



## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

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

**Meeting date:** January 7, 2020

**Department:** Parks and Recreation Department

**Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Funds Available:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

N/A

Choose an item.

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**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.
- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** [Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]

Choose an item.

### **Background Information:**

February 22, 2016: Capes Dam Workshop

- Presentation by Dr. Thomas Hardy
- Effects of changing height of Cape's Dam on recreation, Texas wild rice and fountain darter habitat (Hardy Report - 10/12/15)

March 15, 2016: Council voted to approve the removal of Cape's Dam.

August 16, 2016: Capes Dam Council Presentation

- Presentation by Mike Montagne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Cape's Dam Removal Analysis (Hydraulic Hardy Report - 3/27/2017)
- Supplement Cape's Dam and Mill Race Assessment (Supplemental Assessment-Hardy Report - 5/23/17)

October 4, 2018: Historic Preservation Commission

- Recommended approval of designating Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure as a local historic landmark (4-2)

November 27, 2018: Planning and Zoning Commission

- Recommended denial of designating Thompson/Cape Dam and Ditch Engineering Structure as a local historic landmark (5-4)

January 11, 2019: Capes Dam Memo Staff Update

January 15, 2019: City Council briefed in executive session to discuss possible partnership opportunities with Hays County and the Hays County Historical Commission.

January 29, 2019: City Council considered an item designating Cape's Dam as a historic landmark. This action was postponed for up to 6 months while staff gathered more information related to the project.

June 18, 2019: City Council briefed in Work Session on status of possible partnership opportunities with Hays County and the Hays County Historical Commission. Presentation from County on proposed project anticipated in fall 2019.

October 15, 2019: City Council received a presentation from Vista Planning & Design on behalf of Hays County and the Hays County Historical Commission regarding a visioning study for Cape's Dam, the Mill Race, Thompson's Island & San Marcos River. Council provided consensus for staff to seek what permissions and permits would be needed from State and Federal agencies to remove or repair the dam.

### **Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

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**Recommendation:**

Provide direction to Staff.