

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

MINUTES

DATE: July 13, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

SIGN IN SHEET: G. Martin Damon Mason A. J. Vince
Bill Johnson Roger Saucedo Patrick Mayo
Otto Moellering

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bill Johnson a resident of Balcones Heights reported there were 6 or 7 houses on Bobbies Lane with brush outside and suggested a reminder be given to residents in newsletter on how to bundle up brush for Waste Management to pick up.

Damon Mason a resident of Balcones Heights came up and wanted an explanation on article in newsletter submitted by Councilman Valverde.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

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

Director, Visitor Initiatives came up and pointed out highlights of last month's activity in monthly report included in council packet.

- b. Redevelopment Task Force Committee up-date. (Nastasi).

Director, Visitor Initiatives gave a brief update of report submitted in council packet.

- c. "TxDOT Update: TxDOT staff will share information relevant to Balcones Heights Master Planning initiative relative to Fredericksburg Road, BRT, etc. to assist City in proceeding with its planning initiatives."

There was no one present from Texas Department of Transportation.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. **All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.** The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council:

- a. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of June 3, 2009.
- b. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of June 8, 2009.
- c. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of June 18, 2009.
- d. Approval of the June 2009 Check Register.
- e. Approval of Financial Report for month of June 2009.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve all the minutes, check register, and financial report.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Council will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the Balcones Heights Crime Control & Prevention District's proposed annual operating budget for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Public Hearing opened 6:20 p.m.

City Administrator gave highlights of budget approved by the Balcones Heights Crime Control and Prevention District Board.

Public Hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

4. City Council may take **ACTION** to adopt a Resolution approving the 2009/10 Balcones Heights Crime Control & Prevention District Budget.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

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

Councilman Gillian recommended some changes for next year's budget.

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to amend budget dated September 8th, 2008 for 3rd Qtr. review revisions. (Griffin)

Item 5 and Item 8 were addressed.

Finance Director gave an explanation on amendments to budget and gave a quarterly report on budget dated September 8, 2008.

MOTION: So moved. (To adopt ordinance amending budget dated Sept. 8, 2008)

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding approval of lease renewal documents for Pitney Bowes postage meter.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve this renewal.

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

7. Council may review, discuss, and approve "special project" requests submitted for funding in the 2009/10 budget.

Council did not submit any special projects at this time.

WORKSHOP:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8. Quarterly review of FY 2008-2009 Budget.

This item was addressed with Item 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (6:34 p.m.)

9. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Attorney Consultation), regarding denied TML claim filed by Elizabeth Borrego.

10. Discussion pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. Sec. 551.071(1) – Consultation with Attorney pending litigation – Arthur A. Lefton & David Lefton v. City of Balcones Heights, Texas, No. 2008-CI-10075

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: (7:11 p.m.)

11. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding denied TML claim filed by Elizabeth Borrego.

No Action.

12. Consideration and **ACTION** - Review and possible approval of amended compromise & settlement agreement Arthur A. Lefton & David Lefton v. City of Balcones Heights, Texas, No. 2008-CI-10075.

MOTION: I make a motion that we direct our attorney to go back to Lefton and accept the amended agreement except for the revised offset of 70 ft. to make it 80 ft. as we had proposed.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
DELIA FLORES - City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council August 10, 2009.