



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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 Hughson at 3:03 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in the City Hall Conference Room, 630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Prewitt, Council Member Saul Gonzales, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Mayor Jane Hughson, Council Member Ed Mihalkanin, Council Member Joca Marquez and Council Member Mark Rockeymoore

PRESENTATIONS

1. Hold discussion regarding possible amendments to the City of San Marcos Charter, and provide direction to Staff.

Mayor Hughson asked to postpone the discussion regarding possible amendments to the San Marcos City Charter to a later date. All members of Council were in favor.

2. Receive a presentation and hold discussion regarding the Parks Master Plan Revisions, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Drew Wells, Interim Director of Community Services, provided a presentation regarding the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Wells discussed the planning steps up to this point in the process. These steps include, inventory which started in the summer of 2017, next was public engagement which included stakeholders, citizens, and staff that began in late 2017. The next step was the analysis & preliminary recommendations developed by Halff and Associates were completed in Spring of 2018 and this was brought before the Parks Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendations. The final step would be implementation and approval by Council.

Mr. Wells went into detail on how a well thought out Parks Master Plan can benefit the community. Environmentally this plan will outline the

conservation of parks and open spaces. Economically parks and open spaces attract visitors and provides eligibility for external funding sources. Socially parks and open spaces create interaction and community connectivity which produces more stable neighborhoods. There are also positive impacts on emotional and physical well-being when a community has a well planned Parks and Open Space Master plan.

Council provided consensus to include additional language within the Social aspect of this plan. "To create interaction and community connectivity, accessibility and inclusivity to all members of the community".

Mr. Wells went into detail on the numerous meetings and events for community input and outreach. Based on all the community feedback a community vision was created:

"Create unified parks and recreation system that serves the entire San Marcos community, supports tourism efforts and continues to foster stewardship of the San Marcos River, Blanco River and surrounding environment."

The plan was sectioned into 7 different elements,12 goals and 96 actions. The Elements include Parks & Facilities, Athletics, Recreation Programming & Events, Greenspace & Resource protection, Trails, Maintenance & Operations, and Funding & Financing. The goals include the following items:

1. Pursue additional parkland acquisition
2. Evaluate opportunities to implement improvements
3. Continue to develop existing parkland
4. Diversify the parks and recreation system with arts and culture
5. Continue to improve riverfront park system
6. Evaluate and improve athletic facilities
7. Create educational and recreational opportunities
8. Preservation and conservation of natural resources
9. Expand and improve the trail system
10. Continue beautification efforts
11. Evaluate maintenance equipment needs
12. Provide funding for parks system maintenance and improvements

The next step was to look at the 96 action items and categorize them into action item types. These include Study (50 items), Operational Change (19 items), Regulation (1 item), Non-Capital Investment (8 items), Policy (5 items), Capital Investment (13 items). Mr. Wells continued his presentation and discussed implementation of these action items. High priority items will begin within 1-3 years, and these will frequently be started and completed within this

time frame. Moderate priorities are intended to be started within the next 4-6 years, these items could become top priority after the next review of the Parks Master plan. Longer term priorities are supposed to lead the city to its future parks and recreation vision.

Mr. Wells stated that all comments made by the Planning and Zoning Commission were discussed and addressed. The content that is included within this plan does account for these discussions and comments and will be provided to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. A.) Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.087, Economic Development, to receive a staff briefing and deliberate regarding Project Big Hat

B.) Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.087, Economic Development and Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to receive a staff briefing and deliberate regarding a potential Chapter 380 Economic Development incentive agreement for the S.M.A.R.T Terminal Project.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales, seconded by Council Member Mihalkanin, to enter into Executive Session at 3:40p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Gonzales, Council Member Derrick, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Mihalkanin, Council Member Marquez and Council Member Rockeymoore

Against: 0

III. Adjournment.

The City Council returned into open session at 5:30 p.m. and Mayor Hughson adjourned the work session of the San Marcos City Council at 5:30 p.m.

Jamie Lee Case, City Clerk

Jane Hughson, Mayor