

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

MINUTES

DATE: January 14, 2008

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: NONE

Staff Present: Sean Pate Delia Flores Yvonne Griffin
Roy Miller

Others Present: Dave Sellars Noel Johnson John Siereca
Otto Moellering Eugenia Jenschke

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 Bill Johnson gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Sellars, resident of Balcones Heights expressed concerns about dumpsters at apartment located on Pleasant and Gentleman and the possibility of having them enclosed.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

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

Director of Tourism, Lorenzo Nastasi, was not present. Council was given a copy of report prior to meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of December 5, 2007.
- b. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007.
- c. Approval of the December 2007 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of December 2007.
- e. Investment Inventory Report ending 12-31-07

Councilman Lamar Gillian and Suzanne de Leon stated corrections to be made in minutes and financial reports.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve as amended.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** for proposed ordinance modifications regarding public nuisance and property owner's responsibility. (Meyers)

Code Enforcement Officer, Ron Meyers, came up to request changes to the Code Book of Ordinances regarding nuisances and trees.

Ordinances will be brought back in a future meeting in proper form. Item was tabled for one month.

4. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). (Mayor)

Mayor Craven and City Administrator, Sean Pate spoke in reference to this item. Mayor Craven stated approval was needed for an authorized list of projects.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion that you (the Mayor) be given authority to initiate this agreement to repave Bobbies Lane with CDBG funds.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Miguel C. Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

MOTION: I would also like to make a motion that we go with our city streets recommended order list as the projects for the next round of CDBG.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Miguel C. Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance enacting and adopting S-14 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances. (Flores)

City Secretary, Delia Flores stated that Supplement S-14 was to make corrections to ordinances previously passed and placed in the incorrect section of the Code Book of Ordinances.

MOTION: I make a motion to accept the changes.

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve resolution regarding a written policy for credit cards. (Pate/Griffin)

City Administrator, Sean Pate reminded council that at the last meeting he requested the possibility of applying for a credit card for the city. Council expressed interest with the stipulation that staff comes back with a Credit Card Use Policy.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve with suggestions that Mr. Gillian brought up.

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

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a resolution ordering General Joint Election with Bexar County to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008. (Flores)

NO ACTION

8. Discussion and possible **ACTION** regarding financial update briefing for council. (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian stated that the financial information they are presently getting from finance department is better, but would like to see in addition to the monthly information council gets to include a quarterly detailed review of the funds to get a better understanding of what the fund status is to make informed decisions.

NO ACTION

9. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding agreement for Detention Services with the City of San Antonio. (Pate)

Explanation was given to council regarding the need for the detention services agreement with the City of San Antonio.

MOTION: I'd like to make a motion that we authorize the approval of this agreement.

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

10. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding City Public Service funds for public utility improvements. (Mayor)

Mayor Jim Craven advised council of funds available from City Public Service for capital infrastructure projects and the need to prepare a plan to use funds.

WORKSHOP:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick, a representative of the Balcones Heights Police Association, made a quick statement before council went into closed-door executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 7:36 p.m.

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

MOTION: I make a motion we approve this contract with stipulation that the words *or above* be stricken from Appendix A, paragraph E.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
Delia Flores
City Secretary, TRMC

Approved by City Council on February 11, 2008.