

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sonier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Chair Jerry Sonier
Vice-Chair Chase Taylor
Commissioner Angela Allen
Commissioner Randall Allsup
Commissioner Karen Braiser
Commissioner Chad Nolte
Commissioner Vicky Rudy
Commissioner Jessica Schaefer
Commissioner Hunter Schwarz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the July 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Rudy, seconded by Vice-Chair Taylor, to approve the July 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (9-0-0).

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Planning Commission on any issues or items NOT on the agenda.

No one spoke.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) ROW24-149 Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed abandonment of a 0.972-acre portion of East Bridge Street Right-of-Way, located between the terminus of East Bridge Street and the Comal River.

Matthew Eckmann presented the aforementioned time and recommended approval with the conditions listed in the staff report.

Chair Sonier asked if there were any questions for staff.

Brief discussion followed on the termination of Bridge Street.

Ashley Farrimond elaborated on the item discussing project phasing and the proposed termination of Bridge Street.

Chair Sonier opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.

No one spoke.

Chair Sonier closed the public hearing.

Chair Sonier if there were any further discussion or motion.

Motion by Commissioner Nolte, seconded by Vice-Chair Taylor, to recommend approval of the item with staff recommended conditions to City Council. Motion carried unanimously (9-0-0).

B) Public Hearing and recommendation to City Council on proposed updates to the City of New Braunfels Thoroughfare Plan.

Gary Ford presented the aforementioned item and recommended approval.

Chair Sonier asked if there were any questions for staff.

Brief discussion followed on ETJ removal and written communication received from residents.

Chair Sonier called for a brief recess at 7:03pm.

Chair Sonier resumed the meeting at 7:15pm.

Chair Sonier opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.

Seventeen individuals spoke in opposition of the item.

Chair Sonier closed the public hearing at 8:03pm.

Chair Sonier if there were any further discussion or motion.

Discussion followed on the adopted vision and purpose of the Thoroughfare Plan, the importance of public input and transparent communication, and concerns about the plan's impact on neighborhoods and community character.

Further discussion addressed the roles of staff and commissioners, engineering considerations, potential alternatives to proposed routes, and the potential need for additional time or workshops with City Council.

Motion by Commissioner Rudy, seconded by Vice-Chair Taylor, to recommend approval of the item to City Council with the exclusion of Seminole Drive, Country Side Drive, Pleasant Lane and Mission Lane from the Thoroughfare Plan. Motion carried unanimously (9-0-0).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 551.071, the Commission 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.

Did not convene and no action was taken.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Sonier adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

By: _____
COMMISSION CHAIR

Attest:

COMMISSION LIAISON