

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

MINUTES

DATE: July 23, 2014

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Suzanne de Leon (Mayor) Jack Burton(Mayor Pro Tem) Charles White	Lamar Gillian Madeline Slay Linda Pohl
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Members Absent: None

Sign in Sheet:	David Vela Bill Johnson James Gardon Mellie Speedon Yvonne Baez Charlie Marin Helen Nicholson Dean Nelson Bennie F. Cass	Gabriel Alcoces Clemente Rocha Cece Gardon Ray Wilkinson Lisa Merlo Felipe P. Flores Diana Prieto Elizabeth Wells Gary W. Martin	Henry Hannasch Edna P. Moellering Jim Raby Bruce Timmons Ray Mackey Jack Nicholson Rebecca Prieto Christa Flatt
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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

Mayor de Leon gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Millie Speedon – Support for Henry Dominguez
- Jack & Helen Nicholson – Support for Henry Dominguez
- Jesse M. Pacheco – Support for Henry Dominguez
- Ray Wilkinson – Police Officers Association Representative from TMPA – requesting the city uphold the termination of Henry Dominguez
- James Gardon – Comments on distrust, the leader, and the led
- Interim Chief of Police Joyce Pena – request for City Council to uphold the termination of Henry Dominguez
- Cecelia Gardon – In Support of City Administrator’s decision to terminate Henry Dominguez.
- Miguel Valverde – In Support to uphold termination

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Appeal of Henry Dominguez termination as Chief of Police in accordance with Personnel Rules.

Henry Dominguez and his Attorney were given the option of going into closed session but chose to have the appeal in open session.

City Administrator spoke on the concerns mentioned in the termination letter.

Attorney Mark Anthony Sanchez came up to speak on behalf of Henry Dominguez asking for his reinstatement.

Mayor de Leon gave each Council Member a chance to speak and/or ask questions.

Henry Dominguez came up to speak in his defense.

Fire Chief Philip Prince came up to speak on responsibility and trust.

Mayor de Leon spoke prior to calling for the vote.

2. Consideration and action by City Council regarding Henry Dominguez's termination appeal.

MOTION: I make a motion we not approve the appeal on Mr. Dominguez on his firing and uphold the termination.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilwoman Slay 3/2/0 PASSED

Nay Vote: Councilwoman Pohl and Councilman White

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

**DELIA FLORES, TRMC
City Secretary**

Minutes approved by City Council on August 25, 2014