



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



**CITY HALL - TEJAS ROOM
550 LANDA ST.**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Rusty Brockman, Mayor	Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember (District 4)
Shane Hines, Councilmember (District 1)	Jason Hurta, Councilmember (District 5)
Justin Meadows, Mayor Pro Tem (District 2)	James Blakey, Councilmember (District 6)
Harry Bowers, 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.

All public comment or testimony is in-person. Meetings are available for viewing via live stream on the City's website or on Spectrum Channel 21 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

1. WORKSHOP

- A) Presentation on the redistricting process and related [21-913](#) matters.

Valeria Acevedo, City Attorney

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).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Caitlin Krobot, 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.

9/13/2021

Agenda Item No. A)

Presenter/Contact

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SUBJECT:

Presentation on the redistricting process and related matters.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City hired attorney, Alan Bojorquez, of the Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, in January to assist the City with the redistricting analysis and process in anticipation of the release of the complete 2020 U. S. Census data. Before beginning with the analysis of data to determine if redistricting will be necessary, a training session is being provided to City Council and for the benefit of the public so that interested parties can become familiar with the applicable laws, the process, timing, and citizen engagement opportunities. It is reasonable to anticipate that modifications will need to be made to the city's single-member districts if the new census reveals population shifts, migration influxes, or diminishment in certain areas or neighborhoods. Typically, the process of redistricting involves addressing concerns regarding racial and ethnic demographics, politics, the law, and often competing community interests.

In addition to achieving proportional balance under the ***One Person / One Vote*** standard, this firm will ensure the City's continued compliance with the ***U.S. Voting Rights Act, Texas law, and the Home Rule Charter***. The firm will follow its standard procedure which will involve the:

- Training Session (today's workshop)
 - Analysis of the census results
 - Determination by the City Council
 - Establishment of City Council criteria
 - Exploration of options for district lines
 - Educating the public on the process
 - Engagement of the citizenry
 - Consultations with special interests
 - Consideration of alternative plans
- Providing public notifications
 - Publishing public notices
 - Conducting public hearings
 - Legal assessment of options
 - Recommendations by legal consultant
 - Adoption of a plan by the City Council

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

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A