

# **Future City Hall Update**

### **City Council Work Session**

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## Agenda



- Intro
- Project Status
- Overall Project Plan & Scope
  - Project Components
- What is Happening Now
- What is to Come
  - Hopkins Gateway Steering Committee

#### Intro



- Creation of Project Director role- temporary, part-time
  - Provides hyperfocus

Applicable experience: Bell District in Cedar Park





## **Project Status**

- Council confirmed desire for new City Hall to be on Cityowned land on north side of Hopkins
- Expressed support for P3 regarding redevelopment of current site to mixed use to include housing
- Willingness to hold election for parkland release



## **Overall Project Plan & Scope**



#### Transformational project for San Marcos

- Community-oriented development that revitalizes area
- True gateway into community that reflect San Marcos' best
- Placemaking
- Opportunity for civic pride
- Leverage ideal location between downtown, river, entrance to SM

## **Project Components**

Civic Corridor



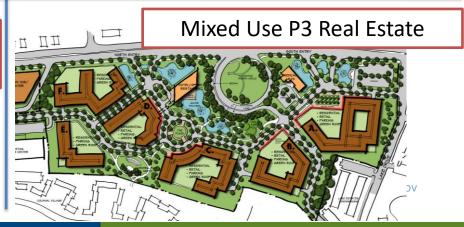






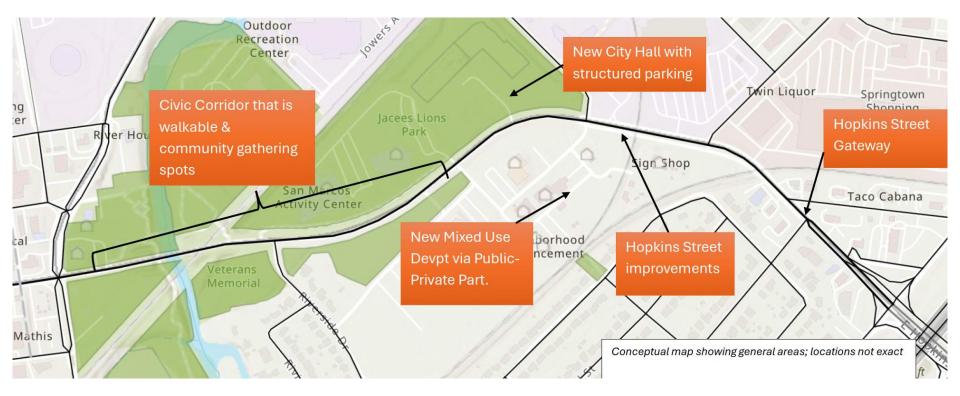


Hopkins Street improvements



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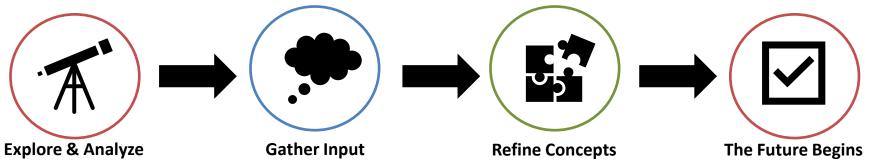


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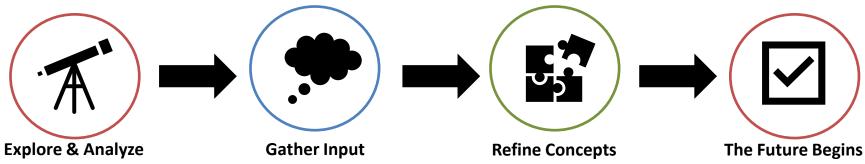
- Assembling team with expertise
- RFQ for Transactional Advisor & Land Planning open now
- New City Hall facility space planning
- Evaluating potential partnerships
- Preparing for meaningful and effective community engagement





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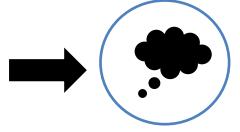


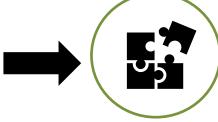
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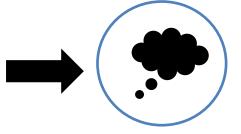
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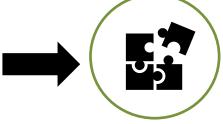
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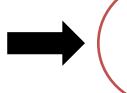
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- Identify the right private partner
- Execute on financial steps
- Design work for infrastructure & new City Hall

### **Hopkins Gateway Steering Committee**



- Provides guidance and feedback throughout process
- Advisory role
- Potential Make up: (8-10 members)
  - City Councilmember(s) (2)
  - Resident representation from nearby area (2)
  - Community partner(s) (i.e. Texas State, San Marcos River Foundation, Downtown Association, etc.) (2-3)
  - Business leader(s) within community (2-3)
- Would like Council nominations & appointment process this fall

## In Closing



#### San Marcos has tremendous advantages

- Council & staff momentum
- Authentic community character to build upon
- Natural assets to build upon
- Own the land
- Existing strong, vibrant civic presence in area
- Smart financial planning & saving for project



### **Discussion & Questions**



## **Appendix**

#### **City Owned Property Near City Hall**







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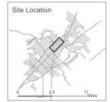
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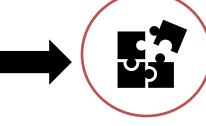


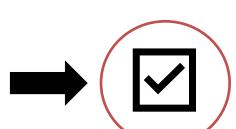
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Beginning later
2024
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Refine Concepts The Future Begins

- Determine future City
   Hall needs and cost est.
- Identify development needs
- Develop scenarios using expertise from urban planning and real estate

- Crystallize Council goals
- Guidance from Steering Committee in early stage
- Collaborate with the community to gather diverse ideas
- Identify common themes and ideas, and determine what is most feasible

- Determine what is needed to make vision a reality
- Parkland release election
- Refine funding tools and mechanisms
- Solicit input from development community

- Identify the right private partner
- Execute on necessary financial steps
- Begin design work for infrastructure
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