

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

MINUTES

DATE: November 18, 2013

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Sign in Sheet:	H.J. Hannasch Cecelia Gardon T. Rees	Joe Rincones Jim Gardon	Bill Johnson Elizabeth Wells
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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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no citizens to be heard at this time.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

- a. Community Initiatives/CVB Report (Nastasi)

Mr. Nastasi gave highlights of his report and gave an update on the newsletter and increasing costs.

- b. Police Department Report (Dominguez)

Chief Dominguez came up and gave highlights of his report. He also mentioned the Christmas parade to be held on December 21st prior to the Blue Marshall event at the Wonderland of the Americas.

- c. Fire Department Report (Prince)

Chief Prince came up and gave highlights of his report.

- d. Development Services Coordinator Report (Boyd)

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

- e. Presentation on ICSC conference attended (Buckert, Nastasi)

This item was moved to the discussion items and was addressed after Item #7.

City Administrator gave a power point presentation on the ICSC Dallas 2013 Conference attended in Dallas. Ideas were given as to how to market the city in the future and some examples and topics discussed were as follows:

- Exhibit Hall
 - La Madeline
 - Different City's Booths
- Mockingbird Station
- The Bryson at City Place

2. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of October 14, 2013.
- b. Approval of the October 2013 Check Register.
- c. Approval of the October 2013 Financial Report.
- d. Investment Report for quarter ending September 30, 2013.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve in its entirety.

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

WORKSHOP:

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve contract with C-6 Disposal for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services. (Buckert, Garza)

City Administrator informed council that they had come up with a pricing structure the council would find favorable and made recommendation to approve agreement that will be effective January 1, 2014.

Mr. Cantu came up to answer any questions the council may have.

MOTION: I reviewed it and I make a motion to approve the contract.

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

- 4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a resolution to submit votes for the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2014/15.

MOTION: So moved (to approve resolution).

Motion by: Councilman Valverde Second: Councilwoman Slay 5/0/0 PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance regarding Supplement S-19 to the Code Book of Ordinances. (*Updated each year*)

MOTION: Motion to approve.

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending budget for the period of 10/1/2013 through 9/30/2014 for PD vehicles. (Griffin)

Mrs. Griffin informed council that this will be taken from the traffic safety fund.

MOTION: So moved. (to approve ordinance)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. Discussion regarding Community Garden. (Mayor)

James Gardon came up to speak in favor of the Community Garden and to request city property as a possibility for this project.

Joe Rincones came up to speak on possible grant for this project. He noted that if we are awarded a grant the city becomes a part of the Green Space Alliance Community Garden Network.

A second meeting will be held on November 20, 2013 at the Community Center located at 107 Glenarm.

Item 1e was presented at before Item 8.

8. Update from Parks & Facilities Planning committee meeting held on October 18th. (Mayor, Burton, White, Boyd & Chief Prince)

Councilman Burton and Councilman White mentioned some things that were discussed:

- Movies at the Park
- Dirt around the trees
- Closing in the skate park
- Donations for water fountain
- Water for Community Garden
- Basketball Court unlevelled
- Making house historic

9. Update from Infrastructure Planning committee meeting held on October 18th. (Mayor, Gillian, White & Boyd)

Mr. Boyd stated some of the things discussed at the meeting:

- Streets
- Drainage
- Survey of streets done by the engineer
- Sewer system and how old it is

10. Update from Code Enforcement committee meeting held on October 18th. (Mayor, Valverde, Slay, Boyd & Chief Dominguez)

Chief Dominguez stated there was discussion regarding code compliance issues and addressing them in a timely manner and using a part time officer.

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074, of the Texas Government Code, to consider employee evaluation for City Administrator Amy Buckert.
12. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code (Economic Development) regarding the property on Hillcrest and Gentleman.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Meeting re-convened at 8:26 p.m. and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA FLORES, TRMC
City Secretary

Minutes approved by City Council on December 9, 2013.