

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

**Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

DATE: January 14, 2013

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon (Mayor) Lamar Gillian (Mayor Pro Tem)
Miguel Valverde Madeline Slay
Charles White Bill Johnson

Members Absent: None

Sign in Sheet: Roger Lawhead Alfred Garza Jesse Guajardo
Armando Tellez John L. Castillo Clemente Rocha
George Alejos Henry Rodriguez Linda Pohl
Joseph Loftin Bennie Cass Brock Ward
Daniel Castro Wayne Davis Rita Hoyl
Ambrose Vince Rudy Perez

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Meeting was called to order and quorum was present.

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

Mayor de Leon gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Henry Rodriguez came up to invite everyone to participate in the Veterans 5K Run to be held in May or June 2013.

Damon Mason – concerns with parking lot where Gold’s Gym is located and concerns with Via Primo bus stop conditions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:08 p.m.

1. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) of the Texas Government Code to discuss workers comp issues and request for compensation.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

2. Council may take **ACTION** on item discussed in executive session.

Open session reconvened at 6:34 p.m. and items 3 – 7 were addressed before Item 2.

Mayor stated no action would be taken.

George Alejos voiced Lulac’s concerns with Mr. Garza’s termination.

Henry Rodriguez also came up to ask City Council to take another look at the situation involving Alfred Garza.

Alfred Garza came up and also addressed City Council regarding his termination.

3. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

a. Community Initiatives/CVB Report. (Nastasi)
Mr. Nastasi gave highlights of his report.

b. Police Department Productivity Report, K-9 Officer Braun Recognition, and Blue Marshall Certificates of Appreciation presentation. (Dominguez)

Chief Dominguez gave the highlights of his report. He gave a summary of what a volunteer is and presented Certificates of Appreciation to Diana Prieto, Officer Kenneth Ortiz, Officer Joseph Pineda, and to the Fire Department for the Blue Marshall event. He then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Paul Jiwani and Mario Vega for their participation with National Night Out, Halloween Haunted House, and the Blue Marshall event. He presented Officer Joey Sepulveda with a plaque in recognition of K-9 Officer Braun who recently passed away.

c. Fire Department Report. (Prince)

Chief Prince gave the highlights of his report.

d. Development Services Coordinator Report. (Boyd)

Mr. Boyd came up and gave highlights of his report.

e. Mayor will recognize the finance department for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award.

Mayor de Leon recognized Finance Director Yvonne Griffin for the Certificate of Achievement For Excellence in Finance Reporting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of December 10, 2012.
- b. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of December 19, 2012
- c. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of January 4, 2013
- d. Approval of the December 2012 Check Register.
- e. Approval of Financial Report for month of December 2012.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve all items in their entirety.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a Resolution to approve the AACOG Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. (Prince)

Chief Prince came up to explain and give an overview of the agreement.

MOTION: So move. (to approve resolution)

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

6. Discussion and **ACTION** regarding Budget Committee recommendation concerning dispatch study and possible outsource of dispatch services.

Committee Chair Lamar Gillian informed citizens of findings with the possible outsource of dispatch and made a recommendation not to outsource dispatch services at this time.

Dispatcher Antonia Soto came up to get some understanding as to how long this decision would remain.

City Administrator stated that this recommendation to not outsource dispatch services will not be addressed again at least for three to five years.

MOTION: I motion. (to approve not to outsource dispatch services)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. Discussion regarding the Student Mayor for a Day contest and winner to be presented in the February regular City Council meeting. (Mayor)

The Mayor stated she wanted to get students involved in local government and give them some exposure and this Student Mayor for a Day would be a good way to do that. There will be a reception and photos taken.

Item 2 was addressed after Item 7.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA FLORES, TRMC
City Secretary

Minutest were approved at the February 11, 2013 City Council Meeting.