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New Braunfels City Hall Relocating

New Braunfels, TX – A number of City of New Braunfels departments are relocating to the new City Hall Facility at 550 Landa Street on Monday, September 26th. The city purchased the former Albertson’s grocery building on nearly six acres for \$2.65 million in the fall of 2013, contracted with Steinbomer, Bramwell & Vrazel Architects for design and selected Guido Construction to handle the remodeling of the facility using the Construction Manager at Risk approach at an estimated cost of \$9 million.

“In order to facilitate the transition, offices at the existing City Hall, 424 S. Castell Ave., will close at noon on Thursday, September 22nd and we will reopen at the new location at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26th,” said City Manager Robert Camareno. “While we will be open for business at that time, the formal grand opening ceremony and public tours of the new facility are scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17th, prior to the first scheduled City Council meeting in the new facility.”

The renovated City Hall includes such things as a “one-stop shop” adjacent to its lobby, for those seeking building permits or other city services, to make customer service more efficient and allowing residents to visit one building for most City services. The configuration of the floor plan brings departments with frequent public interaction to the front of the facility.

New Braunfels City Council chambers will be much larger, allowing more residents to attend and participate in public meetings. The Tejas meeting room adjacent to the front lobby will also accommodate overflow attendance with a 135 seat capacity, and features TV monitors broadcasting the activities in Council Chambers.

The new City Hall also contains an Emergency Operations Center for use during emergencies.

Departments in the building include Public Works, Capital Programs, Planning and Community Development, Fire Administration, Human Resources, Finance, IT/GIS, as well as offices for the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Secretary.

Another important element is the addition of Municipal Court to the new City Hall. This move will allow for expansion of the New Braunfels Police Department in their current location.

All telephone, email and fax numbers remain the same, and extensive staff contact information is available on the city's website at www.nbtexas.org.

“There are many positives that come from this move,” Camareno noted. “We have expanded our capacity for city employees and meeting space from approximately 16,000 square feet in the previous location to almost 62,000 square feet. The new facility has allowed us to eliminate multiple leased facilities and the consolidating of city departments into one building makes city operations more efficient and makes residents’ contact with the city more convenient.”

“We will be sending out the invitation to the public to join us for the ribbon cutting and tours of their new City Hall soon,” he added. “This is the peoples’ building and will be a reflection of the professionalism and quality image that represents New Braunfels. I believe it will be a source of pride for our community. We repurposed a vacant structure, built it economically and brought it in ahead of schedule, under budget and without a tax rate increase – all reflecting the conservative nature and ideals of our community.”

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