

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

MINUTES

DATE: November 5, 2007

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Jim Craven

Staff Present: Sean Pate Delia Flores Frank Garza
Ben Hoeffner

Others Present: Otto Moellering Ambrose Vince Sophia Flores
Jackie Nino Leah Trujillo Genevieve Kinderkhecht
Jorge Morales

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Quorum present.

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

Councilman Charles Matthies gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

George Moellering – spoke in reference to his neighbor’s dogs and problems with his fence.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution regarding Section 147(f) approval relating to a tax-exempt loan agreement by and among the City of Balcones Heights, Texas Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation, The Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater San Antonio & the Hill Country, and the Frost National Bank.

There was no action on this item at this meeting. Attorney Noel Valdez with McCall, Parkhurst, and Horton came up and gave an explanation to council regarding the transaction between YMCA and Frost National Bank brought before the Texas Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation. It will be brought back at another meeting.

Before Item 2 was addressed Mayor Pro Tem Johnson called Alfred Garza the new maintenance employee to introduce him to the council.

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve/disapprove an ordinance as required by Texas Local Government Code 52.004 for the selection of an official newspaper.

City Administrator recommended Primetime Community Newspaper.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve the ordinance.

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

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend Ordinance Nos. 2003-21 and 2005-07 in reference to the Code Book of Ordinances Section 150.05 establishing fees and penalties and to adopt latest version of international codes as they are revised.

City Administrator stated that he had implemented My-Gov software system as discussed in the budget process for permits, code enforcement, and contractor registration. Mr. Pate recommended adopting fee changes suggested by Stephen Burnsworth from My-Gov. He further stated this ordinance would update the International Codes formerly adopted to the most current and as they are revised and to include the appendices.

MOTION: We recommend the fee changes as proposed by the City Administrator and that the latest editions of the Code Books (International Code) as revised be the code book for the city including all appendices.

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

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an Ordinance amending the budget dated September 17, 2007 to provide for increased appropriations in the General Fund to purchase three handheld ticket writers.

City Administrator stated this was a revision needed to show money was transferred as authorized from Fund Balance into current budget for the amount of \$23,167.00.

MOTION: So Move.

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

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an Ordinance amending the budget dated September 17, 2007 to comply with the new requirements and restrictions pertaining to civil fines (red light cameras) collected after September 1, 2007.

MOTION: First I would like to make a motion for the amendment and then I have some questions.

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding bids for solid waste collection and recycling services.

City Administrator advised Council that the agreement with Waste Management expires December 31, 2007 and would like to go out for bids.

MOTION: We have had a lot of complaints from citizens and think it's time to do that. I make that motion.

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

7. Discussion and possible **ACTION** regarding update on Emergency Medical Services. (Gillian)

Update was given by Councilman Gillian to inform Council that Medix's last day of emergency medical services is December 15, 2007. He also stated the city was taking bids and looking into other organic in-house operation of EMS.

NO ACTION

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to extend no-parking red curb on Beryl Drive. (Gillian)

Tabled until November 20, 2007 special meeting.

WORKSHOP:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. Report on the relocation of the dedication plaque at the Justice Center. (Gillian)

Councilman Lamar Gillian recommended the plaque be left where it is to avoid bigger problems involved with moving it from its present location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Council went into closed door executive session at 6:38 p.m.

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

Council reconvened in open session at 7:10 p.m. and meeting was adjourned.

11. Council may take possible **ACTION** regarding items discussed in executive session.

NO ACTION

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
DELIA R. FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Approved by City Council: December 10, 2007