

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS

Councilmember Willis 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) Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned proclamation.

Representatives from Crisis Center of Comal County accepted the proclamation and Rebecca Weiland addressed council.

B) Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned proclamation.

Representatives from CASA accepted the proclamation. Stacy Duver and Jade Dimitri from the organization addressed council.

C) Earth Day

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned proclamation.

Members from Comal Conservation, New Braunfels Parks & Recreation Department, Cemex, Headwaters at Comal, and Waste Management accepted the proclamation and addressed council.

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: David Warmke

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 March 24, 2025 regular and executive session City Council meeting minutes.
- B) Approval of a purchase with ShadePro, LLC for the replacement and installation of two shade structures for the Landa Park Aquatic Complex.
- C) Approval of professional service agreements for 3rd party plan and engineering development reviews with Cobb, Fendley, and Associates, Inc, K Friese & Associates, LLC, Freese and Nichols, Inc, Able City LLC, Bureau Veritas North America, Inc, Sunland Group, Inc, and BB Inspection Services LLC.
- D) Approval of FY 2025 Project Budget Amendments for Goodwin/Conrads Lane and the 2023 Citywide Intersections projects to add funding from Districts 1 and 3 of the Roadway Impact Fee Fund as eligible Roadway Impact Fee expenditures.
- E) Approval of an FY 2025 budget amendment for the Fleet Services Fund and the Solid Waste Fund to complete the purchase of a fleet service replacement vehicle originally funded in FY 2023.

- F) Approval of a contract with the Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC., and the approval of Ryan Henry and Justin Plescha as contract municipal prosecutors.
- G) Approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with AG Sunflower Ridge LLC for Sunflower Ridge Subdivision traffic mitigation improvements and associated credits against roadway impact fees.
- H) Approval of an increase in the contingency amount of an existing contract with Lone Star Site Work, LLC for construction of the Common Street Pedestrian Improvements project in the amount of \$150,000.
- I) Approval of a contract with GTS Technology Solutions for the replacement of wireless infrastructure devices and networking for city traffic signals.
- J) Approval of an expenditure of up to \$275,000 for the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements as part of the Citywide Intersection Improvements Project and authorization for the City Manager to execute all necessary conveyance documents.

Resolutions

- K) Approval of a resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date of the gas utility rate increase proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas - South Texas Division; and authorizing the City's continued participation in the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities.
- L) Approval of a resolution recommended by the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation of a second amendment to an existing economic development agreement with Texas Tito's, Inc., supporting an expansion project to promote business enterprises that creates or retains primary jobs.

Ordinances

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

- M) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Section 126-346 and Section 86-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels to revise no parking zones in Cypress Bend

Park.

- N) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Section 126-367 and Section 126-369 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels to revise passenger and freight loading zones to be tow-away zones.
- O) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 126 of the Code of Ordinances by adopting a civil parking enforcement program that applies to violations related to paid public parking spaces including fines, hearings, appeals, vehicle immobilization or impoundment for delinquent accounts, and criminal penalties for impeding enforcement of this ordinance.
- P) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed rezoning of approximately 8.4 acres, from R-2 (Single-Family and Two-Family District) to C-1B (General Business District), currently addressed at 3119 IH 35 S.
- Q) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed rezoning of approximately 0.2 acres, Unicorn Heights N.W. Extension, Block 2, Lot 7, from R-2 (Single-Family and Two-Family District) to C-O (Commercial Office District), currently addressed at 1156 Magazine Ave.
- R) Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Section 126-136 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels to revise the bounds of the school zones for Lone Star Early Childhood Center.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned consent agenda.

Councilmember Spradley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Labowski 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) Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance adopting the Youth Program Standards of Care for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Stephanie Chelar presented this item to council.

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation of the Texas Municipal League Certified Municipal Officer status awarded to Councilmembers Christopher Willis and Mary Ann Labowski.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Mayor Linnartz presented this item and introduced Councilmembers Willis and Labowski who received their designation of a Texas Municipal League Certified Municipal Officer.

Mayor Linnartz also recognized Councilmember Spradley who received a certificate of recognition.

B) Presentation and update on the New Braunfels Transit District.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Garry Ford introduced Julie Sitton who presented this item using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

C) Presentation and update on City of New Braunfels Capital Projects and Initiatives.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

D) Presentation and update on the City of New Braunfels Thoroughfare Plan Update.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

4. 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 of a Municipal Court Prosecutor in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.
- B) Deliberate issues regarding economic development negotiations in accordance with Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code:
 - Project Ellie
 - Project Snowball
 - Northeast Lakeview College
 - Headwaters at the Comal
 - HD Supply

The aforementioned items took place in executive session at 5:00 p.m.

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 7:06 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY