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City University Participants Experience Hands-On Open Government

New Braunfels, Texas —The New Braunfels City University program allows citizens to experience the workings of their city government first-hand. The curriculum is designed to encourage a well-informed public and potentially increase their involvement in city committees, boards and commissions.

Program meetings are held over selected Thursday evenings beginning on January 9, 2020 and concluding with a graduation dinner. Programs on City services are provided by the following departments: Airport, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, City Secretary's Office, Finance, Fire/EMS, Human Resources, Information Technology, Library, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Community Development, Police, and Public Works.

"City University is an interactive learning experience designed to promote transparency," said Nokihomis Willis, Human Resources Director. "The hands-on experiences, case studies, site tours, group discussions, and demonstrations provide a unique understanding of municipal operations. Our hope is that, through participation in City University, citizens are encouraged to participate more fully in local government."

Some graduates of previous City University programs have gone on to serve in the following city organizations:

- City Council
- Airport Advisory Board
- Watershed Advisory Committee
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Bond Advisory Committee
- Downtown Board
- Civil Service Commission
- Building Standards Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Transportation & Traffic Advisory Board
- Ethics Commission
- Watershed Advisory Committee
- Community Development Advisory Committee
- Golf Course Advisory Board

City University applications are available at www.nbtexas.org/cityuniversity beginning October 2nd and are submitted online. If a paper application is needed, it may be picked up at City Hall, 550 Landa Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or by contacting Adam Kinyicky at 830-221-4392 or emailing akinyicky@nbtexas. All previously submitted paper applications for the 2020 session are still being considered and will not need to be re-submitted.

Applications will be accepted online through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6th. Applicants must be residents of the City, or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), and be at least 17 years of age. Space in the program is limited.

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