

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

**MINUTES**

DATE: January 13, 2006

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent:    none

Staff Present:        Lanny S. Lambert                  Delia Flores                      Frank Garza

Others Present:      Ben Hoeffner                      George Moellering                  Barbara Tuttle  
                                 Grace Lerma                      Joyce Pena                          J. Vidal  
                                 Yvonne Baez                      Albert Solis                          James Woolums  
                                 Otto Moellering                      2 signatures were not readable

**CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM**

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

Councilwoman Suzanne de Leon gave the invocation and led pledges.

***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD***

There were no citizens who signed up to speak.

**PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to reconsider ordinance approving agreement for the provision of employee group insurance coverage. (Mayor)

City Administrator, Lanny Lambert, gave a review of prior discussions on this issue and funding option proposals.

Mayor stated for the record: My objection is this, that the decision that was arrived at, the other night, was in my opinion arrived at with incomplete information. That is the reason in whole.

My motivation is for the health of the entire city; the well being of our employees and our taxpayers and to be vilified and pilloried without anyone having the backbone to come and talk to me about it is a little bit objectionable. For whatever agenda someone has I made it in good faith knowing with Mr. Feike's assurance that no one was going to be denied any benefit, that no benefit would be interrupted. My motives were pure and still are. I care deeply about every one of you. I agree tonight with the decision to confirm what was decided Monday night; I made that objection to give Council time to look at it without duress which I'm sure most of you would do given the same situation if you were under duress. You would like more time to make a good decision for your family or for whatever it is you need to do. Those are my motives.

MOTION: Mr. Mayor based on the information that has been provided tonight which I feel is very helpful and adds more credibility to what we decided Monday night I make a motion that we confirm the decision that we made Monday night to stay with the current policy at the higher rate.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Steve Walker    5/0/0    PASSED

MOTION: I would like to make a motion that we go with Alternative #2 to fund the increase in the budget line for insurance.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Bennie Cass    4/0/1    PASSED

Councilman Steve Walker abstained.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve budget amendment to pay for insurance increase.

MOTION: I would like to move that '06 fiscal year budget be amended to make adjustment for the payment of the increase in medical insurance.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Bill Johnson    5/0/0    PASSED

3. Consider resolution requesting San Antonio to assume police authority for IH 10 and authorize Mayor to negotiate same. (Mayor)

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion that we authorize our city attorney to go back and take a look at the option of turning the police authority for I.H. 10 of Police and Fire over to the City of San Antonio.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian    Second: Steve Walker    4/1/0    PASSED  
Nay vote was given by Steve Walker.

4. Consider and discuss report from Alamo Area Council of Governments. (Mayor)

Mayor Jim Craven advised Council of the contents in this report.

NO ACTION NECESSARY.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary

Minutes approved by City Council on February 13, 2006.