

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present: 7 - Mayor Neal Linnartz, Mayor Pro Tem Andres Campos, Councilmember Christopher Willis, Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, and Councilmember April Ryan

REQUEST ALL PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES BE TURNED OFF, EXCEPT EMERGENCY ON-CALL PERSONNEL.

INVOCATION: MAYOR LINNARTZ

Mayor Linnartz 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) New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Centennial Day
Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned proclamation.

Members from the New Braunfels High Noon Lions Club accepted the proclamation and addressed council.

PRESENTATION

A) Presentation of the Texas Municipal Library Director's Association Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.
Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Cole Johnson introduced members of the New Braunfels Public Library staff and presented this item to council with their Achievement of Excellence award.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the City Council on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no City Council action at this time. In the interest of protecting the City's network and data, the City is not accepting flash drives or electronic files for use during Citizens Communications. Please use hard copies, the overhead projector or access the City's online digital form to upload electronic files you would like the Mayor and Council to view. The digital form would need to be uploaded two (2) hours prior to the City Council meeting. A link to this form can be accessed on the City Secretary's website. Individuals desiring to speak at citizen's communications should line up behind the podium and be ready to speak.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Ron Schmidt

1. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the City Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as part of the normal order of business. Citizens must be present to pull an item.

Action Items

- A) Approval of the minutes for the regular and executive session council meetings on February 24, 2025.
- B) Approval of FY 2024 budget amendments for the General Fund and Child Safety Fund.
- C) Approval of an agreement between the City of New Braunfels and Guadalupe County regarding election services for the May 3, 2025, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- D) Approval of an agreement between the City of New Braunfels and Comal County regarding election services for the May 3, 2025, election, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- E) Approval of a joint election agreement between the City of New Braunfels, Guadalupe County, the City of Marion, the New Braunfels Independent School District, Marion Independent School District, Lake McQueeney Water Control Improvement District, and Comal Independent School District regarding the May 3, 2025, election, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- F) Approval of a joint election agreement between the City of New Braunfels, Comal County, New Braunfels Independent School District,

Comal Independent School District, the City of Garden Ridge, City of Bulverde, City of Selma, City of Spring Branch, Comal County Municipal Utility District No. 5, Simmons Valley Municipal Utility District, and Canyon Ranch Municipal Utility District regarding the May 3, 2025, election, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

- G) Approval of a budget amendment for the FY 2025 General Fund and Facilities Maintenance Fund to eliminate an interfund transfer originally intended for the Facilities Maintenance Fund.
- H) Approval of a purchase with Outdoor Creations for 318 new concrete picnic tables for New Braunfels City parks.

Resolutions

- I) Approval of a Resolution amending the bylaws for the New Braunfels Heritage Commission.
- J) Approval of a Resolution amending the bylaws for the New Braunfels Arts Commission.

Ordinances

(In accordance with Section 3.10 of the City Charter, a descriptive caption of each ordinance shall be read on two separate days.)

- K) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance to rezone 0.21 acres out of the Highland Park Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 17, from C-3 (Commercial District) to C-3 SUP (Commercial District with a Special Use Permit to allow a Short-Term Rental of a residence), currently addressed at 1668 West San Antonio Street
- L) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed rezoning of approximately 5 acres, being the Frank Real Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 1, from R-2 (Single-Family and Two-Family District) to R-3L SUP (Multifamily Low-Density District with a Type 1 Special Use Permit to allow multiple dwelling units with alternative design standards), currently addressed at 850 Ewelling Ln.
- M) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 25 acres out of the Oakwood Baptist Church Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 1R, from APD (Agricultural/Pre-development District) and C-1 (Local Business District) to C-1B (General Business District), currently addressed at 2154 Loop 337.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned consent agenda.

Councilmember Spradley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Campos seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Individuals desiring to speak to any individual item should line up behind the podium and be ready to speak when public comment is recognized.

- A) Discuss and consider the approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Advanced Funding Agreement (non-construction) between the City of New Braunfels and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Traffic Signal Optimization Project.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Scott McClelland presented this item using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke on this item: David Warmke

Councilmember Spradley made a motion to approve this item. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- B) Discuss and consider the approval of the first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 126-381 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels to reduce the term of the resident river parking pass from 3 years to 1 year, and to authorize management and enforcement authority to include parking enforcement agents.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Amy Niles presented the item with a powerpoint and answered questions.

Councilmember Spradley motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. 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.

- A) Deliberate pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in accordance with Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, specifically:
- City of New Braunfels v. MP New Braunfels, LLC, Cause No. C2024-1680D

The aforementioned item took place during Executive Session.

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

No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY