

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 6 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Toni Carter, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Mayor Michael French, and Councilmember Nikki Shaw

Absent 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Michael Capizzi

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER CARTER

Councilmember Carter provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor French led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Texas Flag.

1. 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.

- New Braunfels Police Department Headquarters

Mayor French read the aforementioned executive session item.

Mayor French adjourned into closed session at 5:33pm.

Nathan Brown addressed chambers regarding Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi's recusal and absence for this meeting.

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

City council reconvened back into open session at 6:35 p.m.

Councilmember Shaw motioned to retain the law offices of Ryan Henry to conduct an independent investigation into the police

department headquarters. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

A) Discussion and possible direction/action regarding an investigation by City Council, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.12, of the New Braunfels City Charter involving the architectural design, engineering, construction, and administration of the construction of the New Braunfels Police Department Headquarters.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item and announced the possible action for this item was addressed and voted when city council returned into open session from executive session.

Nathan Brown addressed council and asked Councilmember Carter if she consented for this item to be withdrawn since it was placed on her request.

Councilmember Carter consented for this item to be withdrawn.

No action was taken at this time.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor French adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

By: _____
MICHAEL FRENCH, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY