

City of Balcones Heights
Regular City Council Meeting
VIDEO/TELE CONFERENCE (ZOOM)
Minutes

DATE: June 22, 2020

TIME: 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Stephen Lara Gloria Cantu
 John Halpin Lamar Gillian Miguel C. Valverde

Members Absent: None

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 Gillian gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Juan Lecea – Resident of Balcones Heights – Agenda Item #4 Rental Property and Agenda Item #8 Cameras and Riot Gear

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. PUBLIC HEARING: To hear from the public regarding reimplementing the Curfew Ordinance for minors.

Public Hearing opened and closed at 6:05 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of May 18, 2020.
- b. Finance Report for the month of May 2020 (Harris)

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes, check register, and sales tax.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Gloria Cantu 5/0/0 PASSED

3. Branding Discussion – Findings on Discovery Session. (Nastasi)

Branding Presentation:

- Work Session Recap
- Top of Mind Benefits
- The Brief - Brief Inputs – Why are we doing this - Category Context - Creative Idea - Reframe Beyond Reason - Brand Truth - Cultural Context

- Next Steps – Schedule Workshop

4. Presentation and possible **ACTION** to create a Rental Property Registration Program. (Thelen/Hoyl)

Janet Thelen gave a power point presentation and background on the proposed Rental Property Registration Program.

Question and Answer period

Possible workshop in the future recommended.

MOTION: Motion to table.

Motion by: Miguel Valverde Second: Lamar Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt a resolution for an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to accept federal coronavirus relief funds from the county of Bexar and appropriate. (Harris)

City Administrator gave background on this item and gave examples of projects this fund will provide for.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the resolution and authorize Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Gloria Cantu 5/0/0 PASSED

6. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to adopt a resolution to create a Business Retention Policy. (Nastasi)

Lorenzo Nastasi gave background on this item and recommended approval of the policy.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Stephen Lara 5/0/0 PASSED

7. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to adopt a resolution to create a COVID-19 Business Relief Grant Program for local businesses. (Nastasi)

Lorenzo Nastasi gave background and suggested to funnel \$20,000.00 to local businesses.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the resolution to create this program.

Committee Appointment to review applications: Lamar Gillian and Gloria Cantu

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Stephen Lara 5/0/0 PASSED

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to amend FY 2019-2020 budget to transfer funds for Cameras and Riot gear at Justice Center. (Jahanara)

Chief Jahanara gave background on this item and stated he was still waiting for some bids and not ready for approval.

MOTION: Motion to table.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Gloria Cantu 5/0/0 PASSED

9. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending curfew for minors. (Jahanara)

Councilmember Halpin had to leave and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION: So, moved. (To approve Curfew Ordinance)

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Stephen Lara 4/0/0 PASSED

10. Discussion and **possible action** to begin a supervisory program to pick an employee quarterly and annually for recognition as outstanding. (Valverde and Gillian)

Councilmember Valverde briefed council on his recommendation to have employee recognition awards.

MOTION: I make a motion that staff develop a quarterly and annual awards program for the employees.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: Stephen Lara 4/0/0 PASSED

11. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to begin a community awards recognition event for residents. (Lara)

Councilmember Lara informed council of a recommendation to create a community recognition program.

MOTION: Motion to table.

Motion by: Stephen Lara Second: Gloria Cantu 4/0/0 PASSED

12. Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Land Use update. (Thelen/Nastasi)

An update was not available at this time.

13. Census 2020 discussion and possible action to participate in the Census Day Event. (Mayor/Gillian)

Councilmember Gillian gave update on status of the Census.

14. Finance Committee Update. (Gillian)

Councilmember Gillian gave update on the Finance Committee meeting.

15. Code Compliance Update. (Gillian, Valverde)

Councilmember Valverde gave update on a meeting held on code violations and code enforcement.

16. Discussion - Veterans Day Event. (Mayor)

Mayor de Leon appointed Councilmember Valverde as Chair of the Veterans Day Event.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

18. Announcements by City Administrator

Office Closed July 3rd for Independence Day Holiday

19. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

- AACOG Meeting announcement

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

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Council did not go into Executive Session)

21. 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: (Council did not go into Executive Session)

22. Council may act in open session on item discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

Minutes approved at the Regular City Council Meeting held July 27, 2020.