

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

MINUTES

DATE: September 10, 2007

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Bennie Cass

Staff Present: Sean Pate Steve Pena Delia Flores
Ben Hoeffner Roy Miller Yvonne Griffin

Others Present: Renee Storrie Cathy Craven

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Quorum present.

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

Councilman Johnson gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Renee Storrie came up to introduce the security manager at Crossroads Mall.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Mayor Jim Craven will present certificates to two firefighters for their service in the rescue of an infant.

Firefighters were not present to receive award.

- b. Mayor Jim Craven will present a plaque to Fire Chief, Ben Hoeffner on his retirement after 24 years of service.

Mayor Jim Craven gave a recount of Fire Chief Ben Hoeffner's accomplishments and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the city.

Chief Hoeffner came up and said a few words.

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

Director of Tourism, Lorenzo Nastasi came up and gave an update of the highlights in the report.

d. Update from members of New Fire Station Committee. (Matthies)

Councilman Matthies informed council of the meeting that took place and the outcome of the list of architects to be looked at. He also informed them that the roof at the fire station had been worked on but needed further repairs.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2007.
- b. Approval of the August 2007 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of August 2007.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. City Council will conduct a **Public Hearing** on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by three percent.

Public Hearing opened and closed at 6:24 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending the budget dated September 11, 2006 to increase revenues for Community Development Block Grant. (Miller)

City Treasurer, Roy Miller, went over the changes needed to be corrected for the Community Development Block Grant.

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 amending budget dated September 11, 2006 for street maintenance fund expenditures. (Miller)

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

6. 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)

Item pulled.

7. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Bexar Appraisal District Budget for 2008. (Pate)

MOTION: I'll make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Charles Matthies 4/0/0 PASSED

8. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding financing of patrol cars with Frost National Bank. (Stannard)

Item pulled for the September 17th, 2007 meeting.

9. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding firefighter inter-local agreement. (Hoeffner)

Item pulled to give time for City Attorney to review.

10. Consideration and **ACTION** to submit ordinances and resolutions to American Legal Publishing for a 2007 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances. (Mayor)

MOTION: Make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Bill Johnson Second: Suzanne de Leon 4/0/0 PASSED

11. Consideration and **ACTION** to purchase individual name plates for all city offices. (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian asked that the offices place a name plate on the outside of every office.

MOTION: I think that's a great idea and I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Suzanne de Leon Second: Bill Johnson 4/0/0 PASSED

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to develop new personnel performance plan. (Gillian)

Item pulled.

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to reprogram FY 2006-2007 expenses from General Fund to Crime Control Fund. (Gillian)

City Treasurer, Roy Miller, came up to explain effect of the reprogramming of these funds.

MOTION: Whatever the difference is for the debt service payment in 2007-08 for this building (Justice Center) in the estimated year end balance for crime control please jv (journal voucher/entry) that; the motion is to jv (journal voucher/entry) that out of General Fund expenses for the 2006-07 into

crime control executed budget 2006-07 which will increase amount of funds available in the General Fund and decrease any balance in Crime Control.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Bill Johnson 3/1/0 PASSED

Nay Vote: Suzanne de Leon

14. Consideration and **ACTION** to move Justice Center signage from left to right front entrance. (Gillian)

There was discussion as to why the sign was on the side where door is locked and is not seen.

MOTION: My motion is to move the plaque.

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

WORKSHOP:

15. City Council will conduct a **WORKSHOP** on the proposed 2007-2008 annual operating budget.

There was discussion on changes to be made to the proposed 2007-08 budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Council went into closed door executive session at 7:05 p.m.

City Council reconvened in open session at 8:03 p.m. There was no discussion and no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
Delia Flores
City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council at the October 8, 2007 meeting.