

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

**MINUTES**

DATE: May 11, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Miguel Valverde Charles Matthies  
Lamar Gillian Bill Johnson Linda Pohl

Members Absent: None

SIGN IN SHEET: Gary Martin Otto Moellering Damon Mason  
Madeline Slay L. David Givler A.J. Vince  
Eugenia Jenschke

**CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and quorum was present.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson gave the invocation and led pledges.

***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD***

Kathy Fogle – Career Pointe College Public Relations representative, came to introduce and try to form a partnership with the community for the externship and placement program.

Damon Mason – Resident of Balcones Heights curious as to what the solution is for electrical lines.

Patrick Mayo – Presentation on the Navy Maritime Day.

**1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:**

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

Director, Visitor Initiatives Lorenzo Nastasi went over highlights of the newly formatted report handed out to council prior to meeting.

- b. Redevelopment Task Force Committee up-date. (Nastasi).

Director, Visitor Initiatives Lorenzo Nastasi gave council an up-date of committee meetings to include one with Terra Design Group and of upcoming workshops.

Mayor Suzanne de Leon gave brief details on a meeting she attended for elected officials with VIA and TXDOT.

- c. Mayor Suzanne de Leon will present Mayor Pro Tem William Johnson with a plaque for serving as Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Suzanne de Leon presented Mayor Pro Tem William Johnson a plaque along with a picture of Mayor and Council he served with his last term.

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of April 13, 2009.
- b. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of May 4, 2009.
- c. Approval of the April 2009 Check Register.
- d. Approval of Financial Report for month of April 2009.
- e. Investment Inventory Report ending March 31, 2009.

MOTION: Mayor I would like to make a motion we approve in entirety.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian      Second: Councilwoman Pohl      5/0/0      PASSED

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding bids for Bobbies Lane Project.

David Givler from Givler's Engineering gave a brief explanation of the bids submitted and recommended Clark Construction of Texas for the Bobbies Lane Project.

MOTION: Mayor I would like to make a motion we approve this proposal at \$356,485.06 which includes the 15 percent contingency fee.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian      Second: Councilwoman Pohl      5/0/0      PASSED

- 4. Consideration and **POSSIBLE ACTION** to authorize the creation of a Code Review Committee. (Valverde)

Councilman Valverde gave a detailed report of concerns he has with code enforcement issues. There was discussion regarding this issue and a recommendation to create a Code Review Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For Code Compliance Department, Police Department, City Administrator and possibly Council to conduct a workshop at the earliest opportunity. The purpose is to discuss present ordinances and different avenues of approach of our city operations.

**MOTION:** I would like to make a motion to authorize the creation of a code ordinance review committee.

Committee Members will consist of Miguel Valverde as Chairman, Bennie Cass, Jim Shipley, Sean Pate, Philip Prince and possibly a resident.

Motion by: Councilman Valverde    Second: Councilman Matthies    5/0/0    PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 39, Section 10 of the Code Book of Ordinances. (Griffin)

Finance Director Yvonne Griffin advised Council Visa will no longer allow service charges for payments made in person and recommended city only allow Mastercard.

**MOTION:** I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Councilman Matthies    Second: Councilman Gillian    5/0/0    PASSED

**WORKSHOP:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DELIA FLORES – City Secretary, TRMC

Approved by City Council June 8, 2009