

**The City of Balcones Heights
City Council Workshop Meeting
3300 Hillcrest Drive
Balcones Heights, TX 78201
Minutes**

DATE: January 14, 2019

TIME: 6:06 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Jesse Pacheco
 Jack Burton Lamar Gillian Charles White

Members Absent: Stephen Lara

Sign in Sheet: Gloria Cantu Donovon 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 FLAGS

Councilmember White gave the invocation and led pledges.

1. Strategic Planning, Mission, Vision, and Goals, discussion and setting of priorities.

City Administrator came up and gave background and requested guidance as to the council's goals for the city.

The following are some of the planning initiatives from the July 2017 Strategic Plan:

- A. Long-term Funding Sustainability
 - Continue as a Proactive City Council
 - Identify New Revenue Streams
 - Redevelopment of Properties
 - Identify Long-term City needs
- B. Establish a Positive Image in the Broader Community
 - Develop Business Relationships
 - Review and Update Codes and Ordinances
 - Educate Community on Codes and Ordinances
 - Improve Public and Private Property Appearance
 - Improve City Responsiveness
 - Enhance branding and promotion efforts
- C. Increase Public Safety
 - Educate Community on Public Safety Issues
 - Enhance Relationships with City Businesses with Emphasis on Public Safety
 - Community Involvement and Initiatives

- D. Improve City Infrastructure
 - Secure City Assets
 - Repair and Upgrade Streets
 - Establish Storm Water and Drainage Program
 - Renovate City Buildings and Facilities

Council comments:

- Retail, Retail, Retail
 - Make Balcones Heights the central place for commercial
 - Negotiate boundaries with San Antonio
 - School District Study
 - Mid block study
 - VIA damage on streets
 - Hillcrest Drive street repairs
 - Map Identifying businesses and places of interest
2. Discussion and explanation of the Pay Scale and Step Increase Program.

Councilmember Pacheco and Councilmember White stepped out of the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

City Administrator asked for clarification of suspended step increase and it was stated by Councilmember Burton that the understanding was for it to be frozen until the next budget period.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

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City Secretary

Minutes approved at the regular City Council Meeting on February 25, 2019.