



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

3:00 PM

City Council Chambers

630 E. Hopkins St. - Work Session

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16 or Spectrum channel 10.**

I. Call To Order

**With a quorum present, the Work Session of the San Marcos City Council was called to order by Mayor Hughson at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday February 3, 2026.
The meeting was held both in person and online**

II. Roll Call

- Present:** 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Shane Scott, Council Member Amanda Rodriguez, Mayor Jane Hughson and Council Member Josh Paselk
- Absent:** 3 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Alyssa Garza, Council Member Lorenzo Gonzalez and Council Member Matthew Mendoza

III. Citizen Comment Period

Maxfield Baker thanked the Council for CIP progress, noted equitable improvements, appreciated legal session on law enforcement, raised concerns about Governor Abbott's protest response, and urged school district dialogue on student free speech.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a Staff presentation regarding approved Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvements Projects and related funding, including the proposed issuance of debt.

Assistant City Manager Joe Pantalione introduced the item, noting that as part of the annual budget process, the City Council approves a 10-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Fiscal Year 2026 projects from the approved plan, along with deferred projects from prior years, were reviewed for scope, timing, and funding. Funding sources include debt issuance.

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Shaun Condor presented an overview of the FY 2026 CIP and related funding. He explained that Year 1 is approved in the budget, while Years 2–10 serve as placeholders. The presentation focused on projects funded through debt obligations. Condor clarified terminology:

- **"Deferred" projects are delayed due to staff capacity issues or timing factors such as right-of-way acquisition delays or environmental issues**
- **"Other funding" refers to projects funded through various means such as cash, debt reserves, or impact fees**
- **"Canceled or reduced" projects were either completed with existing funds or had revised scopes**

The citywide CIP includes approximately \$114 million in new projects and \$28 million deferred from prior years, totaling \$143 million. Of this, \$21 million remains deferred. The largest debt issuance (\$93 million) is for the FM 1978 reclamation facility in the water/wastewater fund.

Condor detailed projects in each fund category:

- **General Fund: \$11.2 million in new projects plus \$5 million from prior deferred projects. Projects include airport runway extension, Bishop Street improvements, downtown alley reconstruction, Dunbar education building stabilization, fiber optic infrastructure expansion, fire admin and training facility, and fire station design.**
- **Storm Water Utility: \$6.75 million with no deferred projects. Includes funding for Bishop construction, Old Rancho 12, and the Stormwater Master Plan.**
- **Electric Utility: \$10 million in new projects with \$6 million deferred from prior years. Projects include fiber optic infrastructure expansion and SM 220 Reconductor.**
- **Water/Wastewater Utility: \$86.86 million with \$17.5 million deferred from prior years. The largest project is the wastewater treatment plant at \$80 million.**

Council Discussion:

Mayor Hughson asked about Dunbar building funding.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Gonzales confirmed historic preservation funds (~\$400K) would be used first, possibly eliminating \$250K in debt funding.

Council Member Rodriguez requested clarification on deferred projects, specifically Sunset Acres.

Condor noted deferral is due to environmental and right-of-way issues; project expected to start summer 2027 with \$14M in grant funding.

Mayor Hughson requested future presentations include explanations for major deferrals.

Council Member Rodriguez also asked about fire-related funding and SAFER grant status. City Manager Stephanie Reyes indicated the grant was likely unsuccessful as the notification window had passed.

Next Steps: Staff will return February 17 with a resolution to publish notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation, followed by newspaper notices, rating agency calls, and Council consideration of an ordinance in April. Funds are expected by May 13.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. The City Council will convene in executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

A. Section 551.072 (Real Property): To deliberate regarding the possible purchase of real property interests necessary for the Purgatory Creek Improvements Project.

B. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): To receive legal advice regarding the intersection between federal and local law enforcement operations.

A motion was made by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Paselk to enter into Executive Session.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Gonzalez and Council Member Mendoza

**Council enter into Executive Session at 3:29 PM
Council reconvene at 5:50.**

IV. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

There were no questions from the press or public.

V. Adjournment.

Mayor Hughson adjourned the Work Session meeting at 5:53 PM on February 3, 2026.

Elizabeth Trevino, City Clerk

Jane Hughson, Mayor