



# City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins  
San Marcos, TX 78666

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Tuesday, June 30, 2015

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 630 E. Hopkins - Budget Update Workshop

#### I. Call To Order

**With a quorum present, the Budget Update workshop of the San Marcos City Council was called to order by Mayor Daniel Guerrero at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, 630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.**

#### II. Roll Call

**Council Member Thomason and Council Member Prewitt arrived after roll call at approximately 5:37p.m.**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Daniel Guerrero, Council Member John Thomaides, Council Member Ryan Thomason, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shane Scott, Mayor Pro-Tem Jude Prather, Council Member Lisa Prewitt and Council Member Jane Hughson

1. Receive a Staff presentation and update regarding the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget, and provide direction to Staff.

**Heather Hurlbert, Finance Director provided a presentation and led a discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.**

**Council Requested the following item: (a) A list/column on the Tax Rate Comparison chart to show what we are not gaining due to tax abatements. This list should include the entity, what was collected, and what was rebated back. (b) A chart that shows social service funding for peer and surrounding cities. (c) Interest in increasing Social Service funding level to atleast \$450,000. (d) Receive a Comprehensive list for beautification programs (e) Consensus to combine beautification into comprehensive funding (f) Recommendation of \$250,000 for beautification funding, it was suggested to increase the solid waste fee by \$0.50 per month per customer to derive this amount. (g) Suggestion to call beautification "Community Enhancement." (h) Sign/facade program suggestion to include a timeframe requiring businesses to remain downtown with the sign or a requirement that the business repay the City a certain amount.**

**Additional information will be provided and discussed at future budget workshops.**

2. Hold discussion on the impacts of the increased property tax valuations and ways to keep the tax burden on current property owners at current levels, and provide direction to staff.

**Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Council Member Thomason gave a brief update about this item. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott has asked staff to consider ways to alleviate the tax burden on property owners due to increase property tax valuations. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott suggested an increase in Homestead exemption. Staff will provide options and explain how an increase of the homestead exemption will affect the funding for other programs and the average impact per house at a future date.**

III. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

**None.**

IV. Adjournment.

**A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott, seconded by Council Member Thomason, that the workshop meeting of the City Council be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Thomaides, Council Member Thomason, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Mayor Pro-Tem Prather, Council Member Prewitt and Council Member Hughson

**Against:** 0

**Jamie Lee Pettijohn, City Clerk**

**Daniel Guerrero, Mayor**