

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

DATE: November 18, 2019

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Stephen Lara (6:20 p.m.) Jesse Pacheco
John Halpin Lamar Gillian Miguel C. Valverde

Members Absent: None

Sign in Sheet: Bill Johnson Gloria Cantu Juan Lecea
Agnes Lecea

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 John Halpin gave the invocation and led pledges.

City Administrator introduced the newly hired Finance Director Josie Carrizales.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Officer of the Month – (Jahanara)

Chief John Jahanara announced Officer Gallegos as Officer of the Month for the third time.

- Proclamation – School Choice Week (Mayor)

Mayor de Leon read the proclamation and will be sent to Julie Collier at National School Choice Week.

- Blue Santa Presentation

Mr. and Mrs. Blue Santa were present to announce the parade and gift giving event.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Juan Lecea, a resident of the city signed up to speak on the business items on the agenda.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Special meeting of October 3, 2019
- b. Approval of minutes for Special meeting of October 14, 2019
- c. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of October 28, 2019
- d. Finance Report for the month of October 2019

- e. Approval of Resolution amending Authorized Representatives for City Funds
- f. Approval of Resolution regarding the voting phase of selection process for election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors 2020-21

MOTION: Motion to approve a – f in one vote.

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

Record Vote	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Halpin	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - Valverde
AYES		X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT	X				

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 38: Finance and Taxation of the Code Book of Ordinances and creating Section 38.04 Transactions with Persons Indebted to the City. (Thelen)

Mrs. Thelen came up and gave background on this item and stated it was to encourage those with outstanding debt to pay.

MOTION: Motion to approve.

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

Record Vote	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Halpin	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - Valverde
AYES		X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT	X				

Councilmember Lara arrived at 6:20 p.m.

- 3. Discussion and **ACTION** to approve the negotiated contract with 6S Engineering for city engineering services. (Thelen)

Mrs. Thelen gave background on this item and recommended approval.

MOTION: So, moved. (To approve 6S Engineering Services Contract)

Motion by: Councilmember Valverde Second: Councilmember Pacheco

Record Vote	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Halpin	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - Valverde
AYES	X	X	X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN					
ABSENT					

- 4. Discussion and review of the updated Strategic Planning Summary that reflects the goal prioritization plan from August 30, 2019. (Mayor/Harris)

Mr. Harris updated council with the next steps of the Strategic Plan and requested input whether this is the direction council is wanting to go.

Recommendation was made for council to be briefed every three months on the status of the plan.

5. Discussion regarding long-term improvements to dispatch. (Harris)

Mr. Harris and Police Chief Jahanara gave background on this item.

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

Department Heads gave highlights of reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

7. Announcements by City Administrator

- Thanksgiving Holiday – Nov. 28th and 29th
- Holiday Party
- 380 Agreement – Chick Fil A and Ace Cash

8. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

- Evaluation Forms to be given to Council for – City Administrator
- Councilmember Valverde request for After-Action Report meeting on the Veterans Day Event.

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

- Evaluation – City Administrator
- Comprehensive Plan Discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:03 p.m.

10. Discussion pursuant to §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) regarding status of Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations with the Balcones Heights Police Officer's Association.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: 7:31 p.m.

11. Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Balcones Heights Police Officer's Association from November 2019 through September 30, 2022.

MOTION: I make a motion that we approve the Police Officers contract as voted by the association beginning November 25, 2019 the beginning of a pay period through September 30, 2022.

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

Record Vote	Council Pl. 1 – Lara	Council Pl. 2 – Pacheco	Council Pl. 3 – Halpin	Council Pl. 4 - Gillian	Council Pl. 5 - Valverde
AYES	X		X	X	X
NAYS					
ABSTAIN		X			
ABSENT					

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

Minutest approved by council at the regular meeting held on December 16, 2019.