

**DRAFT - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL  
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Neal Linnartz, Councilmember Andres Campos, Councilmember Christopher Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Harry Bowers, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, and Councilmember April Ryan

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Approval of the appointment of Sarah Hammond to the Animal Services Advisory Board for the position of the Animal Shelter - Daily Operation for a term ending 11-30-26 and Adriana McDonald for a resident position with a term ending 11-30-26.
- B) Approval of the appointment of Chase Taylor to the city resident position for the Building Standards Commission for a term ending 11-30- 2026.
- C) Approval of the appointment of Jude Aririesike, Robert Blythin, and Chris Sanger, for the three (3) positions on the Community Development Advisory Committee with three terms ending 11-30-26 and Jacqueline Whelpley for one unexpired term ending 11-30-25.
- D) Approval of the appointment of Michael Graves for the Landa Legends Golf Association position with the Landa Park Golf Course Advisory Board for a term ending 11-30-2026 and William Burrell, Austin Milam, and Clark Pantel for the at-large positions with terms ending 11-30-2026.
- E) Approval of the appointment of Kristen Fain, Amy Stone, and Adam Mauldin for the three (3) city resident positions for the Library Advisory Board with terms ending 11-30-2026.
- F) Approval of the appointment of Katie Preston, Jason Vreeland, and Joyce Compton for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board city

resident positions with terms ending 11-30-2026, and Courtney Lyons-Garcia for the unexpired term ending 11-30-25.

- G) Approval of the appointment of Shane Wolf and Corinne Vela-Speare for the two positions of River/Tourism Professional for the River Advisory Committee and Richard Hillyer for the Comal River resident position with terms ending 11-30-2026.
- H) Approval of five (5) Mayoral appointments of Benno Engel, Wayne Peters, Helgard Suhr-Hollis, Corinne Vela-Speare, and Danielle Schmidt to the Partnership Committee for terms ending November 30, 2026.
- I) Approval of the City Manager's appointment of Heidi Aleman to the Civil Service Commission for a term ending November 30, 2026.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Mayor Linnartz announced the aforementioned consent agenda.**

**Councilmember Spradley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Bowers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

## **2. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A) Interview applicants and appoint four (4) individuals to the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation with terms ending 11-30-2026.

**Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.**

**Gayle Wilkinson thanked the Ad Hoc Committee and the City Manager's Office for their work and effort.**

**The City Council interviewed the following individuals for the New Braunfels EDC Board: Don Austin, Kathy Meurin, Jason Hurta, Kenneth Dalfonso, and Tera Thompson.**

**A 10 minute break was called.**

**The City Council recommended the following individuals to the EDC Board by a vote: Don Austin, Kathy Meurin, Jason Hurta, and Tera Thompson.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Bowers motioned to accept Don Austin, Kathy Meurin, Jason Hurta, and Tera Thompson as the four appointees for the New Braunfels EDC Board. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**B) Interview applicants and appoint one (1) individual to the New Braunfels Utilities Board of Trustees for a term ending November 30, 2028.**

**Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.**

**The following individuals were interviewed for the NBU Board: Judith Dykes-Hoffmann, Johnstuart Blythin, and Cheryl Boldt.**

**The City Council unanimously recommended Judith Dykes-Hoffmann to the NBU Board by a vote.**

**Councilmember Spradley motioned to accept Judith Dykes-Hoffmann to the NBU Board. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

### **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 551, 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.

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

**There were no executive session items.**

**No action was taken at this time.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

**Attest:**

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GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY