

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

**MINUTES**

DATE: August 10, 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:** Damon Mason Henry Hannasch Lupe Ochoa  
Isaac Gerami Charlie Marin Roger Saucedo  
Bill Johnson Arnold & Elisa Muniz A.J. Vince  
Otto Moellering Rudy Perez

**CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM**

Meeting was called to order and quorum was present.

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

Mayor de Leon gave the invocation and led pledges.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Charlie Marin – Resident of Balcones Heights came up to recommend that Council consider Interim Police Chief Bobby de la Garza for the position of Police Chief. He also spoke on concerns with a large number of cats.

**1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:**

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

Copy of report was given to Mayor and Council Members.

- b. United States Census 2010 Partnership Specialist Lupe G. Ochoa will give a presentation.

Lupe G. Ochoa came up to request participation from the city to accomplish the 2010 United States Census.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of July 13, 2009.



City Administrator went over the highlights of the proposed budget and list of priorities on the unfunded list.

8. City Council will take record vote to raise or not to raise ad valorem taxes above the lower of the calculated effective tax rate or roll-back rate.

City Administrator made recommendation that effective rate be adopted.

MOTION: So move.

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

Council Record Vote to raise or not raise taxes.

AYES

NAY

Councilman Cass  
Councilman Gillian  
Councilman Matthies  
Councilwoman Pohl  
Councilman Valverde

**DISCUSSION:**

9. Fire Chief Philip Prince will give an update on NIMS.

Fire Chief updated City Council on courses needed to be completed and class to be scheduled for this purpose.

10. City Council will discuss Resolution for consideration at the 2009 TML Annual Conference.

Council will bring back resolution at next meeting if anyone is interested in submitting one.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

Delia Flores  
City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council on September 14, 2009.