

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

MINUTES

DATE: January 9, 2006

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Craven Bennie Cass Suzanne de Leon
 Lamar Gillian Steve Walker

Members Absent: Bill Johnson

Staff Present: Lanny S. Lambert Delia Flores Frank Garza

Others Present: Otto Moellering George Moellering Rene Diaz
 Beryl Jones Dave Norris Lili Cruz
 Cathy Craven Damon Mason Michael Brown
 Alfred Casanova

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. A. AND TEXAS
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Councilman Cass gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Judge Rene Diaz – came to the meeting to introduce himself to City Council.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Council will receive a report regarding Norris Conference Centers. (Mayor)

Dave Norris – Mr. Norris gave a brief update report and notified Council that Michael Tease was no longer with the company.

- b. Council will receive a report from Halff Associates regarding the Woodlawn Drainage Project. (Mayor)

John Espinoza gave an update on Drainage Project and meeting with San Antonio.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of December 6, 2005.
- b. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2005.

- c. Approval of the December 2005 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of December 2005.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve Items 2a-2d.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Suzanne de Leon 4/0/0 PASSED

Mayor Craven asked Police Chief Menn to come up at this time to introduce the City's newest Police Officer Robert James.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Item 5 was addressed before Item 3.

- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a resolution regarding the Bexar Appraisal District 2005-2006 Budget Surplus Appropriation. (Miller)

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion that we approve their request.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Failed for a lack of second

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve with the exclusion of the \$83,000.00 toward purchasing gas cards.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Steve Walker 3/1/0 PASSED

Nay vote was given by Lamar Gillian.

City Administrator gave council an overview of the request made on the applications.

- 4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the 2006 CDBG grant applications. (Lambert)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Lamar Gillian 4/0/0 PASSED

PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

- 5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance approving agreements for the provision of employee group medical, dental and life insurance coverage and authorizing City Administrator to execute said agreements on behalf of the city. (Lambert, Feike)

Robert Feike gave an explanation of bids he received and the increase of 20% for health insurance premiums this year. He offered other options Council could consider to keep the premiums lower.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion that we approve accept the status quo, accept the percent increase, and we'll charge the City Administrator to go back working with the other department heads to figure out how to fund this.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Steve Walker 3/0/1 PASSED

Councilwoman Suzanne de Leon abstained.

City Council went into closed-door executive session at 7:20 p.m. before Item 6 to discuss Item 7.

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve contract appointing Dr. Fernando Guerra, as the health authority for the City of Balcones Heights. (Mayor)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Suzanne de Leon 4/0/0 PASSED

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7. Discussion regarding property located at 239 Shadyview (Lot 5 Blk 1 CB 5894A). (Garza)

8. Council will discuss and may take ACTION regarding action of removing nuisance on property located at 239 Shadyview (Lot 5 Blk 1 CB 5894A).

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:37 p.m.

City Attorney gave the background of circumstances regarding 239 Shadyview for the record.

MOTION: I make a motion Mr. Mayor at 239 Shadyview that we void the permit issued at the location and also declare the property as a public nuisance.

Motion by: Bennie Cass Second: Lamar Gillian 4/0/0 PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

DELIA FLORES
City Secretary

Minutes approved by City Council on February 13, 2006.