

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A PROJECT EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$8,000,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 130 ACRES OF LAND, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 62.6 ACRES OUT OF THE O RUSSELL SURVEY NO. 2, ABSTRACT 485 AND 3982 HUNTER ROAD – APPROXIMATELY 68.163 ACRES OUT OF THE O RUSSELL SURVEY NO. 2, ABSTRACT 485 FOR A PROJECT AUTHORIZED UNDER 505.152 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (“NBEDC”) Board of Directors met on January 24, 2024, in a workshop meeting to consider a potential expenditure to purchase two parcels of land in the north side of the City of New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, the NBEDC is focused on improving the quality of life in New Braunfels and actively works to make strategic investments that benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code outlines approved NBEDC projects; and

WHEREAS, section 505.152 identifies projects related to recreational or community facilities, with “land” and “public park purposes” listed as eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the identified parcels contain approximately 130 acres of land that can be developed into a wide range of parks and other lawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2017 with specific goals of increasing the proportion of park acres and establishing connectivity between parks and greenways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the City’s Comprehensive Plan in 2018 with a strategy to create opportunities for youth to be physically active and to ensure parks and green spaces are within one mile walk or bike ride for every household in the city; and

WHEREAS, acquiring this land and dedicating a substantial portion of it to parkland usage, would directly address goals from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City’s Comprehensive Plan, and provide New Braunfels residents an increase in park programming and outdoor recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the NBEDC intends to deed a majority of the two parcels to the City of New Braunfels for future use in the City’s parks system; and

WHEREAS, the remaining land will be held by NBEDC for resale at a later date or converted for an eligible use as denoted in Chapters 501 and 505 of Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the NBEDC, after publishing public notice on February 1, 2024 and holding a public hearing at its special-called meeting on February 7, 2024, voted unanimously to approve the project expenditure of up to \$8,000,000 for the land acquisition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the recommendation of the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation to purchase the two parcels of land is hereby approved.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall become effective from and after the date of its passage.

SECTION 3: That the President and Secretary of the NBEDC shall have the authority to execute all necessary purchase documents relating to this land purchase.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY