

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

MINUTES

DATE: August 24, 2015

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon (Mayor) Jack Burton (Mayor Pro Tem)
Lamar Gillian Charles White
Linda Pohl

Members Absent: Madeline Slay

Sign in Sheet: Roger Lawhead Lily Cruz Natalia Martinez Fisher
Ed Codina Chiu-Hui Li Henry Hannasch
Doris Menlovitz

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

Lili Cruz – resident of Balcones Heights came up to express her concerns with permit requirements.

Ed Codina and Chi-hui Li came up to invite everyone to the new business located at 3002 Hillcrest Drive, Ancient Points Acupuncture & Herbs.

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1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

a. Update from Consultant Walter Serna. (Serna)

Mr. Serna gave an update on project status and mall owners proposed terms. He stated there will be two more meetings and the next meeting will be held on September 3, 2015.

b. Community Initiatives Department Report – July 2015 (Nastasi)

Mr. Nastasi came up and gave highlights of his report. Lofts will be pre-leasing in September and NRP has stated they have received hundreds of prospective residents through recruitment at the Jazz Fest.

c. Police Department Report – July 2015 (Volz)

Chief Volz came up and gave highlights of his report. He stated he is looking to propose some special programs.

d. Fire Department Report – July 2015 (Ward)

Chief Ward came up and gave highlights of his report. Firefighter Mike Medina resigned and is now employed with San Antonio. New Firefighter was to be introduced but had to go on a call. He will be introduced at a future meeting.

e. Community Development Report and Code Compliance Update – July 2015 (Hoyl)

Mrs. Hoyl came up and gave highlights of her report. She also gave an update on the Santa Fe Apartments.

f. Finance Department Update (Messick)

Finance will be discussed during the Budget Workshop.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of July 27, 2015
- b. Approval of Financial Report for month of July 2015
- c. Approval of Lonestar Investment Pool Authorized Representatives

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

Motion by: Councilmember Pohl Second: Councilmember Gillian 4/0/0 PASSED

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Finance Director Floyd Messick and City Administrator went over the budget prior to the Public Hearing to give citizens the information needed before opening the Public Hearing.

- 3. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for FY 2015-16 – Conduct a public hearing regarding the adoption of the FY 2015-16 Budget. (Second required public hearings)

Public Hearing opened at 6:59 p.m.

Henry Hannasch – Resident of Balcones Heights concerned with increasing fees

Public Hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

- 4. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate – Conduct a public hearing regarding the adoption of the FY 2015-16 Tax Rate. (Second required public hearings)

Public Hearing opened at 7:03 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Insurance Providers and Coverage for fulltime employees. (Harris/Patterson)

Barbara Patterson from Crandall and Associates came up to present the four options for group insurance. Recommendation was made for option #4: United Health Care Medical, Dental, Vision, and Basic Life and AD&D with Standard Insurance.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve option #4.

Motion by: Councilmember Gillian Second: Councilmember Pohl 4/0/0 PASSED

6. Consideration and ACTION of an Ordinance to amend the City's Personnel Policy by adopting a policy regarding employees donating sick leave to an approved FMLA qualifying event for regular fulltime employees who have depleted their leave. (Gillian)

MOTION: I make a motion to approve effective immediately.

Motion by: Councilmember White Second: Councilmember Pohl 4/0/0 PASSED

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing concurrent jurisdiction between the City of San Antonio and the City of Balcones Heights. (Volz)

Police Chief Volz came up to explain purpose of the agreement.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Councilmember Pohl Second: Councilmember Burton 4/0/0 PASSED

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to submit names for the nomination phase of selection process for the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2016-2017. (Mayor)

MOTION: Motion for Jack Burton

Motion by: Councilmember Gillian Second: Councilman Pohl 4/0/0 PASSED

9. City Council will conduct a Budget Workshop for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.

Presentation on Budget was given before Public Hearing. There was a Q&A period.

10. Discussion regarding City Council goals on where they see the city in the next five years. (Mayor)

Mayor directed City Council to bring ideas for vision and long term goals for the next five years. She recommended they google other cities to see what they are doing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

11. Announcements by City Administrator

- a. Citizen Kudos
- b. Recognition of City employee actions
- c. New Departmental Initiatives
 - TML Region 7 Dinner, Friday, August 28, 2015
 - Annual TML Conference, Tuesday, September 22, 2015
 - Frank Garza's firm's event on Thursday, September 24, 2015

12. Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items to be placed on a future City Council agenda.

Fire House and Justice Center – Baby Moses Law

Cut down Tree Stumps

13. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

- d. City and community events attended and to be attended
 - e. City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments
 - f. Continuing education events attended and to be attended
 - g. Recognition of actions by City employees
 - h. Recognition of actions by community volunteers
- Senator Melendez – Tour of Balcones Heights on September 15, 2015
 - Community Walk – Councilmember Gillian

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:23 p.m.

14. Discussion pursuant to 551.074 (Personnel Matters), of the Texas Government Code, regarding reclassification of three positions.

15. Discussion pursuant to § 551.086 of the Texas Government Code (Economic Development) regarding update from consultant Walter Serna on economic development projects.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Executive session #14 was not discussed.

Open session was reconvened at 8:48 p.m. and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted:

DELIA FLORES, TRMC
City Secretary

Minutes were approved by City Council on September 21, 2015.