

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

MINUTES

DATE: July 9, 2007

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Craven Bennie Cass Suzanne de Leon
Charles Matthies Lamar Gillian Bill Johnson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sean Pate Frank Garza Delia Flores
Ben Hoeffner

Others Present: Ambrose Vince Otto Moellering George Moellering

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 Charles Matthies gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no citizens to be heard.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

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

Director of Tourism, Lorenzo Nastasi went over the highlights of the report previously handed out.

- b. Proclamation for Tuesday, August 7th, 2007 as “National Night Out” in Balcones Heights. (Mayor)

Mayor Jim Craven proclaimed August 7, 2007 as National Night Out in Balcones Heights.

- c. Status report on new Red Light Camera legislation and discussion on possible amendments to current city ordinance authorizing Red Light Cameras. (Garza)

City Attorney, Frank Garza gave an explanation to council on the new red light camera legislation.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. **All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.** The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council:

- a. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2007.
- b. Approval of the June 2007 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of June 2007.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. 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, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

Public Hearing opened at 6:39 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

4. City Council may take **ACTION** to approve or disapprove a Resolution regarding the 2007/08 Balcones Heights Crime Control & Prevention District Budget.

City Administrator Sean Pate went over the budget with council.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the budget as submitted.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Charles Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding the Bexar Appraisal District budget for 2008. (Mayor)

MOTION: I'll make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Bill Johnson Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

6. Update from Fire Station Committee and **ACTION** regarding approval for funding for architectural and engineering services. (Matthies)

Councilman Charles Matthies advised council of the meeting held by committee and what was discussed.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion to go out for RFQ (requests for qualifications) for A & E (Architects and Engineers) services to build the fire house.

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

7. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding SAWS initiative to purchase suburban city sewer system. (Pate)

City Administrator, Sean Pate gave council an update on SAWS initiative to purchase suburban city sewer systems.

Mayor advised council of his reasons for not wanting to sell the city's sewer system to SAWS. Mayor also suggested the ordinance be re-written to direct funds to a specified purpose (i.e. capital projects).

MOTION: I make a motion that we go with Option A (on the sewer fund portion) with the re-write of the statute (ordinance).

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

WORKSHOP:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into closed-door executive session at 7:32 p.m.

8. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code (Attorney/Client consultation) regarding the Balcones Heights Police Officers Association contract negotiations.

Open session reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

9. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code (Attorney/Client consultation) regarding possible amendments to current contract with American Traffic Solutions.

10. Council may take **ACTION** on any of the items regarding discussions during Executive Session.

Item #8: Continue as previously directed.

Item # 9 Direct City Attorney to re-negotiate the language changes with American Traffic Solutions (ATS) on current contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council at the August 13, 2007 meeting.