

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

MINUTES

DATE: July 10, 2006

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Bill Johnson

Staff Present: Lanny S. Lambert Delia Flores Ben Hoeffner
Rick Wall

Others Present: Bob Williams Harry Lansberg Dave Sellars
Lili Cruz Beryl Jones Lucillen Gatlin
Anita Herrera Otto Moellering George Moellering
Pamela Hodges Betty Bryant Jacquelyn Darby
Cathy Craven Cecilia W. Roberts

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Quorum present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lucillen Gatlin a resident from Balcones Heights came to voice her concerns regarding the new take over at 700 Gentleman. She stated they did not give any notice to the tenants of the new ownership and that their bills keep increasing without a breakdown of fees.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

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

Director of Tourism, Lorenzo Nastasi, distributed a copy of the report to City Council and went over the highlights.

- b. Proclamation for Tuesday, August 1st, 2006 as “National Night Out” in Balcones Heights. (Mayor)

Betty Bryant came up to speak and informed City Council that Target will once again sponsor National Night Out. She also asked for help with Crime Watch to be her contact with Police Department. She stated there have not been very many meetings this year but that there will be one on July 20, 2006 and October 19, 2006.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2006.
- b. Approval of minutes for the Special Meeting of June 22, 2006.
- c. Approval of the June 2006 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of June 2006.
- e. Special Financial Report (Combined Court Revenue Increase and PD O/T Reduction)

MOTION: I make a motion they all be approved. (With correction on June 12, 2006 minutes)

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to re-appoint or appoint new board members to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor nominated Betty Pfeiffer for Appointment #3 and Lili Cruz for Alternate.

Motion by: I make a motion that we accept these candidates.

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

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint new board member to the Citizens Street Repair Committee.

Mayor nominated Anita Herrera for Place Eleven.

MOTION: I make a motion we accept Ms. Herrera.

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

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to re-appoint or appoint new alternate board member to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Mayor nominated Edna Moellering to be re-appointed as an Alternate.

MOTION: So Moved.

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to appoint CVB Board Member, appointed by Council Member, Place 1 to fill vacancy. (Nastasi, Cass)

Director of Tourism, Lorenzo Nastasi, stated that the CVB board asked Councilman Bennie Cass to consider Robert Cantu from Springhill Suites.

MOTION: Yes, I make that motion that Robert Cantu, General Manager of Springhill Suites be nominated to the CVB board.

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

Recessed to go into Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Council will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the Balcones Heights Crime Control & Prevention District's proposed annual operating budget for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

No one came up to speak and Public Hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

8. City Council may take **ACTION** to approve or disapprove a Resolution regarding the 2006/07 Balcones Heights Crime Control & Prevention District Budget.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the budget. (With corrections made to include approved unfunded requirement priority list, removal of the word new in 2 sections and correct misspelled word in resolution.)

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

ACTION ITEMS:

9. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Dress for Success to utilize Norris Conference Center for annual fundraiser. (Walker)

Councilman Steve Walker tabled this item because representative from Dress for Success was not able to be present.

Item 12 was addressed at this time.

Item 10, 11, and 16 were pushed back to wait for the City Attorney to arrive.

City Attorney was unable to attend and Item 10 was addressed after Item No. 19.

10. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an ordinance regarding the handicap ramp access for driveway aprons to sidewalks. (Garza)

MOTION: I want to make a motion to table it until next meeting.

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

11. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an ordinance extending (red line on curb) No Parking Zone located at the corner of Crestview and Balcones to prevent potential accidents. (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian informed Council of the danger at the corner of Crestview and Balcones.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve this ordinance. (Map to be included)

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

Item 20 was addressed at this time.

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove the 2007 budget for the Bexar Appraisal District unanimously recommended by the District's Board of Directors on June 12, 2006. (Mayor) (**Resolution needed only if disapproved**)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve their budget.

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

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. (Mayor)

MOTION: I make the motion for Lamar to be the nominee.

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

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove a resolution for consideration at the 2006 TML Annual Conference. (Lambert)

MOTION: I make a motion that we submit for the fourth time. (Resolution requesting the application of the Municipal Sales Tax to the Sale of Automobiles)

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Bennie Cass 4/0/0 PASSED

15. Council will review and approve/disapprove 2006/07 Ad Valorem tax exemptions and discounts. (Miller)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the Ad Valorem tax exemptions and discounts.

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

Item 18 addressed at this time.

16. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an ordinance regarding Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics. (Garza)

Mayor Craven stated the City already had a graffiti ordinance. Staff will research if graffiti ordinance exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

22. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) regarding Engineering Firm's for the 2006 Street Reconstruction Project.

This item was not properly described on agenda and therefore City Council did not go into closed-door executive session to discuss it.

23. Consideration and **ACTION** on Item 22 discussed in Executive Session.

Item 22 not addressed therefore no action was necessary.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council on August 14, 2006.