

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

MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 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 Joey C. Sepulveda Angela Riggs
Clemente Rocha Otto Moellering George Moellering
John Dorsey Roger Saucedo Bill Johnson
G. Martin Mohammad Vohra Charlotte Colyer
Carl Colyer Mayor Emeritus Kirk Colyer

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

Councilman Gillian gave the invocation and led the pledges.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Damon Mason informed council of concerns with red light cameras and drivers passing yellow lights.

Otto Moellering asked for permission to submit pictures for newsletter.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Convention & Visitors Bureau Report, including Norris Conference Center updates. (Nastasi)
Director, Visitor Initiatives came up to give brief highlights to the report.
- b. Redevelopment Task Force Committee up-date. (Nastasi).
Director, Visitor Initiatives and Mayor de Leon gave an update on workshop and meetings attended.
- c. Update on Nuisance Abatement Program and Special Operations Unit. (Officer Sepulveda)
Officer Joey Sepulveda came up to inform council on their first day of operations and to introduce the team.

- d. Proclamation 26th Annual National Night Out to be held on October 6th, 2009. (Mayor)

Mayor presented proclamation and stated it will have her signature.

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separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.** The remaining items will be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 August 3, 2009.
- b. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of August 10, 2009.
- c. Approval of the August 2009 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of August 2009.

MOTION: I move that we accept all with one motion.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** for Council Member Place 1 appointment to Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Valverde)

MOTION: I make a motion to re-appoint Mr. Cantu.

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

4. Consideration and **ACTION** for Council Member Place 2 appointment to Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Pohl)

MOTION: I would like to nominate Ms. Bush for a full two year term.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. City Council will conduct a **Public Hearing** on the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Public Hearing opened at 6:21 p.m.

City Administrator gave a brief highlight of the 2009-10 budget.

Public Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

6. City Council will conduct a **Public Hearing** on the Proposed change to TMRS retirement eligibility for Balcones Heights employees from 25 years to 20 years.

Public Hearing opened at 6:29 p.m.

City Administrator informed council and public of the incentive to offer employees a 20 year retirement as opposed to our current 25 year retirement.

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item 12 and Item 13 were addressed before Item 7.

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a resolution regarding a request for Child Safety Funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 to fund the annual Halloween Fun Fest. (Angela Riggs)

Angela Riggs from Creative Awareness Theatre came up to present this item to council. She stated this would be the 9th Annual Halloween Fun Fest.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

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

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Computer IT Agreement between City of Balcones Heights and Steve Meinecke Computing. (Pate)

City Administrator advised council of the need to amend the computer maintenance agreement to allow hourly payment after 25 hours of service have been completed in one month.

MOTION: I make a motion. (to approve)

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

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending budget dated September 8th, 2008 for the period of 10/1/2008 through 9/30/2009. (Griffin)

Finance Director went over amendments made to current year budget.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the ordinance.

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

10. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding nomination phase of Selection Process for election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2010-2011. (Mayor)

MOTION: I move we not nominate anyone.

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

11. Consideration and **ACTION** amending ordinance establishing auction procedures.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance affecting participation and making it eligible for employees to retire and receive a service retirement annuity if the member has at least 20 years of credited service in the Texas Municipal Retirement System. (Pate)

MOTION: So move. (to adopt 20 year retirement option as proposed)

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

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt the 2009-2010 Annual Operating Budget for the period of 10/1/2009 through 9/30/2010. (Pate)

MOTION: I will make that motion Mayor to approve 2009-2010 Annual Operating Budget.

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

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to vote on tax rate for the 2009 tax year. (Pate/Griffin)

City Administrator came up to notify general public city will adopt effective tax rate of .510481.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

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

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution amending authorized representatives at Lone Star Investment Pool. (Griffin)

Finance Director stated this was needed to update representatives to be able to receive passwords.

MOTION: I make a motion. (to approve)

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

16. Discussion and Possible **ACTION** to revise and set fixed hours of operation for Rogiers Park. (Valverde)

Councilman Valverde advised council of his concern with Rogiers Park's hours of operation.

City Administrator was asked to find out how the problem would be solved and to give council a report at next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

17. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel Matters), to

discuss Police Chief applicants.

Council went into closed door executive session at 7:06 p.m.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Council re-convened in open session at 7:59 p.m.

18. Council may take **ACTION** regarding applicants for the position of Police Chief.

MOTION: I like to make a motion that we authorize the City Administrator to proceed with negotiations with the finalist for the Chief of Police and only come back to us in the case that is unsuccessful.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Delia Flores
City Secretary, TRMC

Approved by City Council on October 12, 2009.