



Neighborhood Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Enhancement – Virtual Zoom
630 E Hopkins, Bldg. 5, San Marcos, Texas 78666

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Roland Saucedo, at 6:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

In attendance: Roland Saucedo, James Cruz, Robert Eby, Bobbie Garza-Hernandez, Joe Cantu, Larry Mock, Michael Adams, Michael Vernon. Absentees: Robert Dudolski.

III. Citizen Comment Period

None

IV. Consider Acceptance of June 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Adams to approve. Seconded by Eby. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

V. Guest Speaker

Jon Locke, Director of Finance Dept. presented an overview on FY24 Budget. Locke reviewed budget development timeline, budget policy statement, general fund and major special revenue funds and enterprise funds. Locke explained the budget calendar to the Board which includes the proposal of the budget that was submitted on August 15th, Budget workshop August 21, Public hearings on Budget and Tax rate September 5 & 19 and Budget and Tax rate adoption on September 5 and 19. Locke explained to the Board the policy statements and strategic goals for Fund Balance, Revenues and Expenses. The topic of General Funds was also discussed to include Inflation, Expenditures per Capita, City population, General Employee turnover & vacancies. Cruz stated that he works at the Rio Vista Pool area and was curious if any of the City facility maintenance funds would be available for the Rio Vista Pool. Cruz states that there is no working AC for employees and it's difficult to even get soap because of funding. Locke stated he was not aware of these issues and that it was so underfunded, and this might be the reason for the increase in facility maintenance. Cruz mentioned it has been this way for years. Saucedo asked Locke if he could also speak on the Community Enhancement Major changes for FY 24. Locke spoke about Revenues to include rate adjustments if needed and increase in revenue from proposed rate adjustment and growth. Locke also spoke on the compensation study implementation that will affect Community Enhancement. The Board was also advised that the Community Enhancement fund will now be its own fund and not be rolled into the General fund. Several residential and commercial increases will also occur. Vernon asked why the Cities water rate was so much higher here in San Marcos compared to everyone else. Locke stated his opinion on that is the investments the city has made on two different levels. One is the investment into the Storm water and second is the investment into water rights. San Marcos has water rights that are projected to last until the year 2050.

VI. Commissioner Seats

Saucedo went over vacant Commissioner seats to include Sector 1 and Sector 6. Saucedo also informed the Board on the resignation of Commissioner Margaret Yackel who has retired

from TXST. Saucedo also informed the Board of the approval of his term extension until February 2024.

VII. Reports

Commissioners Garza-Hernandez and Saucedo gave an update on the Mexican American and Indigenous Cultural Heritage District Street signage. Saucedo stated they are in communication with Reverend Sam Montoya. They will be having a meeting at the beginning of September to finalize the last neighborhood street sign with the hopes of all signage being installed by November 2023.

Tiffany Harris, Community Vitality Coordinator, updated the Board on the June 15th Neighborhood Conversation Meeting for Sector 5. There will be another meeting for Sector 1, Dunbar and Heritage Neighborhood, tomorrow at the Dunbar neighborhood. Neighborhood conversations are also scheduled for Sector 2 on September 14th, & Sector 7 on October 12. Harris reminded Commissioners that September 23rd is Community Shred Day and on September 26th there will be a Lunch and Learn at the Activity Center hosted by the Homeless Coalition for Hays Co. The topic will be Homelessness within the school districts of Hays Co.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Saucedo requested that Commissioner Garza-Hernandez give an update on the Mexican American and Indigenous Cultural Heritage District Street signage.

IX. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public

None

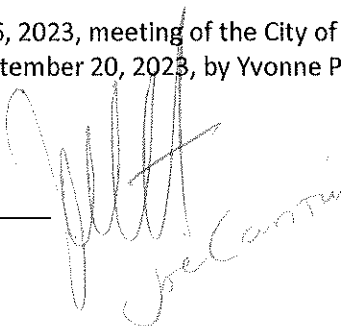
X. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Cantu and seconded by Garza-Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The minutes for the August 16, 2023, meeting of the City of San Marcos, Texas Neighborhood Commission are respectfully submitted on September 20, 2023, by Yvonne Palacios, Staff Liaison, Neighborhood Enhancement.

Approved by:

Chair – Roland Saucedo



Joe Cantu