

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

**MINUTES**

**DATE: August 7, 2014**

**TIME: 10:04 a.m.**

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon (Mayor) arrived at 10:33 a.m.  
Jack Burton (Mayor Pro Tem)  
Lamar Gillian  
Charles White  
Madeline Slay

Members Absent: Linda Pohl

Sign in Sheet: Deyanira Flores

**CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Burton called the meeting to order and quorum was present.

Councilman White quoted a policy passed in 2006 that stated Special Meetings would be required to start at 6:00 p.m.

A recess was called by the Mayor Pro-Tem Burton at 10:09.

Meeting reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Ordinance 2012-01 passed on February 13, 2012 states special meetings will be held at the Justice Center, at a stated time and does not require it to begin at 6:00 p.m. Meeting proceeded as scheduled.

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

Councilman White gave the invocation and led pledges.

**WORKSHOP:**

1. City Council will conduct a workshop on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

City Administrator gave a presentation on the budget and changes made from last budget workshop on July 10, 2014.

- Changes since last workshop
- Note on Health Insurance (Tentative Workshop – Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Current Overview

- Expense Update
- Tax Rate definition
- “Average” Homeowner
- “Average” Home Projections
- Tax Rate Options
- A little about Austin
- In Conclusion

Councilman Gillian gave a presentation on why he is supporting keeping the current tax rate.

Another budget workshop will be set tentatively on August 18, 2014 with the insurance item.

Tentative Dates if current tax rate is approved:

- Publication – September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Public Hearing – September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Public Hearing – September 16<sup>th</sup>

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

2. City Council reviews Truth-in-Taxation requirements, decides how much ad valorem tax must be levied and takes a record vote to raise or not to raise ad valorem taxes above the lower of the calculated effective tax rate or roll-back rate.

MOTION: I move to approve a tax rate of \$0.572199 per \$100 valuation that has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of The City of Balcones Heights. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

- Proposed Tax Rate                   \$ 0.572199 per \$100
- Preceding Year’s Tax Rate       \$ 0.572199 per \$100
- Effective Tax Rate                 \$ 0.558632 per \$100
- Rollback Tax Rate                  \$ 0.601198 per \$100

Motion by: Councilwoman Slay       Second: Councilman Burton       4/0/0   PASSED

**Council Member’s record vote:**

Madeline Slay – Yes  
 Lamar Gillian – Yes  
 Jack Burton – Yes  
 Charles White – Yes  
 Linda Pohl - Absent

3. City Council will set Public Hearing dates for the proposed FY 2014/2015 budget and tax rate.
  - Budget Meeting – August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - Publication Date – September 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Public Hearing – September 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.
- Public Hearing – September 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

**DELIA FLORES, TRMC  
City Secretary**

**Minutes were approved by City Council on September 22, 2014.**