

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 6 - Mayor Neal Linnartz, Mayor Pro Tem Andres Campos, Councilmember Christopher Willis, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, and Councilmember April Ryan

Absent 1 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards

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) Public hearing on the FY 2025 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented the item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Mayor Linnartz announced the FY 2025 Proposed Budget along with the 2024 Tax rate will be adopted on September 9th, 2024, at a meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M. at 550 Landa Street, in City Council Chambers.

B) Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the FY 2025 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented the item to council using a powerpoint and

answered questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Campos moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance adopting the FY 2025 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services including the Budget Order and attachments included in that order. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Edwards

C) Public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the City of New Braunfels for tax year 2024 and announce the meeting date and time of adoption.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

This item's information was discussed under item A. No further information was provided by staff.

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D) Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2024 ad valorem tax rates.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented the item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Campos moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .408936 per \$100 of assessed taxable valuation, which is effectively a 2.7% increase in the tax rate, with .203928 for debt service and .205008 cents for operations and maintenance. Councilmember Spradley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Edwards

E) Discuss and consider the approval of the first reading of an ordinance establishing the number of positions in each classification in the New Braunfels Fire Department and Police Department pursuant to Local

Government Code, Chapter 143.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented the item to council using a powerpoint.

Councilmember Spradley moved to approve this item. Mayor Pro Tem Campos seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Edwards

2. 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.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY