



City of San Marcos

Work Session Meeting - Final City Council

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Due to COVID-19, and as long as the State Disaster Declaration is in effect, this will be a virtual meeting. To view the meeting please go to www.sanmarcostx.gov/videos or watch on Grande channel 16 or Spectrum channel 10.

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a Staff update presentation and hold discussion regarding the City's RFP for garbage services, and provide direction to Staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Executive Session in accordance with Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code: Consultation with Attorney - to receive advice of legal counsel regarding the process for consideration of out of city utility extension requests under Section 86.003 of the San Marcos City Code and state law restrictions on municipal regulation of land uses on development projects initiated prior to annexation.

III. Adjournment.

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Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff update presentation and hold discussion regarding the City's RFP for garbage services, and provide direction to Staff.

Meeting date: January 19, 2021

Department: Neighborhood Enhancement - Resource Recovery

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

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:

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

Sustainability

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

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.
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

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

Solid Waste Master Plan

Background Information:

Direction was given to proceed with RFP for garbage services and provide update of progress in three months from the September 29, 2020 council meeting.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternatives:

N/A

Recommendation:

N/A - presentation and discussion only

Garbage Service RFP

City Council Workshop

Purpose

Receive input from Council on the Request for Proposals for a new garbage contract

Receive input on other programs to increase landfill diversion



Research

- January-March 2020: Multifamily Recycling
 - Project with The Recycling Partnership
 - Audited a random selection of complexes with new education, bins and valet
 - Complexes with valet service participated more and had less contamination
- June-August 2020: Residential Recycling
 - Participation: average 70%
 - Contamination: average 5.3%
- August-November 2020: Residential Green Waste
 - Participation: average 25%
 - Contamination: still working this number
- Recycling and Litter Survey
 - Closed Jan 15

Residential Service- Curbside

- Trash Cart Size
 - Currently: offer 65 or 96 gallon cart. Some areas have a 35 gallon cart.
 - Option to offer 35 gallon cart to everyone: **Recommend: adding the option**
- Recycle Service
 - Currently: serviced every other week.
 - After auditing: **Recommend: keeping it every other week.**
 - Currently: up to 3 cardboard boxes to pickup extra recycle material
 - After auditing: **Recommend: up to 4 cardboard boxes**
- Green Waste Service
 - Currently: serviced every other week
 - After auditing: **Recommend: keeping it every other week**
 - Currently: up to 12 paper yard bags to pickup extra green waste
 - After auditing: **Recommend: keeping it at 12 paper yard bags**

Residential Service- Extras

- Bulk Pick Ups
 - Currently: 4 - 3 cubic yard per year
 - More: could increase rate
 - Fewer: could reduce rate
 - **Recommend: leave it at 4 - 3 cubic yards**
- Community Clean Ups (4 events per year)
 - Currently in contract: 36-40 yard roll offs
 - Currently use: 40 - 40 yard roll offs
 - More events per year: could increase rate
 - Fewer events per year: could reduce rate
 - **Recommend: 40 - 40 yard roll offs; 4 events per year**

City Facilities

- Trash
 - Need to evaluate needs and illegal dumping at City dumpsters
- Compost
 - Only at Grant Harris and Discovery Center
 - **Recommend: Adding more compost dumpsters at other facility buildings**
 - **Recommend: Adding compost at athletic fields**

Multifamily

- Recycling
 - Currently: contract with TDS serviced once per week
 - **Recommend: Keeping the service**
 - Study with The Recycling Partnership- results
 - **Recommend: Separate contract for valet recycle service**
- Composting
 - Currently: none
 - **Recommend: add targeted items, i.e. to go pizza boxes**
- Trash
 - Currently: complexes contract for service
 - Could lower rate for residential
 - Many complexes have national contracts that would have to be integrated within a year or two
 - Concerns with senior living facilities- cost
 - Could add extra pickups during the turn
 - **Recommend: not including in the RFP**

Commercial Businesses

- **Want to look at an all inclusive provider?**
 - Could lower residential rate
 - Mom & Pop businesses could be especially effected
 - **Recommend: not to include in the RFP**
- **Other option:**
 - Universal Recycling Ordinance
 - **Recommend: research a Universal Recycling Ordinance**

Special Uses

- Roll Offs used for Park, Downtown, Illegal Dumping and Special Cleanups
 - Currently for trash: 3 – 40 yard and 1 – 30 yard
 - Extra: 1 – 40 yard during tubing season
 - **Recommend: Keep as is**
- Special Events
 - Currently:
 - Lion's Tube- trash
 - Sights & Sounds of Christmas- trash and compost
 - River Clean Ups- trash
 - Other special events- utilize the dumpsters at Grant Harris
 - **Recommend: Keep as is**

Environmental

- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
 - Is this important in evaluating a provider?
 - In evaluating, will look at the location of facility/facilities to the city
 - **Recommend: adding to the evaluation process**
- **Sustainability Management**
 - Within the industry there is a movement in looking at how companies manage operations
 - **Recommend: looking at other sustainable practices**

Timeline

- **Data Collection: January 2020-January 2021**
- **Create RFP: 30-60 days**
- **Issue RFP/Out for Public Interest: 30-45 days**
- **Receive Proposals/Evaluate Bids: 30-45 days**
- **Interview Short List: 2 weeks**
- **Negotiate with Finalist: 30-60 days**
 - Clarifications/Understanding
 - Contract terms
 - Project approach/schedule
- **Council Award: 30 days**
- **Implementation if TDS is not awarded: 30-60 days**
 - Order carts (~35,000)
 - Distribute carts; Remove carts
- **Operational: Anticipate early October 2021**

Direction for Garbage Services RFP

- **Residential**
 - Add 35 gallon trash cart
 - Keep every other week recycle service
 - Add up to 4 cardboard boxes of recyclables
 - Keep every other week green waste service
 - Keep up to 12 paper yards bags of green waste
 - Keep 4-3 cubic yards bulk pickup
 - Increase to 40-40 yard roll offs for Community Cleanups

Direction for Garbage Services RFP

- **City Facilities**
 - Add compost to city facilities
 - Add compost to athletic fields
- **Multifamily**
 - Keep recycling
 - Add valet recycle service
 - Add targeted compost
 - Add Trash (not recommend)
- **Commercial**
 - Add Single Provider (not recommend)
 - Research Universal Recycling Ordinance
- **Special Uses**
 - Keep roll offs at 40 acres
 - Keep special events
- **Environmental**
 - Add into evaluation: distance from San Marcos to facility
 - Research other sustainable practices

Questions

Recycling and Litter Survey

Q1- What is your service area? (If you don't know your service area, click here and put in your address: [Trash/Recycle Service Map](#))

A1- Monday A; Monday B; Tuesday A; Tuesday B; Wednesday A; Wednesday B; Thursday A; Thursday B; Thursday C; Friday A; Friday B

Q2- How satisfied are you with the overall current Resource Recovery Program including services like bulk pick-ups, community clean up, brush drop off, etc?

A2- Very satisfied; Satisfied; Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; Dissatisfied; Very dissatisfied

Written comments

Q3- How would you rate your satisfaction with the curbside trash, recycle and green waste cart waste service?

A3- Very satisfied; Satisfied; Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; Dissatisfied; Very dissatisfied

Written comments

Q4- Would you consider using a 35-gallon trash cart for weekly trash services compared to the 65-gallon trash cart (the current standard cart size) to maintain or lower your garbage rates?

A4- Yes, that is doable; No, I have too much trash every week

Q5- How often do you use the pharmaceutical drug drop off at the San Marcos Police Station (2300 S IH35)?

A5- Weekly; Monthly; 1-3 times a year; 4-6 times a year; Never; I wasn't aware of this service

Q6- How often do you use the Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility (located at 634 E Hopkins)?

A6- Weekly; Monthly; 1-3 times a year; 4-6 times a year; Never; I wasn't aware of this service

Q7- Have you utilized the free mulch pick up at the Brush Drop Off (located at 750 River Rd) or at the off-site locations (Dunbar Par, Archie St or Del Sol St)?

A7- Yes; No; I wasn't aware of this service

Q8- Do you actively recycle with your recycle cart or at Green Guy Recycling (located at 937 Hwy 80)?

A8- Yes prompted to answer: A9- What encourages you to participate in recycling?

No prompted to answer: A10- What would encourage you to participate in recycling activities?

Q11- Do you actively use your green waste cart or backyard composting?

A9- Yes prompted to answer: A12-What encourages you to participate in composting activities?

A13- No prompted to answer What would encourage you to participate in composting activities?

Q14- How likely are you to participate in reuse/fix it workshops?

A14- Very likely; Likely; Neither likely nor unlikely; Unlikely; Very unlikely

Q15- Would you participate in an incentive program to recycle common plastic/glass/aluminum bottles?

A15- Yes; No

Q16- Would you be willing to support an increased rate to have weekly recycle and green waste service?

A16- Yes; No

Q17- What is important to have a comprehensive trash, recycle and compost service program to sustainably manage material to decrease the use of virgin material.

Q17- Strongly agree; Agree; Neither agree nor disagree; Disagree; Strongly disagree

Q18- Other Comments about garbage service or programs

Q19- Do you think San Marcos has a litter problem?

A19- Yes prompted to answer What is the cause? Where is the litter located? No prompted to answer What do you think helps keep San Marcos litter free?

Q22- Do you participate in litter clean ups?

A22- Yes prompted to answer A23-Who do you participate with Keep San Marcos Beautiful; Other city organization; Individual; Company; University Organization; Other (please specify)

No prompted to answer A24- Would you participate if notified of any volunteer opportunities?

Q25- Have you seen an increase in litter in your neighborhood since the pandemic started?

A25- Yes; No

Q26- Other comments about litter

Q27- How do you get information about city services? (Rate your response: 1= most used to 5= least used)

A27- City TV; City Website; Newspaper; Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram); Utility Bill Inserts

Q28- DO you prefer informational videos or static posts (i.e. pictures and infographics)?

A28- Videos; Static posts like pictures; Other (please specify)

Q29- What is your age range?

A29- 17 or younger; 18-20; 21-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60 or older

Q30- If you would like to be put into a drawing for a \$75 gift card to HEB, please enter your name, phone number and email address.



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