



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

630 E. Hopkins

I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the regular meeting of the San Marcos City Council was called to order by Mayor Guerrero at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the City Council Chambers, 630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Daniel Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem John Thomaides, Council Member Jude Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Prewitt, Council Member Jane Hughson, Council Member Melissa Derrick and Council Member Scott Gregson

III. Invocation

A moment of silence was observed.

IV. Pledges Of Allegiance - United States And Texas

Jacinda Waldrop, a 6th grade student from the Texas Preparatory School, led this evenings pledges.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 5:30PM Executive Session in accordance with Section §551.087 of the Texas Government Code: Economic Development - to deliberate the offer of an incentive for Project Ultra.

The Council did not adjourn into Executive Session.

2. Consider adoption or direction to Staff on matters discussed in Executive Session.

There was no direction provided since the Council did not adjourn into Executive Session.

6:00 PM

V. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period

Greg Clayton, addressed the Council regarding the leash law that is currently in effect and stated that he would like the Council to reconsider the leash

ordinance. He stated that it is currently against the law to play fetch with your dog. He stated that the meetings that he had with staff were left with him needing to research codes from other cities to bring back.

Ruben Becerra, addressed the Council as a member of the Downtown Association, business owner and building owner. He asked that the traffic patterns be left as is and that the back in parking be removed.

Ben Kvanli, addressed the Council and thanked them for the vitality and fresh ideas that the Council brings to the community. He asked that the Council look at the Cape's Dam from more than just one perspective.

Johnny Finch, addressed the Council regarding his concerns about the possible downtown street conversion. He stated that City staff recommended against going two way. The City's consultant didn't even recommend going two way. The City's survey stated that it didn't want two way, and another petition stated that they don't want two way, don't want back in parking, and that they don't want parking meters. Leave everything exactly as it is.

Carol Powers, addressed the council as a downtown business owner and stated that for probably 30 years they have been dealing with the parking downtown. She said that tourists and customers complain to them and older customers let them know they don't go downtown to avoid the parking in issue. They saw a 20% decline with their Christmas sales this year. Most people have to go into the second lane of traffic when someone is trying to back in park and this leads to all kinds of frustration, and it's a \$40 fine if you park on the line. There is a very big desire to get rid of back in parking and she is fine with going two way.

Matt Akins, spoke in favor for bicycle and pedestrian friendly traffic configuration being proposed. We are in a good position to make this happen now as opposed to later when the City is too large.

Ted Breihan, addressed the Council as a business owner and stated that he was disappointed that item #9 was postponed. He stated that the entire town has been working either for or against the two way. He figures he has another 10 years and that San Marcos sits in a unique place and for everyone to try and get everything in this little box and for us to try argue over this when we need to build better roads is ridiculous. Let's keep the downtown the way that it is. He stated that Post Road needs to be addressed and that the Council needs to concentrate on building a complete community.

Cathy Lemoine, addressed the Council as a business owner for the last 12 years. Out of the Blue Salon was once a thriving business. Now they have 4 employees and they have had to borrow money to keep going. Customers are cancelling if they can't find parking. There has to be a conversation about parking before parking meters are put in place. On average our clients circle the block several times before they finally find something. This deters their customers. It seems like the City wants a restaurant/ bar district downtown. She stated that limited options means limited business.

Carlos Russo, addressed the Council about the two way conversion and he stated that he said something that should be considered is a parking garage that would hold 200 parking spots. He then started talking about his business Aquabrew and the development barriers that he has run into during his process.

Melissa Hodgkins, addressed the Council as a building owner in the downtown area. She spoke about the Guadalupe Bridge and how there would be a tremendous expense that would go into the conversion. Her other concern was the rail traffic and relocation of that line, if necessary. The walkability of this town is great for those people for the able bodied, but not everyone that goes downtown is going to a bar or restaurant. The older folks should be considered as well. She is very much against the conversion.

George Forrester, addressed the Council as a building owner in the downtown area. He said that the conversion would be a very bad idea. He spoke about his concerns with the delivery trucks and how the traffic becomes gridlocked. Comanche and Hopkins are already two way and they completely block intersections because of the heavy traffic. The Council wants to calm the traffic, but that's not what will happen due to the frustration that it will cause. They bridge is too small on Guadalupe. He asked that the Council keep one way streets.

HC Kyle, addressed the Council as a citizen and building owner. You don't have to be an engineer to know that you will zip right into a parking place and that you can't move again until the light turns red when trying to back out. He said that there is very little traffic coming and its perfectly safe. He said that if you have to back-in and have not come close to being parallel to the lines then you have to do it again. If there isn't traffic then you can try to back in, but he knows most of his family and friends do not use the back in parking. He stated that we have pretty good traffic and asked the Council to please not change it. There have been a lot of businesses that are hurting or have closed

due to lack of parking.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Prather, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, Council Member Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Hughson, Council Member Derrick and Council Member Gregson

Against: 0

3. Consider approval of the following:
January 28 & 29, 2016 Visioning Workshop Minutes
February 12, 2016 Packet Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Consider approval of Ordinance 2016-03, on the second of two readings, creating a designated permit area under Section 82.189 of the San Marcos City Code that allows parking by permit only on both sides of the 600 Conway Drive; amending the traffic register to reflect such designated permit area; and providing for an effective date.
5. Consider approval of Resolution 2016-23R, approving the first amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of San Marcos and Dallas County Schools D/B/A Texserve to administer the Automated School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program; increasing payments to the City from 12.5 percent to 20 percent of funds collected from citations issued under the program; and declaring an effective date.
6. Consider approval of Resolution 2016-24R approving the award of a construction contract to Skyblue Utilities, Inc. for the Airport Utility Improvements Project in the total amount of \$1,264,850.11 contingent upon the contractor's timely submission of sufficient bonds and insurance in accordance with the City's construction contract documents for the project; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all appropriate contract documents on behalf of the City; and declaring an effective date.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

7. Consider approval of Ordinance 2016-04, on the first of two readings, amending Section 2.332 of the San Marcos City Code to provide that nonresident members of the Airport Advisory Board must own an aircraft based on the airport or represent a company that owns an aircraft based at the airport; providing for the repeal of any conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, seconded by Council Member Hughson, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, Council Member Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Hughson, Council Member Derrick and Council Member Gregson

Against: 0

8. Consider approval of Resolution 2016-25R adopting Guiding Principles for the 2016 City of San Marcos Federal Program Activities; and declaring an effective date

Main Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Gregson, seconded by Council Member Prewitt, to approve Resolution 2016-26R.

Motion to amend: A motion was made by Council Member Gregson, seconded by Council Member Hughson, to amend Resolution 2016-26R by inserting the following language under Transportation: “Support efforts related to the further development of efficient and economical mass transit options in the Austin – San Antonio Corridor.” The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, Council Member Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Hughson, Council Member Derrick and Council Member Gregson

Against: 0

Main Motion: to approve Resolution 2016-26R, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, Council Member Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Hughson, Council Member Derrick and Council Member Gregson

Against: 0

9. Consider, by motion, approval of two way traffic implementation on Guadalupe and LBJ, and parking orientation, and provide direction to Staff.

This item was pulled up and considered earlier in the agenda after Item #1 was determined to be unnecessary.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, seconded by Mayor Guerrero, that this Item be postponed to a future meeting after the Ethics Review Commission has provided an advisory opinion requested by Council Member Gregson. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, Council Member Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Hughson, Council Member Derrick and Council Member Gregson

Against: 0

10. Consider approval, by motion, authorizing the City Manager to waive fees and certain development standards for the next 90 days for properties subject to an approved out

of city utility extension request and provide direction staff regarding code amendments to address future requests for out of city utility extensions

A motion was made by Council Member Gregson, seconded by Council Member Hughson, that this Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Pro-Tem Thomaides, Council Member Prather, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Prewitt, Council Member Hughson, Council Member Derrick and Council Member Gregson

Against: 0

VI. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

None.

VII. Adjournment.

Mayor Guerrero adjourned the regular meeting of the San Marcos City Council at 6:27 p.m.

**Jamie Lee Pettijohn, TRMC, City Clerk
Mayor**

Daniel Guerrero,