



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

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**Council Meeting Date:** October 1, 2024

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Approval of the nomination of Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox to the Greater San Marcos Partnership Nominations Committee to represent the City of Dripping Springs on the Board.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

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**Summary/Background:** The Greater San Marcos Partnership (GSMP) is a 501(c)6 nonprofit public-private partnership that serves as the regional economic development organization for the City of San Marcos, and Hays and Caldwell Counties. GSMP promotes and markets the region to attract new employers, assists companies to expand, fosters entrepreneurial growth, and ensures the continued development of our skilled workforce. Its mission is to improve the quality of life of the Hays and Caldwell Counties through focused, strategic, and sustainable economic growth by facilitating the creation of high-quality jobs in growth-oriented target sectors; attracting new capital investment to the region; optimizing and preparing the regional workforce; and uniting the region's diverse stakeholders in the collaborative pursuit of economic prosperity for all.

GSMP has a Board of Directors with 39 members representing its membership. The City of Dripping Springs may nominate someone to serve on the board as its representative. Council Member Sherrie Parks has been serving on the Board for several years and is not able to continue in this capacity. She recommends that Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox be nominated to serve on the Board as the City's representative. Shawn is the staff liaison for the City's Economic Development Committee and serves as the City's Finance Director, so this is a good fit. Council Member Parks will continue to attend GSMP meetings and events representing the City along with Shawn.

**Recommended Council Actions:** Approve the nomination of Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox to the GSMP Board.

**Attachments:** None

**Next Steps/Schedule:** If approved, notify the GSMP Nominations Committee.