

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE
Activity Center, Room 1
January 5, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Schwartz	Naomi Narvaiz	Sherwood Bishop
Mark Taylor	Daniel Guerrero	Stephanie Langenkamp
David Montelongo	Mark Gleason	Bob Jett
Kathy Prather	Margie Villapondo	Perry Moore
Melissa Millecam	Linda Coker	
Estella Enriquez	Derrick Benn	
Gabrielle Moore	Rosina Valle	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rudy Espinoza *resigned due to other commitments effective 11/03
Bobbie Garza-Hernandez
Ted Hindson
Robert Puente
Omar Baca
Bill Glasgow
Lorraine Burleson
Ben Nelson
Arthur Taylor
Olivia Juarez-Reid
Blanca Loya
Larry Mock

I. Call to Order -- Chair Naomi Narvaiz called the meeting to order at 6:13pm

II. Approval of Minutes December 22, 2016

A Motion was made by Linda Coker and seconded by Benjamin Schwartz to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2016 meeting. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

III. Financial Review and Initial Staff Recommendations and Preliminary Subcommittee Thoughts and Concerns.

Mr. Steve Parker reviewed what was approved at the previous meeting and reviewed the Tax Rate Impact and the Annual Increase per Household based on those approved recommendations.

Mr. Parker showed a video of a house fire and fire fighters response to that fire to illustrate the importance of active fire training.

Following the video, Chief Les Stephens explained the reason of why having a Fire Training facility in the City of San Marcos is so important.

Mr. Bob Jett provided his statement of why he believes that this training facility is so important.

Mr. Perry Moore asked about life expectancy of a building like this. Chief Stephens explained that it depends on the materials used to construct it, but that the facility they are proposing (galvanized metal building) would be anywhere between 15-20 years. Chief Stephens included that they are not asking for something expensive.

Mrs. Melissa Millicam stated that she believes that this training facility is critical for our fire fighters.

Mrs. Millicam asked if the tax rates being provided took into account the annual growth of the City. Mr. Parker stated yes.

Mr. Jared Miller explained what Staff is asking of the taskforce is to determine what the tax rate increase would be proposed to the Council.

Discussion and negotiations were held among the taskforce membership regarding what tax rate the taskforce wanted to propose.

A motion was made by Benjamin Schwartz and seconded by Sherwood Bishop to recommend the 8.37 tax rate increase with the caveat that the Council would adjust as appropriate. For: 16 Against: 0 Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Parker provided that the Council will have a Special Meeting on January 23 to receive this recommendation, and would have the first reading of the election ordinance on February 7 and second reading on February 17.

Mr. Miller provided a timeline of what would be occurring between tonight and the Special Meeting on January 23 as far as Staff finalizing the presentation and distributing the materials to the City Council. Mr. Miller explained that we would like to have members of the taskforce at all public information sessions to help answer questions and inform the community.

A Motion was made by Sherwood Bishop for acclamation of the two propositions with a tax rate increase of 8.37 and construction of the City Hall and Public Service Building. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

A Motion was made by Benjamin Schwartz and seconded by Naomi Narvaiz to recommend that the City Council approve that the Public Services building be constructed using Certificates of Obligation. For: 16 Against: 0 Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. New Business

No discussion under this item.

V. Next meeting Discussion

Mr. Parker reiterated that the Council will have a Special Meeting on January 23 to receive this recommendation, and would have the first reading of the election ordinance on February 7 and second reading on February 17.

VI. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Jett and seconded by Estella Enriquez to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.