

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

Minutes

Date: March 27, 2017

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Stephen Lara (6:04 p.m.) Miguel Valverde  
Jack Burton Lamar Gillian Charles White

Members Absent: NONE

Sign in Sheet:

**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**

Councilmember Valverde gave the invocation and led pledges.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Marie Burton (Councilmember Jack Burton's Mother)

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**1. PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:**

- a. Update – Consultant Walter Serna

Mr. Serna was not in attendance, however, Mr. Nastasi came up and gave the update.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular meeting of February 27, 2017
- b. Finance Report for the month of February 2017

MOTION: Motion to approve as submitted.

Motion by: Councilmember White Second: Councilmember Gillian 5/00 PASSED

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 3. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to authorize funding for Grackle abatement along Fredericksburg Rd. (Hoyl)

Ms. Hoyl came up to give an update on methods for Grackle abatement.

Councilmember Gillian stated the amount of funds needed for this item is within the range that can be approved by the City Administrator.

MOTION: Motion to table.

Motion by: Councilmember Burton Second: Councilmember Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

4. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending an article in Chapter 95 pertaining to retrieval and impoundment of shopping carts by the city. (Hoyl)

Ms. Hoyl came up to give background on this item and recommended approval.

MOTION: Motion to approve. (Amendment Section 95.53 and definition)

Motion by: Councilmember Valverde Second: Councilmember Burton 4/1/0 PASSED

Nay vote: Councilmember White

5. Consideration and **ACTION** approving field alteration Request No. 1 and No. 2 for Leisure Phase 1 Project. (Hoyl)

Ms. Hoyl informed council of the necessary changes and recommendation to approve.

MOTION: So moved. (to approve the Alteration Request No. 1 and 2)

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to accept a bid proposal from RL Jones LP in the amount of \$570,999.00 for the Leisure Phase II Street Reconstruction Project. (Hoyl)

MOTION: Motion to approve. (RL Jones Bid proposal)

Motion by: Councilmember Gillian Second: Councilmember Lara 5/0/0 PASSED

7. Consideration and **ACTION** to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with San Antonio Water System for utility improvements as part of the Leisure Drive Phase II Reconstruction Project. (Hoyl)

Ms. Hoyl came up and gave background on this item.

MOTION: Motion to approve.

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

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance declaring unopposed candidate for the office of City Council Place 1 as elected and cancellation of Special Election to have been held on May 6,

2017 and General Election to still be held on May 6, 2017 for City Council Place 3, Place 4, and Place 5.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve. (Cancellation of Special Election and declaring unopposed candidate for office elected)

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

9. Consideration and possible **ACTION** to approve funding to replace HVAC System at Justice Center. (Volz)

Chief Volz came up and gave background on this item recommended approval and stated Finance Director said funds were available.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve. (Engineering Consultant Services Proposal-38,320)

Motion by: Councilmember White Second: Councilmember Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

10. **WORKSHOP:** City Council/Planning and Zoning Commission Joint Workshop regarding the Zoning Code pertaining to signs and other matters herewith.

Workshop was not held; the City Administrator gave short update.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

11. Department Report Q&A (*Reports included in Packet*)

Councilmember White had questions for Director of Community Development

12. Announcements by City Administrator

- a. Citizen Kudos
- b. Recognition of City employee actions
- c. New Departmental Initiatives

- Legislative – Red Light Camera
- Seminars – Chief Volz and City Administrator

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

Councilmember White – Grant Writer

Councilmember Burton – Grateful to Police Department

14. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

- a. City and community events attended and to be attended
- b. City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments
- c. Continuing education events attended and to be attended
- d. Recognition of actions by City employees
- e. Recognition of actions by community volunteers

- TML Region 7 – May 11, 2017
- V I A – March 29<sup>th</sup> (5 seats available) San Antonio Mobility Coalition
- Mayor appointed to the Bexar County Council of Cities Advisory Board

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:32 p.m.**

15. Discussion pursuant to §551.086 (Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code regarding economic development project utilizing city owned property.
16. Discussion pursuant to § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) of the Texas Government Code regarding Visitor Center lease at Wonderland of the Americas.

**RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: 7:46 p.m.**

17. Council may take **ACTION** in open session on items discussed in Executive Session.

No Action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**DELIA R. SANCHEZ**  
**City Secretary**

*Minutes approved at the Regular City Council Meeting held March 27, 2017.*