



**City of San Marcos
Animal Services Council
Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022**

Agenda #	Agenda Caption	Action/Direction
I.	Call to Order	<p>The Animal Services Council Committee convened in a regular meeting on 08 March 2022, held virtually.</p> <p>Chair, Mayor Jane Hughson, called the Committee Meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.</p>
II.	Roll Call	<p>Committee Members in Attendance: Mayor Jane Hughson Councilmember Shane Scott Councilmember Alyssa Garza</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Greg Carr DerryAnn Krupinsky Christie Banduch</p>
III.	Elect A Chairperson	<p>Mayor Jane Hughson was elected as the chairperson</p>
IV.	Establish a mission statement	<p>The Animal Services Council Committee will educate and engage the community and our regional government partners, seek to analyze and address the various animal welfare concerns in Hays County and their effects on the San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter, and to assist the shelter in the fulfillment of the Pawsitive Outcomes Implementation Plan.</p>

<p>V.</p>	<p>Discuss and provide direction related to commercial pet sales</p>	<p>Public comment was opened: Paula Buenrostro talked about health issues affecting puppy mill dogs. Shannon Graham spoke about her experience in puppy mill regulation in San Antonio, TX as well as research that she has done regarding breeders that Pick A Pet purchases puppies from. Kelly Arthur asked if there was a conflict of interest for a committee member to engage in talks with Pick A Pet. Ashly Dale from Bailing Out Benji spoke about puppy mill regulation at the state and federal levels. Glen Connors spoke about his past experience in operating a family owned puppy mill and his current efforts to close down the family owned puppy mill. Phil Watson from Texas United for Pets spoke about alternative language to the current ordinance being considered that he has submitted to city council for consideration.</p> <p>The committee provided direction to staff to read the proposed new language from Phil Watson to look for flaws and find a “happy medium”</p>
<p>VI.</p>	<p>Discuss future agenda items</p>	<p>Mayor Jane Hughson requested the following be added to the next agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Receive staff reports and status updates regarding the shelter 2) Discuss and provide direction related to commercial pet sales 3) Discuss committee’s role in assisting the shelter with regional government partnerships to provide more help with shelter related events
<p>VII.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair, Mayor Jane Hughson, adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. without objection.</p>