

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

**MINUTES**

DATE: October 12, 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:** Otto Moellering Patrick Mayo H.J. Hannasch  
Roger Saucedo Ambrose Vince Jeanne Jenschke  
Damon Mason

**CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM**

Meeting called to order and quorum was present.

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

Councilman Cass gave the invocation and led pledges.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Roger Saucedo – Manager at Twinlane Trailerpark came up to speak regarding dogs in yard and children exiting school bus.

**1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:**

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

Mr. Nastasi introduced New Assistant Jennifer Porter, went over the hiring process and her background. He also went over the highlights on the monthly report.

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

Mr. Nastasi went over report previously handed out to council. He informed them of an article that came out in the real estate section of the paper.

- c. Overview on Specialized Nuisance Abatement Program (SNAP). (Officer Sepulveda)

Police Officer Joey Sepulveda came up and gave an update and status of the SNAP program.

- d. Update on solution to Rogiers Park operating hours. (Pate)

Mr. Pate informed council that he had updated Chief Dominguez on the park situation and that fire department will be back up on closing the park.

At this point Mayor asked Chief of Police Dominguez to come up and share his thoughts with council.

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

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009.
- b. Approval of the September 2009 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of September 2009.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve in its entirety.

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

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Item No. 9 was addressed before Item No. 3.

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 98: Graffiti, Section 98.99 Penalty. (Valverde)

As chairman of the ordinance committee Councilman Valverde presented changes to council.

MOTION: So move. (to approve)

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

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 96: Parks and Recreation, Section 96.04 (F), (H) and (Q). (Valverde)

As chairman of the ordinance committee Councilman Valverde presented changes to council.

MOTION: I make a motion that we change it from seeing eye dogs to service animals.

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

MOTION: I make a motion we approve ordinance as changed.

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

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a nine month group insurance renewal period in order to go back to the October 1<sup>st</sup> effective date to be in line with budget fiscal year. (Griffin)

Finance Director stated this was need for budget purposes.

MOTION: So moved. (October 1<sup>st</sup> insurance effective date.)

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to amend Crime Control District's budget for fiscal year 2009-10.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve city administrator's signature on amendment for Standard Insurance Company regarding child definition section.

MOTION: So moved. (to approve)

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

8. Consideration and possible **ACTION** to adopt a resolution in support of the creation of a league of suburban cities receiving CPS franchise fees. (Reference City of Leon Valley Resolution No. 09-024) (Pate)

City Administrator came up to address this item.

No Action.

Staff Direction: to bring back a resolution stating issues city is interested in participating with.

**DISCUSSION:**

9. Discussion regarding scheduling workshops with council. (Pohl/Mayor)

Councilwoman Pohl expressed her thoughts regarding the need for workshops regarding master plan.

Suggestions were made for council to develop some questions perceived as challenges in order to group some of the ideas and give some structure on how to approach workshops. Another suggestion was to start by going to the implementation guide in the master plan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by:

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**Delia Flores**  
**City Secretary, TRMC**

Approved by City Council on November 9, 2009.