

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

MINUTES

DATE: March 9, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

SIGN IN SHEET: Damon Mason Dave Sellars B.F. Cass
Martin Fr. Michael O’Gorman Henry Hannasch
Otto Moellering L. David Givler, PE Dean H. Nelson
Roger Saucedo

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Quorum present.

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

Father O’Gorman gave the invocation. Councilwoman Pohl led the pledges.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Damon Mason – Concerns regarding relocation of poles on Bobbies Lane.

Otto Moellering – Concerned with speeding vehicles on Leisure Street.

Henry J. Hannasch – Signed up to speak on Item 5 only if necessary. He did not speak.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

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

Director, Visitor Initiatives went over highlights of report.

b. Redevelopment Task Force update regarding progress of VIA and Bus Rapid Transit.
(Nastasi)

Director, Visitor Initiatives updated council on the committee’s plans for upcoming meetings.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of February 9, 2009.
- b. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of February 18, 2009.
- c. Approval of the February 2009 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of February 2009.

City Administrator went over the highlights of the summary budget report.

MOTION: I will make that motion to approve. (Consent Agenda Items)

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilman Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Item 5 was addressed before Item 3.

3. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Council Member's, Place 5 appointment to Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Johnson)

MOTION: Councilman Johnson's recommendation is John Sledge, General Manager of Dave & Busters.

Motion by: Councilman Johnson Second: Councilman Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

4. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Mayor's appointment to Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Mayor)

Mayor's recommendation is to re-appoint Helen Butler Nicholson.

MOTION: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to grant St. Gregory's an exemption to the moratorium of development for commercial and multi-family zoning.

Father O'Gorman stated he would like to get a walkway cover done during spring break and be granted an exemption to the moratorium.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve it.

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilwoman Pohl 5/0/0 PASSED

At this time Mayor went back and addressed Item 3 and 4.

6. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding approval of final design for Bobbies Lane Street Project. (David Givler)

David Givler from Gilver's Engineering, Inc. came up to explain and give update on the final design.

Damon Mason came up at this time and stated his concerns with the relocation of the poles.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Councilwoman Pohl Second: Councilman Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for Balcones Heights Police Department Crime Prevention. (Stannard)

Police Chief came up to address council and answered questions regarding the grant.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve the resolution.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

8. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to direct staff to develop an ordinance to prevent a commercial business to operate in a residential zoned area. (Valverde)

Item was tabled.

9. Consideration and **ACTION** for council approval to release sales tax rebate payment to Target Corporation in the amount of \$161,816.24.

Finance Director addressed this item.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

10. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to amend the budget dated September 8th, 2008 to provide for impound facility, equipment, and Convention Visitors Bureau loan.

Mayor stated some stimulus money was received and that she recommended this item be tabled.

Councilman Gillian stated that there were three items on this ordinance and suggested that the portion for the impound facility be approved.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the impound budget portion which is the top half of Page 2 of revision 2009-07 and disregard bottom portion.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilwoman Pohl 5/0/0 PASSED

MOTION: Motion for the remaining portion of the ordinance to be tabled (equipment and CVB loan).

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilman Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

11. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to amend City Code Book, Chapter 130: Alarm Permits, Section 43 (D).

City Administrator addressed this item.

MOTION: I move we approve the ordinance.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to amend City Code Book, Chapter 39, Section 10 regarding fees.

City Administrator addressed this item.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Councilman Johnson Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending existing Ordinance No. 2005-01 and establishing new sanitary sewer charges within the corporate limits of the City of Balcones Heights, Texas.

City Administrator addressed this item.

MOTION: I would like to make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilwoman Pohl 5/0/0 PASSED

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt the fixed asset and capitalization policy.

City Administrator addressed this item.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Councilman Johnson Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to increase public swimming pool license fees

City Administrator addressed this item.

MOTION: I will make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Councilman Johnson Second: Councilman Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

16. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the use of CPS Energy Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) funds to relocate poles along Bobbies Lane.

City Administrator addressed this item.

MOTION: I make that motion to approve.

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilman Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

DISCUSSION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council on April 13, 2009.