

**DRAFT - SPECIAL MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember April Ryan, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Councilmember Toni Carter, Mayor Neal Linnartz, and Councilmember Michael Capizzi

Absent 1 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards

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.

1. WORKSHOP

A) Presentation of the 2025 Texas Travel Award to Art Haus and Other Local Winners.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Mandi Scott presented this item to council and introduced Sammie Martinek from the Convention and Visitors Bureau who also addressed council and announced the winners of the Texas Travel Award. Individuals from the following organizations accepted their award for the following categories:

Art Festival or Event - Art Haus

Best Shopping District & Best Music Festival - Gruene Historic District

Best Bar - Side Car at Prince Solms Inn

Best Outdoor Activity - Comal River

Best Food Festival - Wurstfest

Best Resort - Camp Fimfo

Best Museum - Sophienburg Museum & Archives (not in attendance, but they were announced as the winner to council).

- B) Presentation of Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers awards for communications excellence.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jenna Vinson and members of the Communications Department presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation.

- C) Presentation of the 2025 Texas American Public Works Association Professional Manager of the Year Award- Transportation to Garry Ford.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney presented this item to council and introduced Garry Ford, the winner of the 2025 Professional Manager of the Year award.

- D) Presentation and update from the Humane Society of the New Braunfels Area and possible direction to staff regarding the FY 2026 contract for services.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item and introduced Sarah Hammond who also addressed council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

- E) Presentation and update on the Street Safety Action Plan progress and Vision Zero.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Elizabeth Dupont presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

- F) Presentation on the Dry Comal Creek re-mapping the floodplain project.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Garry Ford presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

- G) Presentation and discussion on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy to replace the current Speed Hump Policy.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Carly Farmer presented this item to council using a powerpoint

presentation and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Larry Lane

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

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY