



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
550 LANDA STREET**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Barron Casteel, Mayor	Chris Monceballez, Councilmember (District 4)
George Green, Councilmember (District 1)	Wayne Peters, Mayor Pro Tem (District 5)
Justin Meadows, Councilmember (District 2)	Leah A. García, Councilmember (District 6)
Ron Reaves, Councilmember (District 3)	Robert Camareno, City Manager

MISSION STATEMENT

***The City of New Braunfels will add value to our community
by planning for the future, providing quality services, encouraging
community involvement and being responsive to those we serve.***

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL: City Secretary

INVOCATION: Councilmember Chris Monceballez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

1. WORKSHOP

- A) Discuss and consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, ordering a special election to be held in the City of New Braunfels, Texas, on February 17, 2018, to fill the unexpired term for Councilmember, District 1; establishing an early voting location and a polling place for this election; and making provisions for the conduct of the election.

Patrick Aten, City Secretary

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, the City Council may convene in a closed session to discuss any of the following items; any final action or vote taken will be in public.

- A) Deliberate and consider the purchase of, exchange, lease or value of real property, in accordance with Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to:
- acquisition of land for city facilities

NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code).

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall on December 14, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Patrick Aten, City Secretary

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

12/18/2017

Agenda Item No. A)

Presenter/Contact

Patrick Aten, City Secretary

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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, ordering a special election to be held in the City of New Braunfels, Texas, on February 17, 2018, to fill the unexpired term for Councilmember, District 1; establishing an early voting location and a polling place for this election; and making provisions for the conduct of the election.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

State law requires special elections to fill unexpired terms be held as soon as practicable and for the seat to be filled within 120 days.

Early voting will occur at the Comal County Elections Office, 396 North Seguin Avenue., from January 31 to February 13, 2018.

Election Day locations will be at: Westside Community Center, 2932 S IH35

The City Secretary has worked with the Comal County Elections Office to confirm that the City's February 17 Election Day is prior to the beginning of early voting (February 20) for the March 6 Primary.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for the election will be approximately \$12,000 for Early Voting workers, Election Day workers, supplies, and training.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ON FEBRUARY 17, 2018, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM FOR COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 1; ESTABLISHING AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION AND A POLLING PLACE FOR THIS ELECTION; AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Charter of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby orders that a Special Election occur on February 17, 2018, to allow for the registered voters of District 1 to elect the following official for this City:

One City Councilmember from District Number 1 to be elected by a majority of those votes cast.

WHEREAS, said Charter and the laws of the State of Texas further provide that the Election Code of the State of Texas is applicable to said election and it is the desire of City Council to establish the procedure to be followed in said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

**SECTION I
CALLING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

THAT a regular election be held on the 17th day of February, 2018, in the City of New Braunfels, Texas, for the purpose of electing a regular City officers as listed below.

One City Councilmember from District Number 1 to be elected by a majority of those votes cast.

**SECTION II
EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

THAT the main polling place for early voting by personal appearance for the election is the Comal County Elections Office, 396 North Seguin Avenue. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on January 31, 2018, and ending on

February 13, 2018, Monday through Friday, with extended hours from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7th and Monday, February 12th.

SECTION III EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

THAT early voting by mail ballot shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code. The address of City Secretary, 550 Landa Street, New Braunfels, Texas 78130, shall be the early voting clerk's mailing addresses to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent for the City.

SECTION IV POLLING PLACES

THAT the polling places listed below shall be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2018:

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

District 1 – Westside Community Center, 2932 S IH35

SECTION V METHOD OF VOTING

THAT use of ES&S iVotronic Touch Screen voting system, as the term is defined in the Texas Election Code, shall be utilized in connection with the election. This system shall be utilized for early voting as well as for district voting conducted on Election Day. Patrick Aten is appointed as programmer, and he shall prepare a program for the automatic tabulating equipment. Ample voting equipment shall be provided for early voting and in the specific districts on Election Day. The central counting station is established as the office of the City Secretary of the City of New Braunfels, City Hall.

SECTION VI APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING JUDGES

THAT the City Council of the City of New Braunfels will, by resolution, appoint the Early Voting Ballot Board, a Presiding Judge for the Early Voting Ballot Board, and a Presiding Judge for the Central Counting Station.

SECTION VII GOVERNING LAW

THAT the election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of New Braunfels and the laws of the State of Texas. Notice

of the election, including a Spanish translation thereof, will be published at least once in the local newspaper in accordance with the Texas Election Code and will be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall at 550 Landa Street, New Braunfels, Texas.

**SECTION VIII
TESTING OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

THAT testing of the automatic tabulating equipment will be performed and notice thereof will be given in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION IX
COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION WORKERS**

THAT the rate of compensation for polling location judges and the Alternate Deputy Early Voting Clerk is established at \$12.00 per hour. The rate of compensation for clerks, and assistants and any personnel assisting the Central Counting Station Presiding Judge and Tabulation Supervisor for services rendered during the election is established at \$10.00 per hour. The additional compensation to be paid to polling location judges who deliver returns and election equipment is established at \$25.00.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 18th day of December, 2017.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

BARRON CASTEEL,
Mayor

GEORGE GREEN,
Councilmember District 1

JUSTIN MEADOWS,
Councilmember District 2

RON REAVES,
Councilmember District 3

CHRIS MONCEBALLEZ,
Councilmember District 4

WAYNE PETERS,
Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember District 5

LEAH A. GARCIA,
Councilmember District 6

Attest:

PATRICK ATEN,
City Secretary



Special City Council Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

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