



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
550 LANDA STREET**

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Neal Linnartz, Mayor	Lawrence Spradley, Mayor Pro Tem (District 4)
Toni L. Carter, Councilmember (District 1)	Mary Ann Labowski, Councilmember (District 5)
Michael Capizzi, Councilmember (District 2)	April Ryan, Councilmember (District 6)
D. Lee Edwards, Councilmember (District 3)	Robert Camareno, City Manager

OUR MISSION

The City of New Braunfels serves the community by planning for the future, responding to community needs, and preserving our natural beauty and unique heritage.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

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

INVOCATION: MAYOR LINNARTZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

PROCLAMATIONS:

- A) Arbor Day: "Grow Green with New Braunfels Parks and Recreation and Headwaters at the Comal" [26-204](#)
- B) America 250 Commemoration Proclamation [26-294](#)

PRESENTATION

- A) Recognition of Fire Lieutenant Arlon Hansmann's retirement. [26-349](#)
Ruy Lozano, Fire Chief
- B) Presentation of the New Braunfels Police Department 2025 annual report. [26-287](#)
Osbaldo Flores, Chief of Police

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

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.

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 purchase of replacement Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) for the New Braunfels Fire Department from HEAT Safety Equipment LLC. [26-239](#)
Ruy Lozano, Fire Chief
- B) Approval of a contract amendment with Collaborative Solutions, LLC an affiliate of Cognizant Worldwide Limited ("Cognizant") for professional services related to continued support and consulting services of Workday software. [26-291](#)
Tony Gonzalez, Director of Information Technology
- C) Approval of a resolution establishing public purpose and for the conveyance of 0.844 acres, being Lots 213 and 214, New City Block 3001, in the City of New Braunfels, addressed as 407 West Mill to New Braunfels Youth Collaborative. [26-323](#)
Matthew Eckmann, Assistant Director of Public Works
- D) Approval of an FY 2025 budget amendment for the Self-Insurance Fund. [26-316](#)
Karrie Cook, Budget Manager

Resolutions

- E) Approval of a resolution recommended by the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (NBEDC) approving a project expenditure of \$26,800 for the option to extend the project feasibility period for an additional [26-240](#)

90 days per the Purchase Contract between Mildred V. Bartels, Jerald D. Voges, and the NBEDC, pursuant to Section 505.102 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Jeff Jewell, Economic and Community Development Director

Ordinances

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

- F) Approval of the first reading of an ordinance establishing the number of positions in each classification and allowing over hires in the Police Department pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 143. [26-359](#)
Becca Miars, Director of Human Resources
- G) Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 126, Sec. 126-381(b), related to the river area parking zones by adding exceptions to enforcement for disabled parking plates and placards. [26-269](#)
Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager
- H) Approval of the first reading of an ordinance repealing Section 2-121, of Chapter 2 of the New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, eliminating references to the Downtown Development Board. [26-289](#)
Valeria Acevedo, City Attorney
- I) Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Section 86-4 to prohibit public entry to the Comal River Old Channel from City owned property. [26-305](#)
Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

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 requested by KB Homes and Killen, Griffin & Farrimond, PLLC, on behalf of Alice Schwanz, to rezone approximately 38 acres out of the R Perez Survey 28, Abstract 460, and the J Stark Survey 277, Abstract 530, from R-1 (Single Family District) and APD (Agricultural/Pre-Development District) to R-1A-6.6 (Single Family Residential District), located northwest of [26-176](#)

the property currently addressed at 2815 State Highway 46 West.

Christopher J. Looney, AICP, Planning Director

Applicants: KB Homes and Killen, Griffin & Farrimond, PLLC

Owner: Alice Schwanz

- B) Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance, [26-264](#) requested by Tarrah Stewart, on behalf of Allen and Jillian Beck, to rezone approximately 0.2 of an acre out of City Block 4045, Lot 10, from R-2 (Single-Family and Two-Family District) to C-O SUP (Commercial Office District with a Special Use Permit to allow Short Term Rental of a Residence), currently addressed at 1329 Jackson Street.

Christopher J. Looney, AICP, Planning Director

Applicant: Tarrah Stewart

Owner: Allen & Jillian Beck

- C) Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance to City Council, requested by Henry Espinoza, to rezone approximately 2.3 acres out of the AM Esnaurizar Survey, Abstract 20, from APD AH (Agricultural/Pre-Development, Airport Hazard Overlay District) to M-1A AH (Light Industrial, Airport Hazard Overlay District), currently addressed at 1752 and 1756 Saur Lane. [26-265](#)

Christopher J. Looney, AICP, Planning Director

Applicant/Owner: Henry Espinoza

- D) Public hearing and approval of a resolution to authorize the creation of a Tourism Public Improvement District (TPID). [26-320](#)

Jared Werner, Assistant City Manager

Tanya Pence, President Convention and Visitors Bureau

- E) Public hearing and approval of the first reading of an ordinance in consideration of the Tourism Public Improvement District (TPID) assessment; approving the service plan for the district; authorizing an agreement between the City, The Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and the New Braunfels Tourism Public Improvement District Corporation regarding the management of the district; and appropriating \$320,000 in revenue to the district for 2026; and amending the FY 2026 Adopted Budget to create the new Tourism Public Improvement District Special Revenue Fund. [26-325](#)

Jared Werner, Assistant City Manager

Tanya Pence, President Convention and Visitors Bureau

- F) Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance [26-295](#) abandoning a 0.302-acre portion of right-of-way for a water lane, located between West San Antonio Street and Loop 337.

Matthew Eckmann, Assistant Director of Public Works

- G) Discuss and consider the acceptance of the FY 2025 [26-288](#) Audit and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report performed by Crowe, LLP.

Sandy Paulos, Director of Finance

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 pending/contemplated litigation, settlement [26-331](#) offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in accordance with Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, specifically:

a. Discuss Legal Options Relating to Status of New Braunfels Utilities Real Estate Negotiations to Secure Easements Regarding the Western Downtown to Morningside Pressure Zone Conversion Project:

i. a 0.386 Acre Electric Utility Easement, situated in the J. Doehne Survey No a 0.005 Acre (220 sq. ft) Permanent Utility Easement and a 0.042 Acre (1,821 sq. ft) Temporary Construction Easement all being situated out of the remainder of Lot 13, Pleasant View Subdivision in Comal County, Texas according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 54 of the Map and Plat Records of Comal County, Texas as conveyed to Leonardo Hernandez III, Herman G. Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez Rodriguez, Michael Hernandez and Yvonne Hernandez Garcia by deed recorded in

Document No. 202006016641 of the Official Public Records of Comal County Texas, also known as Comal County Parcel No. 44948

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

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (830) 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.