

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Pro Tem Bowers arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Present 7 - Mayor Neal Linnartz, Councilmember Andres Campos, Councilmember Christopher Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Harry Bowers, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, and Councilmember April Ryan

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER LABOWSKI

Councilmember Labowski provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Linnartz led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Texas Flag.

PROCLAMATIONS

A) Building Safety Month May 2024

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned proclamation.

Christopher Looney and other building professionals accepted the proclamation and addressed council.

PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation from the 2024 Youth City University participants about their experience in City University and how the strategic plan will impact young residents of New Braunfels.

This item was moved to the end of the meeting.

B) Presentation reviewing Communications and Community Engagement activities for the first and second quarters of FY2024.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jenna Vinson presented this item to council using a powerpoint and

answered questions.

- C) Presentation of Texas Municipal Human Resources Association (TMHRA) Professional Awards Recipients.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner and Becca Miears presented the item to council and described the awards presented to the Human Resources team.

- D) Presentation and possible direction to amend the city ordinance regarding off-site parking.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Christopher Looney presented the item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Council provided direction to proceed with further clarifications to be presented at a later time.

1. CONSENT

- A) Approval of the appointments to the Airport Advisory Board of Kurt Andersen-Vie to the ETJ Resident & Aviation Experience seat with a term ending 05-31-2027 and Laura Shumaker to the City Resident & Aviation seat with a term ending 05-31-2027.
- B) Approval of the appointments to the Arts Commission recommended by the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council of Elizabeth West to the unexpired seat of 05-31-2025 and Alicia Carver to a seat with an expiration date of 05-31-2027, Madison Crowe and Candace Southmayd to the city resident seats with unexpired terms of May 31, 2025, and Kara Koller-Wood for the city resident seat with a term ending 05-31-2027.
- C) Approval of the appointments of Rachel Behnke, Renee Martinez, and Lucas Conder for 3 City/ETJ seats with the Central Texas Technology Center Advisory Board with terms ending May 31, 2027.
- D) Approval of the appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals to Gregory Winters and Max Caruana for the General Contractors seats, Alex Rodriguez to the Alternate seat, and Lesha Blair to the Architect seat.
- E) Approval of district 4 Councilmembers appointment of Mollie Dreibrodt

to the Ethics Commission with a term ending May 31, 2027.

- F) Approval of the appointments of Pamela Brandt and Veronica Castillo to the two City Resident seats for the Heritage Commission with terms ending May 31, 2027.
- G) Approval of appointments to the Historic Landmark Commission to Thomas Tumlinson as a Historic Property Owner, Teresa Johnson as Comal Historic Commission representative, Nathan Feingold, Susan Sonier, and Lynn Norvell for three At-Large seats all with an expiration date of May 31, 2028.
- H) Approval of the Mayoral appointments of Raymond Marquez, Sarah Dixon, and Cinderella Brown to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners seats with terms ending May 31, 2026.
- I) Approval of the appointment of Aleta Meyer to the Watershed Advisory Committee for a term ending May 31, 2027.
- J) Approval of the Mayoral appointments of Glen Graham to the Comal County Representative seat, Libby Pender, and Kevin Webb to the City Resident seats with terms ending May 31, 2026, for the Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ).

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Linnartz announced the consent agenda and that Item K will be voted on separately.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowers motioned to approve the consent agenda items A-J. Councilmember Campos seconded the motion which passed.

- K) Approval of the appointments of Chad Nolte, Nathan Manlove, and Atanacio Campos to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 3 for the Property Owner Seats and Joe Turner to the At large seat with terms ending May 31, 2026.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Councilmember Spradley motioned to approve consent Item K. Mayor Pro Tem Bowers seconded the motion which passed.

Recused:

Councilmember Campos

2. WORKSHOP

- A) Discuss and consider the appointments to the Downtown Board of two Downtown Property/Business Owners with terms ending May 31, 2027, and one City Resident with a term ending May 31, 2027.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Gayle Wilkinson presented the item.

Matt Gandrud introduced himself and spoke to council.

Jenny Wilson introduced herself and spoke to council.

The following individuals were nominated to Downtown Property/Business Owners positions ending May 31, 2027: Matt Gandrud and Angie Martinez.

The following individual was nominated to a City Resident position ending May 31, 2027: Jenny Wilson.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowers motioned to appoint the nominated applicants. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- B) Interview applicants and appoint 5 individuals to the Board of Adjustment for 3 At-Large seats and 2 Alternate seats with terms ending May 31, 2027.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Gayle Wilkinson presented the item.

City Council interviewed the four present board applicants: Brandon Mund, Bobby Avary, Jr., Andrea Ranft, and Adam Schneider.

Applicant Steve Quidley was absent, however he provided his interview answers prior to the meeting via e-mail.

The following individuals were nominated to At-Large positions ending May 31, 2027: Brandon Mund, Bobby Avary, Jr., and Andrea Ranft.

The following individuals were nominated to Alternate positions

ending May 31, 2027: Steve Quidley and Adam Schneider.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowers motioned to appoint the nominated applicants. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C) Interview applicants and appoint four (4) individuals to the New Braunfels Planning Commission for At Large seats with three terms ending May 31, 2027 and one unexpired seat ending 05-31-2026.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Gayle Wilkinson presented the item.

City Council interviewed the five board applicants.

The following individuals were nominated to At-Large positions ending May 31, 2027: Vicky Rudy, Randall Allsup, and Chase Taylor.

The following individual was nominated to an unexpired At-Large position ending May 31, 2026: Jessica Schaefer.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowers motioned to appoint the nominated applicants. Councilmember Willis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation from the 2024 Youth City University participants about their experience in City University and how the strategic plan will impact young residents of New Braunfels.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jenna Vinson introduced the three members of Youth City University.

Amy Aguiar, Nicolas Varela, and Devan Patel presented this item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 551, the City Council may convene in a closed session to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda. Any final action or vote on any executive session item will be taken in open session.

4. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

There were no executive session items.

No action was taken at this time.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY