FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Linnartz and Councilmember Ryan were present.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Toni Carter, Councilmember Michael Capizzi, Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Mayor Michael French, and Councilmember Nikki Shaw

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

INVOCATION: MAYOR PRO TEM SPRADLEY

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley 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.

ELECTION ACTIONS:

A) Complete and issue certificate of election to the Mayor - elect, Michael Alexander French for the Mayoral position.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Gayle Wilkinson indicated this has been completed.

B) Complete and issue Certificate of election to the Councilmember - elect, Nikki L. Shaw for District 6.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Gayle Wilkinson indicated this has been completed.

C) Administer the oath of office to Mayor - elect, Michael Alexander French.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Mayor-elect French was joined by family and friends. Randy Henson

offered a prayer; Judge Rose Zamora administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect French.

Mayor French addressed the audience and his peers and took his seat on the dais.

D) Administer the oath of office to District 6 Councilmember - elect, Nikki L. Shaw.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Councilmember-elect Shaw was joined by her sister. Judge Rose Zamora administered the oath of office to Councilmember-elect Shaw.

Councilmember Shaw addressed the audience and her peers and took her seat on the dais.

E) Presentation and recognition of the public service rendered by Neal Linnartz as the Mayor of New Braunfels, Texas.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

City Manager Camareno presented former Mayor Linnartz with a proclamation, a New Braunfels street sign, and flag honoring his service to city council.

Former Mayor Linnartz addressed the audience.

F) Presentation and recognition of the public service rendered by Councilmember April Ryan as District Six Councilmember.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

City Manager Camareno presented former Councilmember Ryan with a proclamation, a New Braunfels street sign, and an award honoring her service to city council.

Former Councilmember Ryan addressed the audience.

Councilmember Shaw requested a 10-minute recess for her and mayor French to say hello and thank you to their supporters who couldn't make it into chambers during the oaths of office. There were no objections.

Mayor French called for a recess at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor French reconvened the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

G) Discuss and consider the election of a Mayor Pro Tem.

Prior to mayor French reading the item, Mayor Pro Tem Spradley welcomed Mayor French and Councilmember Shaw to the dais and withdrew his name for consideration for the Mayor Pro Tem seat.

Mayor French announced he will be inviting a parliamentarian, Robert Stinson, to assist him with parliamentary procedure for the evening. Mayor French gave a statement on how important a Mayor Pro Tem's position is.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Councilmember Shaw motioned to nominate Councilmember Carter as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor French also endorsed the nomination for Councilmember Carter.

Councilmember Labowski addressed council with her desire to be considered for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Edwards nominated Councilmember Capizzi for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor French closed nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor French asked for a show of hands to appoint Councilmember Carter as Mayor Pro Tem with a 3 to 4 vote.

The following opposed: Councilmember Capizzi, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Spradley, Councilmember Labowski

Mayor French asked for a show of hands to appoint Councilmember Labowski as Mayor Pro Tem with a 2 to 5 vote.

The following opposed: Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Capizzi, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Shaw, Mayor French

Mayor French asked for a show of hands to appoint Councilmember Capizzi as Mayor Pro Tem with a 2 to 5 vote.

The following opposed: Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Labowski, Mayor Pro Tem Spradley, Councilmember Shaw, Mayor French

Interim City Attorney Frank Garza addressed council explaining a candidate would need to receive four (4) votes to be seated as the Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor French asked for further deliberation and each nominee spoke on their own behalf. Council further discussed the nominees.

Mayor French asked for a show of hands to appoint Councilmember Carter as Mayor Pro Tem with a 3 to 4 vote.

The following opposed: Councilmember Capizzi, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Spradley, Councilmember Labowski

Mayor French asked for a show of hands to appoint Councilmember Capizzi as Mayor Pro Tem with a 4 to 3 vote.

Councilmember Labowski withdrew her nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor French announced that Councilmember Capizzi has been selected as Mayor Pro Tem with a 4 to 3 vote.

The following opposed: Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Shaw, Mayor French.

<u>CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS</u>

This time is for citizens to address the City Council on issues and items of concern 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: George Green, David Warmke, Steve Ceh, Bob Moore, Joeylynn Mesaros, Steven Fikes, Melissa Meshuta, Stephanie Maddox, Angela Allen, Michael Murphy

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 June 8, 2026 special and regular city council meeting minutes.

This item was pulled by staff and will be placed on the July 13, 2026 City Council meeting agenda.

B) Approval of a lease agreement with Ricoh USA for the Citywide rental of multi-function devices.

C) Approval of a budget amendment for the FY 2026 Equipment Replacement Fund.

D) Approval of additional contract spend with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for preventive maintenance of Pierce emergency apparatus equipment and repairs as needed, and an FY 2026 Budget Amendment to the General Fund- Fire Department to support the costs of the contract.

E) Approval of a budget amendment for the FY 2026 Parking Fund.

This item was pulled by Councilmember Carter for individual consideration.

Resolutions

F) Approval of a resolution to consent to the addition of a 1.735-acre tract of land to the Comal County Water Improvement District No. 3A (WID 3A).

<u>**Approval of the Consent Agenda**</u>

Mayor French addressed the consent agenda with the exceptions of items A. and E.

Councilmember Spradley moved to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of items A. and E. Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi 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.

E-1) Approval of a budget amendment for the FY 2026 Parking Fund.

This item was pulled at the request of Councilmember Carter.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook addressed council and answered questions along with Deputy City Manager Jordan Matney, Assistant City Manager Jared Werner and Economic and Community Development Director Jeff Jewell.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Bob King, Nicolette Taylor, Chase Taylor, Joeylynn Mesaros, Steven Fikes, Larry Lane, Christina Brown, David Warmke, Kim Huntsman, Nadia Douglas.

Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi moved to approve this item. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A) Discuss and consider the approval of a contract award to Randall Scott Architects, Inc. for the Feasibility Study & Site Assessment for a Combined Public Safety Training Center.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Gary Ford presented this item providing a powerpoint presentation and answered questions. Fire Chief Lozano and Police Chief Osbaldo also presented and answered questions.

The following individual spoke at this time: Larry Lane

Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi moved to approve this item. Councilmember Spradley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Councilmember Labowski was not present on the dais during the time of the vote.

Absent:
Councilmember Labowski

B) Discuss and consider the approval of a resolution recommended by the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation approving a project expenditure of up to $405,000 to the City of New Braunfels for final design of Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Citywide Pedestrian Improvements Phase 2, pursuant to 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Garry Ford presented this item providing a powerpoint and answered questions.

The following spoke to this item: Timothy Davis, Kim Huntsman, Angela Allen.

Councilmember Edwards moved to approve this item. Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C) Discuss and consider a resolution recommended by the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation approving a project expenditure of up to $700,000 to the City of New Braunfels for the construction of Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Citywide Pedestrian Improvements Phase 1, pursuant to 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Robert Camareno addressed council on this item and requested postponing this item to July 13.

Councilmember Edwards moved to postpone this item until the July 13 city council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi 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 the appointment and employment of a City Attorney, including matters related to the search and selection of candidates, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel

Matters).

Mayor French read the aforementioned executive session item.

Mayor French adjourned into closed session at 9:08 p.m.

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

Mayor French reconvened the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor French adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

By: ______________________________

MICHAEL FRENCH, MAYOR

Attest:

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GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY