

The City of Balcones Heights  
Regular City Council Meeting  
3300 Hillcrest Drive  
Balcones Heights, Texas 78201

**MINUTES**

DATE: October 13, 2008

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:     Suzanne de Leon     Miguel Valverde     Linda Pohl  
                          Charles Matthies     Lamar Gillian

Members Absent:     Bill Johnson

*SIGN IN SHEET:*     Norman Kalmin     Madeline Slay     Pamela Hodges  
                          Otto Moellering     Ambrose Vince     Kent Martin  
                          Bennie F. Cass

**CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM**

Quorum present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. A. AND TEXAS  
FLAGS**

Councilwoman Pohl gave the invocation and led pledges.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

There were no citizens signed up to be heard.

**1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:**

- a. Presentation by Carri B. Wells from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP regarding Delinquent Tax Collection Report. (Carri Wells)

This item was addressed after Item 2.

Carrie Wells explained the Delinquent Tax Collection Report to council and gave an update on the municipal court warrant collections.

- b. Update on Bexar County Emergency Management Plan. (Prince)

Fire Chief came up and reported that the paperwork, resolutions, and ordinances had been completed and delivered. He stated that by October 21<sup>st</sup> we should be under Bexar County's Emergency Plan.

- c. Convention & Visitors Bureau Report, including Norris Conference Center updates. (Nastasi)

Lorenzo Nastasi presented the highlights of the report.

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of September 4, 2008.
- b. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of September 8, 2008.
- c. Approval of the September 2008 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of September 2008.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve all.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Miguel Valverde                      4/0/0                      PASSED

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

3. Report, update, and **POSSIBLE ACTION** on Bobbies Lane Improvement Project. (Craig Patterson)

Craig Patterson gave an update on the project and stated that it may be postponed as long as six months.

Recommendation was given that Craig Patterson and City Administrator visit with Andrew Alva and make a request to possibly reprogram present and future funds for a master street project to include Bobbies Lane and one or two other streets should the council choose.

Resident Bennie Cass also came up to speak regarding this issue.

MOTION: I make a motion we get with County and explore combining two projects into one master project. (Per recommendation)

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Charles Matthies                      4/0/0                      PASSED

4. Consideration and **POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding Phase 2 of the Fredericksburg Road Corridor Project. (Nastasi)

Director, Visitor Initiatives Lorenzo Nastasi stated this item was in regards to the Joint City Council and Convention Visitors Bureau workshop held previously regarding this item.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve. (Phase 2 proposal/contract)

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Charles Matthies                    4/0/0                    PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a resolution appointing Fernando A. Guerra as Local Health Authority. (Pate, Mayor)

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve Dr. Guerra as our Local Health Authority.

Motion by: Linda Pohl                    Second: Lamar Gillian                    4/0/0                    PASSED

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance approving the Strategic Nuisance Abatement Program (SNAP). (Stannard)

Police Chief Bill Stannard gave an explanation of the SNAP program to city council.

MOTION: I make a motion we table this until next meeting or until we are ready.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Miguel Valverde    4/0/0                    PASSED

7. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Special Use Permit (SUP) for 100 Crossroads Blvd, Suite 107, South Texas Blood and Tissue Center. (Pate)

Norman Kalmin, Chuck Siegel, Kent Martin, Madeline Slay, Fire Chief, City Administrator, and City Attorney addressed council in regards to this item.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion that we do what the council probably should have done with the P & Z recommendation. I firmly believe the P & Z erred in granting a Special Use Permit after what I've heard from the Fire Chief and other people tonight. I think the P & Z erred granting that SUP. My motion is that we reject the P & Z recommendation to grant an SUP for this property.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Linda Pohl                    4/0/0                    PASSED

(Special Use Permit was not approved for 100 Crossroads Blvd.)

**DISCUSSION:**

8. Discussion and follow-up on Code Ordinance Enforcement. (Valverde)

Councilman Valverde stated he wanted to table this item due to Ron Meyers' absence.

9. Discussion on FY 2008-2009 City Priorities and Code Enforcement Department Goals. (Valverde)

Councilman Valverde commented and expressed his feelings towards the FY 2008-09 priorities and goals included in budget notebook.

10. Update on temporary restraining order for Twin Lane Trailer Park.

City Administrator advised council that Attorney Steve Pena stated that an additional 30 day extension was granted to the owners of trailer park. Permits have been applied for and some work has been done at trailer park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Approved by City Council – November 8, 2008