

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026**

Summer Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the meeting to order at 12:01pm

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 7 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Toni Carter, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Capizzi, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Mayor Michael French, and Councilmember Nikki Shaw

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER SHAW

Councilmember Shaw 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. WORKSHOP

A) Presentation of the FY 2027- FY 2031 General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Solid Waste Fund financial forecast

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Robert Camareno addressed council and gave his opening remarks and a brief introduction of the presentations.

Jared Werner introduced this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions. Robert Camareno and Jordan Matney also made remarks on this presentation.

Jared Werner discussed revenue projections for the general fund, expenditures for the general fund, resource demand forecasts for the general fund, policy considerations for the general fund, and the debt service fund.

Tony Gonzalez and Chief Blevins also spoke to council and answered questions regarding the investments on technology within the police department.

B) Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding potential 2027 bond and associated funding strategies

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner introduced this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Jared Werner discussed topics regarding legislative considerations for the 2027 session, and future capital investments. Jordan Matney also presented to council on this item and answered questions.

A break was called by Robert Camareno at 1:24 p.m. City council did not object to the break.

Mayor French reconvened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Jordan Matney continued the presentation to council on future capital investments and the different options on bond propositions. Options included citywide streets, pedestrian improvements, citywide drainage improvements, Northwest Park phase 1 improvements and their policy alignments.

Jared Werner spoke on options on bond propositions for phase 1 of public safety training facilities and answered questions. Jordan Matney and Robert Camareno also answered questions from council.

Garry Ford spoke on the drainage improvements option for bond propositions and answered questions.

Mayor asked each councilmember to rate which proposition option was the highest ranking among the options:

Councilmember Edwards brought up the issues of using the bond packages strategically based on the upcoming Texas State Legislature.

Garry Ford answered questions from Councilmember Edwards on using federal dollars for intersection/ pedestrian improvements.

Chief Lozano answered questions from Councilmember Labowski regarding grant funding for public safety issues.

Council also discussed in agreement regarding the option to present all propositions into one package and other scenarios with options of tax increases or no tax increases.

No action was taken at this time.

- C) Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding residential rate requirements of the City's solid waste and recycling services and programs

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and introduced Elizabeth Ghiorso, who answered questions from council.

Jared Werner presented metrics on staffing and service reach throughout the city, revenue considerations, expenditure considerations, recent strategies implemented to maintain solvency, the financial forecast, rate analysis and benchmarks, and answered questions.

No action was taken at this time.

Mayor French called for a break at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor French reconvened the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

- D) Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding priorities for the FY 2027 Proposed Budget

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Robert Camareno presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Robert Camareno introduced the budget process timeline, previous investments from prior budgets, FY27 budget priorities, and requested direction from council on what their budget priorities are.

Councilmember Carter responded with public safety & equipment, streets & drainage, compensation, Councilmember Shaw responded with public safety & equipment, streets, compensation & staffing,

Councilmember Edwards responded with compensation & staffing, one time expenditures, Councilmember Spradley responded with people, public safety, infrastructure, park impact fees, Mayor Pro Tem Capizzi responded with compensation, forward movement on a Guadalupe River crossing, Streets, Councilmember Labowski responded with streets, compensation, public safety with an emphasis on the Guadalupe River crossing, and Mayor French responded with public safety, roads & streets, impact fees.

No action was taken at this time.

E) Presentation of the City's Land Use Fiscal Analysis
Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Christopher Looney presented this item to council and introduced Kevin Shepard with Verdunity and presented to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Kevin Shepard went over the Land Use Fiscal Analysis.

No action was taken at this time.

F) Presentation, update and possible direction to staff regarding modifications and edits to the City's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan
City Council has requested this presentation to be moved to a future presentation meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

G) Presentation and update on the 2023 Bond Project - Southeast Library Branch
Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Jordan Matney went over the timeline, the projected progress, the site plan, the floor plan of the Southeast branch library and answered questions.

Brenadette Faust addressed council and answered questions.

No action was taken at this time.

- H) Presentation, update and possible direction to staff regarding the implementation of membership offerings at the Westside Community Center

City Council has requested this presentation to be moved to a future presentation meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

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.**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor French adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

By: _____
MICHAEL FRENCH, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY