

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

MINUTES

DATE: August 15, 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: Ricardo Perez Tony Trevino Ben Crum
 Rudy Acuna Matthew Garcia

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

Councilwoman Slay gave the invocation and led pledges.

Mayor called for a recess at 6:02 p.m. to wait for City Administrator.

Reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

WORKSHOP:

1. City Council will conduct a budget workshop for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

City Administrator gave a presentation on the following topics:

- On the record – we have told the residents...
- In fact we are – facing increased operating costs...
- This has – caused residents to question...
- What is Average?
- “Average” Homeowner
- “Average Home” Projections
- Expense update
- New properties
- And lastly...(But it’s not fair)
- A little about Austin
- In Conclusion

Finance Director gave a presentation on the following topics:

- What is Property Tax?

- Example of Calculation
- Average Home Valuation
- Tax Rate History
- Cause and Effect
- Example of Department Budget
- City's Unfunded Request
- Revenues – General Fund
- Federal Forfeiture
- State Forfeiture
- Street Fund
- Traffic Safety Fund
- Hotel/Motel Fund
- School Crossing Fees
- Impound Fund
- Vehicle Auction Fund
- Computer Replacement Plan
- Economic Development
- Debt Service
- Sewer Fund
- Public Hearing Schedule

ACTION ITEM:

2. Discussion and possible **ACTION** regarding the Reciprocal Lease Agreement for the Justice Center.

A memo was read by Councilman Gillian to all present and no action was taken.

Mayor stated they would go back to item 1 due to the unfunded request discussion not completed.

Councilman Gillian gave a history of the City's budget for the past 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA FLORES, TRMC
City Secretary

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