

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025**

WINTER RETREAT

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 12:01 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

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER LABOWSKI

Councilmember Labowski 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 and discussion on the results and recommendations from the Matrix Consulting Police Patrol Staffing Study.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Robert Camareno made opening remarks to council and gave a brief summary of the presentations.

Robert introduced Richard Brady of Matrix Consulting Group who presented using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Richard went over the key findings of the staffing study to include response times for high and low priority calls and the overall evaluation of police activity.

Assistant Chief Blevins and Osbaldo Flores spoke on this item as well and answered questions.

B) Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding paid parking downtown and third party parking enforcement.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney introduced this item to council and Jeff Jewell using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Jeff explained the amount of working hours it takes for Park Rangers, Code Compliance Officers, and Police Officers to oversee downtown parking as well as the benefits of the city transitioning to a third-party parking enforcement.

Jeff introduced Tony Janowiec and Aubre Gillard of Interstate Parking Company, who presented using a powerpoint and answered questions.

City Council provided direction to move forward with staff recommendation in continuing the transition to a third-party parking enforcement. Staff was also directed to gather more information on permit parking as well.

Mayor Linnartz called for a five minute break.

C) Presentation and update on the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney and Jared Werner presented this item using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Jordan and Jared spoke on topics for the strategic plan to include the progress in economic mobility, enhanced connectivity, community identity, organizational excellence, and community well-being.

Councilmember Spradley left for the day at 2:29 p.m.

D) Presentation and discussion on the quarterly capital project update and FY 2025 budget initiatives.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Garry Ford and Scott McClelland presented using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Garry and Scott provided updates on the Zipp Family Sports Park, Union Ave & Last Public Exit, the Goodwin/Conrads Lane projects, and

the Landa Park Aquatic Complex.

Jordan Matney spoke during this item and answered questions.

E) Presentation, discussion and update to staff regarding Recognized Sports Associations and field rentals.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney introduced this item and Geronimo Aguirre presented using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Geronimo spoke on the proposed Recognized Sports Association fees and how they will steadily increase over the next three years.

Jared Werner and Jordan Matney also spoke on this item and answered questions.

F) Presentation and discussion on the results of the city-wide deer survey.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney introduced this item and Amy Niles presented using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Amy explained the results from the city-wide deer survey, went over the education initiative for the Wildlife Feeding Ordinance, and recommended to survey the deer population within the year to gather a base line for the City of New Braunfels.

City Council had concerns towards continuing the survey and the possibility of it not providing viable information on how to decrease the deer population.

City Council provided direction to not proceed with another city-wide deer survey, but to continue collecting roadway data for the corpses found on surface streets and push more on ordinance education.

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 4:23 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY