

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

Minutes

Date: April 30, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Miguel Valverde Jack Burton
Lamar Gillian Charles White Stephen Lara

Members Absent: None

Sign In Sheet: Helen Nicholson Bennie F. Cass Roger Lawhead
Henry Hannasch Frances Heisser Catherine Rinehart
Angelica Garza Gilbert Lopez Shana Halpin
Johnny Rodriguez

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
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Councilmember Lara gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Gilbert Lopez – Resident of Balcones Heights – request for variance fee to be waived

1. UPDATE and PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation – Frances Heisser

Mayor de Leon introduced Frances Heisser and presented a proclamation to recognize that she has lived in Balcones Heights since 1963 and is celebrating her 90th birthday.

b. Proclamation – Lupus Awareness Month

Mayor de Leon presented a proclamation to Angelica Garza, Field Services Director in South Central Texas with the Lupus Foundation of America, Lone Star Chapter.

c. Proclamation – 2018 National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day

Mayor de Leon presented a proclamation to the Chief of Police Darrell Volz in recognition of the 2018 National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular meeting of March 26, 2018
- b. Approval of minutes for Special meeting of April 9, 2018
- c. Finance Report for the month of March 2018

Item 2b approval of the minutes for the Special meeting of April 9, 2018 was removed and will be included for approval at the next regular city council meeting.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2018. (Item 2a)

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

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the Finance Report.

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

3. **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:** Consideration and **ACTION** on application received for appointment on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

An application was submitted by Helen Burton Nicholson for a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve Helen Butler Nicholson as an Alternate.

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

4. Discussion to revise Ordinance #2018-04 Storage and Parking of Trailers, Recreational/Commercial Vehicles and receive direction from City Council on proposed revisions. (Hoyl)

Director of Community Development Rita Hoyl came up and stated that it had been brought to her attention that Ordinance No. 2018-04 that was recently approved; did not address oversized vehicles. Mrs. Hoyl requested to take it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to address that and other revisions, i.e. double axle. Council was in agreement for it to go back to Planning and Zoning.

5. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding the agreement between the city and Jack Laurence Corporation for the HVAC replacement at Justice Center. (Volz)

Mehdi Mirmomeni from HMG & Associates, Inc. came up to answer any questions on the contract for the HVAC replacement.

MOTION: Motion to approve.

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

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Cooperative Agreement for the three-year qualification period of Fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021. (Harris/Mayor)

MOTION: Motion to approve.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

7. Department Reports Q&A

(Reports included in Packet)

- Community Development/Building Inspections
- Court Activity
- Fire Department
- Police Department Report/Memo to Council/Rathburn Report – Chief of Police Volz came up to speak on report submitted for the Police Department.

Director of Economic Development/Public Affairs Lorenzo Nastasi also came up and informed council of future events and Jazz Fest.

8. Announcements by City Administrator

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

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

10. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. Discussion pursuant to §551.086 (Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code regarding possible business development near or around Fredericksburg Road.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary