

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

DATE: March 25, 2019

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Sign in Sheet: James Gardon Bill Johnson Frank Arredondo
 Christie Anne Brown Kay Keane Juan M. Lecea
 Gloria Cantu John Halpin Miguel Valverde

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 Lara gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Juan M. Lecea – Resident of the City of Balcones Heights spoke on Item #5
- Frank Arredondo (Tiger Sanitation) – Introduction
- James Gardon – Proposals for Traffic/Stop Signs - Gentleman Rd.

1. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Storm Water Management Program Annual Report (Abraham Galindo)

Abraham Galindo came up and gave a power point presentation on the Storm Water Management Program.

- b. Presentation on the TNR Program by Kay Keane of the Animal Welfare Society of Bandera County

Kay Keane came up and gave background and information on the Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular meeting of February 25, 2019
- b. Finance Report for the month of February 2019

MOTION: Motion to approve in its entirety.

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

RECORD VOTE	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Burton	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - White
AYES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 3. Discussion and **ACTION** to approve a Resolution approving submission of a Grant to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for Level III/IV Body Armor. (R. D. Martin/Volz)

MOTION: So moved.

Motion by: Councilmember Gillian Second: Councilmember White

Councilmember Gillian removed motion - Information presented was on body cameras vs body armor.

Item #3 was brought back after Item #4 was completed to address the Resolution included in packet for approval of Level III/IV Body Armor submission.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the Resolution for the rifle resistant body armor.

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

RECORD VOTE	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Burton	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - White
AYES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

- 4. Discussion and **ACTION** to approve a Resolution supporting the United States Census Bureau by creating a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee. (Mayor)

Richard Castanon, Partnership Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau came up to inform council on the 2020 Census.

MOTION: I make a motion to not approve it.

Motion by: Councilmember Pacheco Second: Councilmember White

Motion was withdrawn

MOTION: To table until we see a possible 11th entry on the census and bring back at that time.

Motion by: Councilmember Pacheco Second: Councilmember Burton 3/1/0 PASSED

Councilmember Gillian was not in the council chambers at the time this vote was taken.
 Nay Vote – Councilmember Lara

RECORD VOTE	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Burton	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - White
AYES		X	X		X
NAYS	X				
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT				X	

Mayor de Leon informed council that they were going back to discuss Item #3 in regards to Body Armor.

- Update from Staff and Discussion on tabled item and possible **ACTION** to create a Welcoming Committee to visit new resident homeowners with information about Balcones Heights, to include important phone numbers, sign up for newsletters, and inform about city meetings and events. (Mayor)

MOTION: I make a motion to not approve any spending of any kind for things of this nature.

Motion by: Councilmember Pacheco Second: Motion fails for lack of second

Juan Lecea (Resident) came up to speak

There was discussion.

Robert de Leon (Resident) came up to speak.

Gloria Cantu (Resident) came up to speak.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve a Welcoming Committee.

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

Councilmember Pacheco abstained.

RECORD VOTE	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Burton	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - White
AYES	X		X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN		X			
ABSENT					

Mayor de Leon called for a recess at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

- Consideration and **ACTION** to move the Regular City Council Meeting from April 22, 2019 to April 29, 2019.

MOTION: Motion to approve.

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

RECORD VOTE	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Burton	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - White
AYES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

7. Discussion/**ACTION** regarding an amendment to the American Traffic Solutions/Verra Mobility agreement for Red Light Safety Camera program. (Harris/Volz)

This item was discussed in Executive Session and Action was taken when reconvened on Item #18.

8. DISCUSSION relative to the City’s Strategic Plan priority of BRANDING the City, and the prospect of bringing forth a proposal to City Council in April or May for City Council consideration and possible action. (Harris/Nastasi)

Mr. Nastasi requesting direction from council on proposal in branding the city. There was a consensus to proceed.

9. Prioritize recurring infrastructure and equipment needs in capital fund. (White)

A time of discussion was had.

10. Department Reports and Q&A (Police Department, Fire Department, Community Development, Finance, and Economic Development & Public Affairs)

Question & Answer period on reports submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

11. Announcements by City Administrator
12. Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
13. Agenda Item Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers to be placed on a future City Council agenda.
 - Particulars on the Welcome Committee (Mayor)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:39 p.m.

14. Discussion pursuant to §551.086 (Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code regarding possible business development near or around Fredericksburg Road.
15. Discussion pursuant to §551.086 (Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code regarding Project Chicken.
16. Discussion pursuant to §551.074 (Personnel Matters) future vacancies to be filled for Chief of Police and Director of Community Development.

17. Discussion pursuant to §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) possible negotiations of agreement.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: 9:34 p.m.

18. Council may act in open session on items discussed in Executive Session.

AGENDA ITEM #7

MOTION: To approve the extension of the ATS contract from its current expiration date of May 27, 2024 and to approve the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement to incorporate the following changes:

- Section 4(b) of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with the following:

“The term of this Agreement shall continue through May 27, 2034 and thereafter shall automatically be extended for additional five-year successive periods unless each party notified the other in writing at least 120 days prior [to] the end of the then current term of its intent to terminate this Agreement.”

Motion by: Councilmember Pacheco Second: Councilmember Gillian

Discussion was had.

Amended Motion: to condition approval of the second amended contract with the requirement that the current ATS cameras are updated and replaced with HD cameras;

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

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AYES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

City Council approved minutes at the regular meeting held on April 29, 2019.