

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

Winter Retreat

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Councilmember Ryan arrived at 8:39 a.m.

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

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) Presentation on the Land Use Fiscal Assessment as part of the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Christopher Looney presented the item to council using a powerpoint and introduced staff and consultants.

Christopher explained future land use for residential, commercial, and industrial activity in accordance with Envision New Braunfels.

Kevin Shepherd with Verdunity presented a powerpoint to council regarding fiscal sustainability.

The following individuals spoke at this time: David Warmke

B) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding the financial

position of the City's Solid Waste Fund.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner and Jordan Matney presented this item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Jared and Jordan explained Solid Waste Fund expenses versus revenues and the change from gaining revenue for selling recyclables to now having to pay to dispose of recyclables. Amending collection rates for commercial customers and modifying special events were also discussed.

Mayor Linnartz called a 10 minute break.

C) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding opportunities for West San Antonio Street roadway reallocation.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

Garry presented on different options for a downtown roadway realignment including angled parking and slower traffic patters.

The following individuals spoke at this time: David Warmke, Clarisa DeSanto, Justin Meadows, Nathan Manlove, Cheryl Fisher, Jonathan Packer

City Council provided direction to explore angled parking but to also explore reverse angled parking. Staff was also directed to continue getting input from the community.

D) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding bikeway selection.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

Garry explained a need to update the bike lanes for Comal Avenue and E Faust Street. He then provided different options to accomplish that.

The following individuals spoke at this time: David Warmke, Clarisa DeSanto, Pam Kraft, Nathan Manlove

Mayor Linnartz called a 5 minute break.

E) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding the Street Safety Action Plan.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

Garry defined Vision Zero and stressed the importance of zero traffic deaths in the City of New Braunfels. Strategies including raised crosswalks, rumble strips, protected bike lanes, and on-street parking were introduced to provide for safer streets.

F) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding potential white-tailed deer management within the city limits of New Braunfels.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney updated council on this item. Greg Malatek presented the item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Greg discussed trapping statistics for waterfowl and trapping techniques for deer. A video was shown depicting the net trapping process. An urban hunting program was discussed and not recommended by staff.

The following individuals spoke at this time: David Warmke

City Council provided direction to gather more data regarding deer population rates in the City and to provide more public outreach.

Mayor Linnartz called a 5 minute break.

G) Presentation and possible direction to staff regarding the implementation of parking and picnic fees in the River Acres and Cypress Bend Park areas.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jordan Matney presented the item to council using a powerpoint and

answered questions.

Jordan explained the current parking and picnic permit fee processes and possible future processes for this summer season and upcoming seasons thereafter.

H) Presentation and update regarding the city's selection of a replacement Financial and Human Resources software package.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner, Becca Miears, Sandy Paulos, and Tony Gonzales presented the item to council using a powerpoint and answered questions.

Jared, Becca, Sandy, and Tony explained the benefits to moving to Workday as an HR and Finance system, along with the costs of doing so.

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.

There were no executive session items.

No action was taken at this time.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY

