

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

MINUTES

DATE: August 12, 2013

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Sign in Sheet: Roger Lawhead Richard Espinoza Henry Hannasch
 Rose Siller Babara Patterson Damon Mason
 Otto Moellering III Manuel Decena

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

Councilman Valverde gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Richard Espinoza and Allen Saldivar concerned with why they have not received their Certificate of Occupancy.

Rose Siller is requesting permission for a motorcycle parade for the event to raise funds for Elf Louise at Wonderland of the Americas to be held on October 20th.

Damon Mason concerns with Balcones Lofts and transportation.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Community Initiatives/CVB Report – June/July 2013. (Nastasi)

Mr. Nastasi gave highlights of his report. He stated Jazz Fest ended Friday, August 9, 2013 and was again a success.

- b. Police Department Report – June/July 2013. (Dominguez)

Chief Dominguez came up and gave highlights of his report. He also updated council on the dispatch equipment. He also stated AACOG had donated chairs for dispatch, two cameras, and other items.

- c. Fire Department Report – June/July 2013. (Prince)

Chief Prince came up and gave highlights of his report.

- d. Development Services Coordinator Report – June/July 2013. (Boyd)

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of July 8, 2013.
- b. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of July 10, 2013.
- c. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of July 18, 2013.
- d. Approval of the June & July 2013 Check Register.
- e. Approval of Financial Report for month of June & July 2013.
- f. Quarterly Investment Report (April-June 2013)

MOTION: I make a motion to approve as a whole.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

BUSINESS ITEMS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Local Task Force Agreement between the San Antonio District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the City of Balcones Heights. (Dominguez)

Chief Dominguez came up to request approval to sign the agreement for DEA to extend for one year.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Holiday schedule for FY 2013/2014.

MOTION: So moved. (to approve Holiday schedule)

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

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve providers for health, dental, vision, and life insurance plans for city employees. (Crandall & Associates)

Barbara Patterson from Crandall & Associates came up and presented council with the options for insurance for the fiscal year of 2013-2014.

Recommendation was made to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield, Metlife, and Avesis

MOTION: Motion for BCBS for medical, Metlife for dental, Avesis for vision, and Metlife for Basic Life AD&D and dependant life

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend Exhibit B, appointment of Trustees for the City of Balcones Heights Insurance Trust Fund. (Flores)

Exhibit B was amended to remove former Council Member Johnson and add Councilman Burton.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

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

7. City Council Members will take record vote to raise or not to raise ad valorem taxes above the lower of the calculated effective tax rate or roll-back rate. (Griffin)

Finance Director came up and gave a presentation on property taxes:

- What is Property Tax
- How Does It Work
- Example of Calculation
- Average Home Evaluation
- Tax Rate History
- Cause and Effect
- Example of Department Budget
- Summary

MOTION: I move to take a record vote on raising the tax above the lower of the effective or the rollback rate.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Burton 4/1/0 PASSED

Record Vote:

Lamar Gillian	Yes
Miguel Valverde	Yes
Charles White	Yes
Jack Burton	Yes
Madeline Slay	No

8. Consideration and possible **ACTION** or recommendation on a resolution for consideration at the 2013 TML Annual Conference. (Mayor)

MOTION: To table.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. Discussion regarding the Great Northwest Recycling.

Otto Moellering a resident of Balcones Heights is interested in having a recycling drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 p.m.

10. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Attorney/Client Consultation) to discuss property on Gentleman and Hillcrest.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:51 and there was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA FLORES, TRMC
City Secretary

Minutes approved at the September 9, 2013 City Council meeting.