630 E. Hopkins St. - Work Session
This will be an in-person and online meeting. To view the meeting please go to http://sanmarcostx.gov/421/City-Council-Videos-Archives or watch on Grande channel 16 or Spectrum channel 10.

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. Citizen Comment Period

NOTE: Citizen Comment sign up procedures have changed: Persons wishing to participate remotely (speak) during the Citizen Comment portion must sign up at www.sanmarcostx.gov/citizencommentssignup before 12:00PM the day of the meeting. A link will be provided for participation on a mobile device, laptop or desktop computer. Those wishing to speak in person may sign up in person in the City Clerk's office before 12:00PM the day of the meeting.

PRESENTATION

1. Receive a staff presentation providing an after-action report of the May 9 severe weather event and the City’s response and recovery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOTE: The City Council may adjourn into Executive Session to consider any item listed on this agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for Executive Session discussion. An announcement will be made of the basis for the Executive Session discussion. The City Council may also publicly discuss any item listed on the agenda for Executive Session.

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IV. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

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NOTICE: In accordance with Section 2.045 of the City Code, speakers must state their name, and must limit their remarks to three minutes. The allotted time will commence from the beginning of the speaker's remarks and will include any time spent in discussion between the speaker and council or board or commission members. Issues taking longer to communicate can be addressed outside the meeting to the city staff or to individual members of the council or board or commission, or submitted in writing.

V. Adjournment.

POSTED ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

ELIZABETH TREVINO, CITY CLERK

VI. ADDENDUM

Executive Session #2 was added to item #2 after the agenda was posted on Friday, May 31, 2024

2. Section 551.087- Economic Development: To deliberate regarding possible economic development incentives for Project Wind Chime

ADDENDUM POSTED ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024 @ 4:30PM

ELIZABETH TREVINO, CITY CLERK
AGENDA CAPTION:
Receive a staff presentation providing an after-action report of the May 9 severe weather event and the City’s response and recovery.
Meeting date: June 4, 2024

Department: Emergency Management

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: On May 21, 2024 City Council approved an amendment to the City’s 2023-2024 fiscal year budget to adjust expenditure accounts in the general fund to account for emergency expenditures in the amount of $750,000.00 arising in response to the storm on May 9, 2024, which expenditures are eligible for reimbursement by FEMA.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]
Public Safety, Core Services & Fiscal Excellence
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.
Background Information:
On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the National Weather Service Austin/San Antonio issued a severe thunderstorm and tornado alert for our area. Residents within the San Marcos city limits and the surrounding area experienced significant damage due to hail and straight-line winds. This presentation provides a review of City departments response and recovery to the incident as well as lessons learned.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:
Click or tap here to enter text.

Alternatives:
Click or tap here to enter text.

Recommendation:
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City of San Marcos

City Council Work Session

June 4, 2024
Purpose

• Review City response to the May 9 severe weather event.
The City of San Marcos experienced a Micro-Burst and Straight-Line wind event.

911 received 74 calls related to the storm.

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital had damage to their third floor, surgical department and emergency room entrance. Patients were moved from the third floor and the Hospital went onto Divert Status.**

Alert Towers were not used in this event, since the towers are not operational at this time.
Emergency Management

Response

• Both Utilities and Public Works teams responded immediately to clear roads and restore power to the residents.
• Communications shared required information to residents.

Recovery

• Damage assessment and Debris management were activated.
• CMO called a Directors meeting to go over response and needs of departments.
• iSTAT (Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool) and pSTAT (Public State of Texas Assessment Tool) information is being collected.
• Volunteer coordination.
Public Works

• Public Works rapidly mobilized and responded to:
  – Clear rights-of-way and drainage easements
  – Remove debris/downed trees
  – Repair traffic signals
  – Replace downed signs
  – Perform temporary facility repairs
  – Identify vehicle and equipment hail damage

• Majority of blocked roads were cleared within 30 minutes
• 99% of roads were cleared and open by Friday afternoon
• Street sweeping operations continued for a week after the event
• Water and Wastewater crews provided essential support
Public Works (continued)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 102 Incident Responses
- 179 Overtime Manhours
- 52 Personnel
- 46 Streets Cleared
- 40 Trees Cleared
- 31 Signal Repairs
- 59 Debris Removal
- 22 Facilities Repairs
- 248 Vehicles Damaged
- 13 Signs Replaced
Utilities - Electric

• 136 power outages affecting approximately 12,000 customers.
• Around 50 reports of lines down and/or trees in the line.
• Crews comprised of workers from SMTXU, NBU, Seguin, Pike Electric and Davey Tree service worked together around the clock to restore power.
• Total event lasted from 8:26 P.M. on 5/9/2024 until 9:52 P.M. on 5/11/2024 (49 ½ hours).
Utilities – Water/Wastewater

• Outage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
  – Generator responded adequately.
  – Repairs made to ATF (air treatment facility).

• Water Treatment Plant had minor issues with restart, nothing significant.

• Ignition SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) lost - IT worked and corrected.

• No overflow or loss of water pressure to report.

• All generators worked and power was restored before we needed to mobilize portable units.
Communications

Website Traffic

• Outage Management System
  - Pageviews: 8,666
• Emergency Updates
  - Pageviews: 2,382
• San Marcos Weather Updates
  - Pageviews: 484

Social Media Reach (72.5k total reach)

• SMTXU Outage Alert
• National Weather Service (NWS) Alert
• Brush Pickup Notice
• Filing Damage Claims and Avoiding Scams
• Debris Removal Assistance
Communications (continued)

Media Alerts & Physical Outreach

• 8 Regional Media Inquiries (Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos)

• Media Notice on May 10

• Press Release on May 14
Tree Damage Assessment & Mitigation

• Our Urban Forester, Parks Maintenance and Trail Crews immediately began assessing and addressing fallen trees within our public spaces, parks, cemetery and natural areas.

• Multiple tree care companies were contracted to aid in addressing critically damaged trees within the public spaces of the City.
Parks (continued)

Tree Damage Assessment & Mitigation

• 68 trees in public spaces or parks required removal.
• 99 trees required pruning to be made safe.
• Future plantings will be planned for trees removed.
Parks (continued)

• The previous numbers do not include the trees addressed within the Natural Areas.

• The San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance has volunteered more than 40 hours of labor to assist us in the clean up and mitigation efforts.
Neighborhood Enhancement

Debris Removal

- Activated on-call debris removal contract on May 14th - Ceres Environmental; at any one time there are 3-5 crews
- Emergency contract debris removal monitoring on May 20th - Debris Tech
- Code Compliance monitored SMTX Connect for public and private requests
- Resource Recovery, Code Compliance, Human Resources, and Public Services answered calls for assistance
Volunteer Outreach

• Texas Baptist Men chainsaw crew: worked in county and city; at any one time there were 2-5 crews in the area

• Mission Able: helped move vegetative debris to the curb; didn't have chainsaws

• To date volunteers have assisted residential properties in:
  – City of San Marcos = 53 (104 remaining)
  – Hays County = 30
  – Guadalupe County = 24
  – Caldwell County = 14
Neighborhood Enhancement

Debris Removal

- First pass throughout the city: May 20-June 8
- Second pass/punch out list throughout the city: June 10-14

Volunteer Assistance

- Texas Baptist Men: demobilize June 7
- Texas Baptist Men and Mission Able are no longer taking requests
Citizen Reporting

iSTAT – Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool

• This tool is designed to deploy early in a disaster impact area to gather Rapid Damage Assessment information revealing the scope and size of an event.

• A QR Code or link may be used to allow individuals to report the location, level of damage, and photographs of damage to individual property or businesses

Reporting debris clean up needs:

• Contact Resource Recovery via phone or email
• Sign up directly through Texas on a Mission
pStat – Public State of Texas Assessment Tool
• Designed to collect location, the severity of damage, and costs associated with public infrastructure losses.
• This tool is intended for local jurisdictions only and not for public release.
• Assisted with Texas State University and San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District entries.

Threshold = $1,070,337.48
Current Total = $4,487,042.00 (city est. = $703,890.13)
Improvement Plan

• Host regular situational awareness calls throughout the process.
• Emergency Management and Risk Management will work to streamline and combine the damage reporting process for city damages.
• Have a centralized reporting site.
• Establish a standard operating procedure covering pSTAT reporting in the field.
• Work with critical partnerships (e.g. hospital) on reporting of damages.
• Identify 2-3 temporary debris management sites.
Questions and Discussion
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- ☐ 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)]
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