



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

3:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a Staff update and hold discussion regarding Cape's Dam, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Bert Lumbreras, City Manager gave a brief introduction of this item. Drew Wells, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jamie Lee Case, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation provided an update.

The last meeting regarding Cape's Dam was held on October 15, 2019 and since this time, the following progress has been made:

- **Staff has met with representatives of Hays County and the Hays County Historical Commission.**
- **Discussions were held regarding a possible Interlocal Agreement to cost share in some aspects of the project, dependent upon direction Council wishes to take.**
- **A memo dated December 2, 2019 was provided to the City Council reporting on safety measures at Cape's Camp/Thompson Island area.**
- **City Council provided consensus on October 15 for staff to seek what permissions and permits would be needed from state and federal agencies to remove or repair the dam.**

Mr. Wells discussed permitting and depending on the direction Council would like to go, will dictate the permitting that will be required.

The City will coordinate with the following groups on permitting:

United State Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD)

General Land Office (GLO)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Texas Historic Commission (THC)

Staff is seeking direction from Council and have provided the following options:

Option 1: Removal of the Dam

Option 2: Redesign & Rebuild of the Dam

Option 3: Restoration of the Dam

Option 4: Conduct Another Study

Mr. Wells indicated there is currently \$174,628 remaining of the \$250,000 that was originally funded for the Cape's Camp Improvement and Dam Project. To date \$75,372 of the funds have been used to fund previous studies on Cape's Dam and the Mill Race.

After Council held discussion and asked questions staff was directed to go with Option 4, to conduct further studies but to ensure the following items are addressed within the study:

- Study on flow and level and potential flooding and if it would cause more or less flooding**
- Toxicity of the soil below the dam and how much the dam will drop and how that will affect the trees and stability of Thompson Island**
- The effect of diverting more water through the mill race during times of drought and the health of the river and what would be best for the river**
- Identify if there is a way to get rid of what is causing the sedimentation problem and place something that will allow the river to flow through and while still maintaining the Mill Race at some level, most of the time**
- Do not replicate the study previously done by Dr. Hardy**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2. Executive Session in accordance with the following Government Code Sections:**
 - A. Section § 551.072 - Real Property: to receive a staff briefing and deliberation regarding acquisition of property in Downtown San Marcos for Public Use.**

B. Section § 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney: to receive a staff briefing and deliberation regarding Martindale ETJ Matters.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mihalkanin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Rockeymoore, to enter into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

III. Adjournment.

Mayor Hughson stated Executive Session concluded at 5:39 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mihalkanin, seconded by Council Member Baker, to adjourn the work session meeting of the City Council at 5:42 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020. The motion to adjourn carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Mayor Hughson, Mayor Pro Tem Mihalkanin, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Rockeymoore and Council Member Baker

Against: 0

Absent: 3 - Council Member Derrick, Council Member Marquez and Gonzales

Tammy K. Cook, Interim City Clerk

Jane Hughson, Mayor