

**SPECIAL MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

Winter Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Councilmember Carter arrived at 12:14 p.m.

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.

1. WORKSHOP

A) Presentation and update on the City's solid waste and recycling services and programs.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Robert Camareno addressed council and gave a brief introduction on the items that will be presented.

Jared Werner introduced this item to council as well as Matt Eckmann and Elizabeth Ghiorso, who presented using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Matt Eckmann gave a high level overview of the solid waste and recycling division along with new updates on rates, services, and current staffing. Updates were also given for the next fiscal year as well and potential ordinance changes.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Jim Holster

No action was taken at this time.

B) Presentation, update, and possible direction to staff regarding the creation of a floating vegetation working group.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner introduced this item to council and introduced Greg Malatek and Amy Niles, who presented using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Staff is seeking guidance to potentially establish a group/committee that could further investigate federal regulatory requirements on floating vegetation and a future pilot program for removal of floating vegetation in a location on the Guadalupe river.

City council advised staff to continue their research on forming a committee as well as searching for potential appointees to include Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Capizzi, and Councilmember Labowski.

No action was taken at this time.

C) Presentation, update, and possible direction to staff on policies related to vehicle for hire operation within the City of New Braunfels.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney introduced this item to council along with Garry Ford and Elizabeth Dupont who presented using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Elizabeth Dupont gave a brief overview of each article under the current pedicab ordinance under Chapter 138 - Vehicles for Hire as well as proposed updates, proposed article removals, and potential next steps.

Robert Camareno, Jordan Matney, and Valeria Acevedo also spoke on this item regarding the vehicle storage and towing article of this chapter.

Chief Flores spoke on issues regarding the article allowing pedicabs and answered questions from council.

No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Linnartz called for a break at 2:05 p.m.

Mayor Linnartz reconvened the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

D) Presentation and update on the Northwest Park Master Plan Project.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney introduced this item and Brenadette Faust, who presented to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

An update was given on the draft master plan for the Northwest Community Park and next steps once the master plan is adopted.

No action was taken at this time.

E) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding future capital investments and associated funding strategies.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item to council and answered questions.

Jordan Matney, Robert Camareno, and Garry Ford also presented to council and answered questions.

A presentation was given on the current tax rate and how that drives the funding strategies for future capital investments, the 2023 bond program issuance schedule, legislative considerations, and potential bond projects and initiatives.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Jim Holster

No action was taken at this time.

F) Presentation and update on the creation of a New Braunfels Tourism Public Improvement District.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Tanya Pence from the New Braunfels Chamber answered questions on this item as well.

An update was given on the establishment of a Tourism Public Improvement District along with an overview on management of the district and a potential timeline on the establishment.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Julie King

No action was taken at this time.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 551.071, 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.

3. **IF NECESSARY, RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

There were no executive session items.

No action was taken at this time.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**