

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

MINUTES

DATE: August 13, 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: Renee Storrie Otto Moellering George Moellering
Beryl Jones Madeline Slay Betty Bryant
Angela Riggs Miguel C. Valverde

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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Mayor Jim Craven gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Madeline Slay resident and business owner was present to make an invitation to anyone interested in attending the open house for Slay Engineering and Architects located at 123 Altgelt Ave.

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 to City Council.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2007.
- b. Approval of the July 2007 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of July 2007.

d. Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2007.

MOTION: I move we accept consent agenda items as presented.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to re-appoint or appoint new board members to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. (Mayor)

Nomination by Mayor Jim Craven: George Monsive

MOTION: I make a motion to accept Mr. Monsive.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Charles Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to re-appoint or appoint new board members to the Citizens Street Repair Committee. (Mayor)

Nomination by Mayor Jim Craven: Guillermo Herrera, Place 1 and Linda Pohl, Place 7

MOTION: Make a motion to accept Mr. Herrera for Place 1 and Linda Pohl for Place 7.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove request for \$2000.00 to help fund the annual Halloween Fun Fest. (Bryant)

Betty Bryant from Crime Watch came up to request the funding for this project. Angela Riggs from Creative Awareness spoke in reference to the reporting of the expenditures.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion we approve this.

Motion by: Bill Johnson Second: Bennie Cass 5/0/0 PASSED

6. City Council will conduct a **WORKSHOP** on the proposed 2007-2008 annual operating budget and the required 2007 ad valorem tax rate. (Pate)

City Administrator, Sean Pate went over the combined fund summary in detail, also went over funded and un-funded request and answered any questions City Council asked. Directors also answered any questions directed to them.

7. City Council will take record vote to raise or not to raise ad valorem taxes above the lower of the calculated effective tax rate or roll-back rate. (Pate)

City Administrator, Sean Pate's recommendation for council was to increase ad valorem tax 3%.

MOTION: I would like to make a motion that we increase the tax rate by the three per cent recommended by the City Administrator.

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

Aye Vote – Bennie Cass, Suzanne de Leon, Charles Matthies, Lamar Gillian, and Bill Johnson

Nay Vote – None

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an ordinance to amend City Ordinance # 2006-17 to incorporate statutory changes mandated by Transportation Code regulating photographic traffic enforcement systems. (Garza)

MOTION: I make a motion to amend the ordinance.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Charles Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an amendment to the Professional Technical Services Agreement between American Traffic Solutions, Inc. and the City of Balcones Heights. (Garza)

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10. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution for consideration at the 2007 TML Annual Conference. (Mayor)

Mayor Jim Craven suggested submitting a resolution to use other means to advertise such as e-mail, mail, fax, etc. in addition to the advertisement in the newspaper.

MOTION: I make a motion to support your resolution concerning advertising.

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

11. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding the local option to tax certain goods in transit. (Pate)

Explanation was given to council by the City Administrator and Mayor regarding this item.

Mayor called for motion however no motion was made by any of the council.

12. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding nomination phase of Selection process for election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2008-2009. (Mayor)

MOTION: I recommend Mr. Gillian try it again.

Motion by: Bennie Cass Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to seek bids for the sale of the Fire House located at 111 Altgelt Ave. (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian asked of council what the next step was to be taken regarding the sale of the fire house. There was some discussion but no action was taken.

14. Discussion and possible **ACTION** regarding the enforcement of Title IX, Section 95.01, 95.02, "Weeds; Clearing Lots" and Section 98, "Graffiti". (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement and everyone involved in monitoring the city for graffiti because he noticed a difference for the better.

He commented that there are a lot of properties where grass has not been cut. He encouraged staff to move out and get lots cut by residents or whatever means necessary.

15. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement for the IH-10 area between the City of San Antonio and the City of Balcones Heights. (Garza)

City Attorney, Frank Garza advised council the Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement would be on San Antonio's agenda in September 2007.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
Delia Flores
City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council on September 10, 2007.