

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

MINUTES

DATE: September 17, 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 Delia Flores Roy Miller
Yvonne Griffin Ben Hoeffner

Others Present: None

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 Bennie Cass gave the invocation and led pledges.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Council Member, Place 1 appointment to the
Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Cass)

Nomination by Councilman Bennie Cass: Robert Cantu

MOTION: I recommend we consider Mr. Robert Cantu for the appointment.

MOTION BY: Bennie Cass Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

2. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Council Member, Place 2 appointment to the
Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (de Leon)

Nomination by Councilwoman de Leon: Renee Storrie

MOTION: I highly recommend we give her the appointment for another 2 year term.

MOTION BY: Suzanne de Leon Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

3. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Council Member, Place 3 appointment to the Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Matthies)

MOTION: I would like to appoint Mrs. Madeline Slay from Slay Architects.

MOTION BY: Charles Matthies Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. City Council will conduct a **Public Hearing** on the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal 2007-2008.

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt the 2007-2008 Annual Operating Budget for the period of 10/1/2007 through 9/30/2008.

City Administrator Sean Pate and City Treasurer briefly addressed this item and answered any questions.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion we approve the Annual Operating Budget for 07-08.

MOTION BY: Lamar Gillian Second: Suzanne de Leon 5/0/0 PASSED

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to "Vote On Tax Rate" for the 2007 Tax Year.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the tax rate for 2007 tax year.

MOTION BY: Bill Johnson Second: Lamar Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

7. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

City Treasurer explained new legislation HB3195 effective September 1, 2007 to ratify tax increase.

MOTION: I make the motion to ratify tax increase of \$31, 930.69.

MOTION BY: Suzanne de Leon Second: Bennie Cass 5/0/0 PASSED

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to purchase three hand-held ticket writers to be funded by the Court Technology Fund. (Pate)

City Administrator Sean Pate informed council of the purpose and advantages of purchasing the hand-held ticket writers and answered any questions.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

MOTION BY: Bill Johnson Second: Lamar Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

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

City Administrator, Sean Pate, went over copy of the lease purchase agreement with Frost National Bank and informed Council agreement had been reviewed by our City Attorney and found to be sufficient. Original quote of 4.70 per cent went down to 4.41 per cent fixed rate interest. City Administrator recommended Council approve the agreement with Frost National Bank to finance 5 Dodge Chargers and 1 Dodge Magnum in the amount of \$159,951.33.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the financing of the patrol cars with Frost Bank.

MOTION BY: Suzanne de Leon Second: Bennie Cass 5/0/0 PASSED

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

Fire Chief, Ben Hoeffner, informed council that City Attorney reviewed agreement and agrees with Mutual Aid Agreement and Ordinance to be presented to Council.

MOTION: I make a motion that we accept the inter local agreement.

MOTION BY: Bennie Cass Second: Charles Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

11. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove Balcones Heights Crime Control and Prevention District's amendment to the 2006-07 budget.

Amendment to the 2006-07 Crime Control budget is for the amount of \$22,288.03.

MOTION: So Move

MOTION BY: Lamar Gillian Second: Bill Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend City of Balcones Heights current 2006-07 budget for general fund.

Amendment to the 2006-07 Balcones Heights current budget is for the amount of \$22,288.03.

MOTION: So Move

MOTION: Lamar Gillian Second: Charles Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend City of Balcones Heights current 2006-07 budget for street maintenance fund.

Amendment to the 2006-07 General Fund budget is to increase street maintenance fund expenditure appropriations by \$208,877.00.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve this amendment.

MOTION BY: Bill Johnson Second: Charles Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
Delia Flores
City Secretary, TRMC

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