

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

MINUTES

DATE: April 9, 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: Sean Pate Frank Garza Delia Flores
Ben Hoeffner Bill Stannard

Others Present: Charles Matthies George Moellering Otto G. Moellering
Holly deNeergaard Ambrose Vince Cecelia Gardon
Arnold & Elisa Munioz Gary W. Martin
Lynda J. Cruz Beryl Jones Hector R. Cabello

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 the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Otto Moellering resident of Balcones Heights came up to request that we acquire a mail box at the Justice Center for the citizens.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Police Chief Bill Stannard will recognize Hector R. Cabello and Nathaniel Cervera for the water rescue at the drainage ditch.

Mayor Jim Craven gave a recount of the situation and presented Hector R. Cabello and Nathaniel Cervera with a plaque on behalf of the City of Balcones Heights.

- b. Police Chief Bill Stannard will recognize Luis Rodriguez Jr., for his involvement in helping the Police Department with a robbery case.

Luis Rodriguez Jr. was not present at the council meeting.

- c. Report from Police Chief Bill Stannard on the status of red light cameras.

Police Chief Bill Stannard gave a brief report on the red light cameras and answered questions. City Attorney Frank Garza also answered some questions on this issue.

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

Director of Tourism Lorenzo Nastasi came up to present the report previously handed out to the Mayor and City Council.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for regular meeting of March 12, 2007.
- b. Approval of the March 2007 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of March 2007.

MOTION: I make a motion we accept the consent agenda items as presented.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** on nomination for expired term of Council Member, Place 3 appointment on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. (Walker)

Nomination – Jim Whitman, Operations Director for Santikos Theaters.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve him.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

- 4. Consideration and **ACTION** on nomination for expired term of Mayor's appointment on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. (Mayor)

Nomination – Helen Butler

MOTION: I make the motion to approve.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

- 5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution to award bid for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian stated they need to go back to bidders and get additional information therefore not ready for action.

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution for an Interlocal Participation Agreement between the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and the City of Balcones Heights. (Pate)

City Administrator, Sean Pate stated this was a useful tool to streamline the bidding process in those cases where needed.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to accept or decline the 2007 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rate increase of 1.7% from the 2006 rates. *(If accepted nothing further needs to be done)* (Mayor)

MOTION: I make a motion to accept.

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

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending budget dated September 11, 2006 to provide for increased revenues and expenditures in the Debt Service Fund. (Miller)

City Administrator Sean Pate gave council information regarding this item.

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

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

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to receive and accept certification for unopposed candidates for the May 12th, 2007 general election. (Flores)

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

10. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to cancel the May 12, 2007 General Election ordered January 31, 2007. (Flores)

MOTION: Move to approve.

Motion by: Steve Walker Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

11. 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)

MOTION: I make a motion we adopt the resolution requesting San Antonio to assume primary public safety authority for I.H. 10.

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

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to update City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 130:15, Curfew for Minors. (Garza)

City Attorney Frank Garza went over the changes to the curfew ordinances.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend City Code of Ordinances, Title IX, Chapter 95: Noise ordinance. (Garza)

City Attorney Frank Garza went over the ordinance with council and stated what the changes were.

MOTION: I'll make the motion to approve.

Motion by: Bill Johnson Second: Steve Walker 5/0/0 PASSED

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to allow Police Chief acquisition of new patrol cars. (Stannard)

Police Chief Bill Stannard came up to explain why he needed approval to purchase new cars. City Administrator Sean Pate also spoke in reference to the financing.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution for an interlocal agreement for dispatch services between the City of Balcones Heights and the City of Helotes. (Stannard)

Police Chief Bill Stannard came up to speak on this issue and stated it was for police dispatching and 911 response for the City of Helotes.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve it.

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

16. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution for an interlocal agreement for dispatch services between the City of Balcones Heights and the City of Grey Forest. (Stannard)

Police Chief Bill Stannard addressed this issue.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Grey Forest.

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

WORKSHOP:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Approved by City Council on May 14, 2007