson
Mayor



BE IT KNOWN:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter, as the presiding officer of the governing body and under Texas Government Code, Section 418.108, I DECLARE a local state of disaster within the City of San Marcos.

Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the San Marcos City Council.

Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.

Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the San Marcos Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and all other Charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of San Marcos to act in this local state of disaster are activated. This declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 122.006, the City may adopt rules, including quarantine rules, to protect the health of persons in the City, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 15th day of March, 2020.



Jane Hughson
Mayor, City of San Marcos

ATTEST:



Tammy Cook
Interim City Clerk, City of San Marcos



Legislation Text

File #: ID#20-128, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

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

Meeting date: March 20, 2020

Department: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Funds Available: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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.](#)

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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

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

Choose an item.

Background Information:

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Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Recommendation:

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