

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 6 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Councilmember April Ryan, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Councilmember Toni Carter, Mayor Neal Linnartz, and Councilmember Michael Capizzi

Absent 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence Spradley

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.

CONSENT ITEMS

A) Approval of the appointments to the Building Standards Commission of Leshia Blair for a city resident seat with a term ending 11-30-2027 and William Burrell for the legal category seat with a term ending 11-30-2027.

B) Approval of the appointments of Scott Morehouse, Serena Morris, and Dylan Ott, for the three (3) positions on the Community Development Advisory Committee with three terms ending 11-30-28.

Gayle Wilkinson addressed council prior to the approval of the consent agenda and announced Dylan Ott has removed his name from consideration to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee. This item has been amended to show the appointments of Serena Morris and Scott Morehouse with terms ending 11-30-2028.

C) Approval of the appointment of Robert Blythin to the Animal Services Advisory Board for a City Resident seat, Eric Trager for an Animal Facility Owner/Operator seat, and Michael Doherty for the Veterinarian seat with terms ending 11-30-28.

D) Approval of the appointments of Tommy Carden, Justin Morales, and

Austin Milam for the three (3) resident positions with the Landa Park Golf Course Advisory Board with terms ending 11-30-2028 and James Carter for the NB Golf Association position with a term ending 11-30-2028.

- E) Approval of the appointment of Rykley Crowe and Nancy Pappas for the two (2) City Resident positions for the Library Advisory Board with terms ending 11-30-2028 and Sierra Crowley for an unexpired Resident position with a term ending 11-30-2027.
- F) Approval of the appointments of Courtney Lyons-Garcia and Laurie Wehring to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for two (2) City Resident positions with terms ending 11-30-2028.
- G) Approval of five (5) Mayoral appointments of Tate Korpi, Nathan Manlove, Hans-Bernard Moeller, Tommy Carden, and Jedediah Silva with terms ending 11-30-2028 to the Partnership Committee.
- H) Approval of the appointments of Tanya Pence for the position of River/Tourism Professional for the River Advisory Committee with an unexpired term ending 11-30-2026, Destin Singleton for the Parks & Recreation Representative with a term ending 11-30-2028, and Brad Bechtol for the City Resident seat with a term ending 11-30-2028.
- I) Approval of the appointments of Don Austin, Tera Thompson, Cody Elrod, and Atanacio Campos for four (4) individual terms to the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation with terms ending 11-30-2027.
- J) Approval of the appointments of Richard Kelshimer and Jonathan Cooper to the City Resident seats for the Workforce Housing Advisory Board with terms ending 11-30-2028, Peter James to the Habitat for Humanity Representative with a term ending 11-30-2028, Jonathan Packer to the NB Chamber Representative with a term ending 11-3-2028, Larry Hammonds to the NB EDC Representative seat with a term ending 11-30-2028, and Sarah Dixon to the Housing Authority Representative with a term ending 11-30-2028.

ORDINANCES

- K) Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 126, Sec. 126-355 (c), related to the downtown parking zone by adding exceptions to enforcement.

This item was pulled for individual consideration by councilmember

Carter.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned consent agenda with the exception of Item K and notated Item B has been amended to remove the appointment of Dylan Ott to the Community Development Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item K and the amendment to Item B. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

K-1) Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 126, Sec. 126-355 (c), related to the downtown parking zone by adding exceptions to enforcement.

This item was pulled by Councilmember Carter.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Councilmember Carter addressed council and asked questions relating to this item.

Robert Camareno answered the questions from Councilmember Carter.

Councilmember Capizzi motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley

1. WORKSHOP

A) Interview two (2) applicants and appoint one (1) individual to the New Braunfels Utilities Board of Trustees for a term ending November 30, 2030.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Gayle Wilkinson presented this item to council.

City Council interviewed the two applicants: Wayne Peters and David Speicher.

The following individual, Wayne Peters, was nominated to the New Braunfels Utilities Board of Trustees with a term ending November 30, 2030 with a 5/1 vote.

Councilmember Carter opposing

PRESENTATIONS

A) Presentation and discussion on early childhood education matters in New Braunfels

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Johnathan Packer of the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce presented this item to council and introduced Mark Larson and Mike Crowley, who also presented to council, using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

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

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Scott McClelland presented this item to council using a pdf presentation and answered questions.

C) Presentation and discussion on proposed amendments to the New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to update Traffic Impact Analysis fees and requirements.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

D) Presentation, discussion, and possible direction on proposed ordinance amendments concerning the composition of the Roadway Impact Fee Advisory Committee and Water & Wastewater Impact Fee Advisory Committee as required by Senate Bill 1883

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Nathan Brown presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Mayor Linnartz called for a recess at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Linnartz reconvened the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

E) Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Direction Regarding Management of Floating Vegetation.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Amy Niles presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Art Arnolds, David Marks, John Ivy, John Brooks, Kathy Arnolds, Russell Hamley, Paul Leeland, Karen Kursh, Mark Statler

Council directed staff to form an ad hoc committee that would address the issues presented in this item and bring the composition of the committee as an action item in early 2026.

F) Presentation and discussion regarding the creation of a Tourism Public Improvement District.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner introduced this item to council and Tanya Pence, who presented using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

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 the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY