

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

MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2007

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: Frank Garza Delia Flores Bill Stannard
 Ben Hoeffner Sean Pate Roy L. Miller
 Mark Kight

Others Present: Ambrose Vince L.J. Clayton III Charles Matthies
 Susan Jenkins Sharon Parham Miguel C. Valverde
 Otto Moellering George Moellering Beryl Jones

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Quorum present

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

Councilman Steve Walker gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no citizens signed up to be heard.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Presentation of plaque by Mayor Craven on Richard Wall's retirement after 25 years of service in the Fire Department. (Mayor)

Mayor presented Richard Wall a plaque on behalf of the City Council and staff.

- b. Introduction of new Fire Department employees. (Hoeffner)

Fire Chief and employees from Fire Department also presented Richard Wall with an award. Garrett Daugherty was also presented with a token of appreciation for his service as a firefighter. Fire Chief, Ben Hoeffner, introduced new firefighters L. J. Clayton III, Teodoro Pastrano, and Larry Mosqueda.

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

Darcy Hannibal, gave a brief explanation of the highlights on report previously given to City Council.

- d. Council will receive the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, based on audit conducted by Nancy Vaughan of the *Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates* firm.

Nancy Vaughan, went over the audit report and answered Council's questions.

- e. Presentation by Lisa Ximenez to promote a woman's conference in May at the Norris Conference Center. (Walker)

Susan Jenkins and Sharon Parham made a presentation and introduced Project New Beginnings, Inc. to council and informed them of a conference they will be having on May 18-19, 2007 at the Norris Conference Center.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007.
- b. Approval of the February 2007 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of February 2007.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Bennie Cass 5/0/0 PASSED

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Mayor's nomination of replacement for Jack Nicholson on Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. (Mayor)

Mayor Craven's nomination: Helen Nicholson

MOTION: I'll make the motion to approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the establishment of a petty cash account within the Hotel/Motel fund for small incidental purchases. (Miller)

Councilman Steve Walker stepped out and was not present to vote.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Bill Johnson Second: Lamar Gillian 4/0/0 PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance cancelling an agreement between the City of Balcones Heights and Municipal Services Bureau. (Miller)

Roy Miller explained that for about the past two years collections have gone from an average of \$1,500.00 to \$150.00 a month and that it is no longer cost effective to keep them on.

MOTION: I want to make a motion that we approve the resolution.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

6. Consideration and **ACTION** for council approval to release sales tax rebate payment to Target Corporation in the amount of \$192,999.12. (Miller)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

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

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution regarding the pledge agreement between the City of Balcones Heights and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and amending authorized representatives. (Miller)

MOTION: I move that we approve.

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

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution amending authorized representatives at Frost National Bank. (Miller)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution amending authorized representative at Texpool. (Miller)

MOTION: I move we approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

10. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution amending authorized representative at Lone Star Investment Pool. (Miller)

MOTION: I move to approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Bennie Cass 5/0/0 PASSED

11. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution to open a brokerage account at Frost Bank. (Miller)

Roy Miller stated a city must have a brokerage to go through in order for the city to get back into the purchase of treasuries and agencies.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the resolution.

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

12. Consideration, annual review, and possible **ACTION** to amend Investment Policy. (Mayor)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the ordinance for the Investment Policy as presented.

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

13. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding a review of current Emergency Medical Services contract term. (Gillian)

No Action on this item, review only.

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution amending the agreement between the City of Balcones Heights and Medix Healthcare, LLC. (Gillian)

MOTION: I would like to make a motion we approve the resolution.

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

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending budget dated September 11, 2006 for increased expenses for EMS service. (Mayor)

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Steve Walker 5/0/0 PASSED

Item 15 was revisited per Councilman Gillian after item 18 was addressed to review dollar amount on amendment.

MOTION: I make a motion to reconsider.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Lamar Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

MOTION: I make a motion that we change that amount to read \$60,000.00 increase for the six month period beginning 1 April and ending 30 September.

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

16. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding a resolution to approve a contract and signature for election services between Bexar County and the City of Balcones Heights. (Flores)

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the contract as presented.

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

17. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution requesting San Antonio to assume primary public safety authority for I.H.10 and authorize Mayor to negotiate Interlocal Agreement. (Garza)

No Action at this time. City Attorney will take agreement back to San Antonio with proposed changes and bring back to a future meeting.

18. Consideration and **ACTION** to award bid for Park renovations. (Mayor)

Option A: Rogiers Park Fence Project Treco Enterprises, Inc. \$10,312.40

MOTION: I make a motion to go with Treco in Option A.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Steve Walker 3/2/0 PASSED

Option A: 208 Vivian Lane Landscape Total Services \$ 8,500.00

MOTION: I make a motion we approve Option A with Total Services for \$8,500.00.

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

Rogiers Park Restroom Facilities Project Total Services \$ 7,500.00

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Bill Johnson

Second: Steve Walker

5/0/0 PASSED

WORKSHOP:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item 15 was revisited before Item 19.

19. Discussion and review of expired Juvenile Curfew ordinance as required every three years pursuant section 370.002 of the Local Government Code. (Flores)

Curfew ordinance will be given to Police Chief, Bill Stannard for review.

20. Discussion regarding the ongoing problem of dogs barking loudly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and the nuisance it creates. (de Leon)

Council Member Suzanne de Leon has received numerous complaints and suggested to educate via the newsletter on how to keep your dog from barking. Another suggestion was to contact the animal defense league on possible workshops.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights

DELIA FLORES
City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved at the April 9, 2007 council meeting.