

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

DATE: August 24, 2020

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Gloria Cantu

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Meeting was called to order and quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. A. FLAG

Councilmember Lara gave the invocation and led pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Juan Lecea – Budget – Police Department Training Question
Donovon Rodriguez – Legislative Update Overview

Mayor addressed Item #4 before Item #1

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for FY ~~2019-20~~ 2020-2021

Public Hearing opened at 6:21 p.m.

Budget presentation:

- Budget Goals
- Budget Highlights
- Proposed Budget
- Change Memo – August 7th
- Change Memo – August 14th
- Change Memo – August 24th
- Total Budget
- All Funds – Revenue
- All Funds – Expenses
- Fund Balance
- General Fund
- Capital Projects
- Property Values
- Ad Valorem

- Budget Calendar

Public Hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

2. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate.

Public Hearing opened at 6:38 p.m. and closed at 6:39 p.m.

Item #5 and #6 were addressed before Item #3

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of July 16, 2020
- b. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of July 27, 2020
- c. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of July 31, 2020
- d. Finance Report for the month of July 2020 (Harris)

MOTION: Motion to approve all in their entirety.

Motion by: John Halpin Second: Lamar Gillian 4/0/0 PASSED

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Mayor addressed Item #4 before Item #1

4. Consideration and **ACTION** on an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's "Tax Notes, Series 2020" to finance the costs of repairs to city streets; levying an annual ad valorem tax within the limitations prescribed by law for the payment of the notes; and other matters in connection therewith.

Victor Quiroga, Jr., Managing Director from Specialized Public Finance Inc. gave a presentation on Tax Notes, Series 2020.

- Plan of Finance
- Tabulation of Bids
- Debt Service Schedule
- Final Term Sheet

MOTION: So, moved. (To approve ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Tax Notes, Series 2020)

Motion by: Miguel Valverde Second: John Halpin 4/0/0 PASSED

Item #1 and Item #2 Public Hearings were addressed after Item #4

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance approving the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. (Harris)

MOTION: Motion to approve. (to adopt ordinance approving budget for FY 2020-2021)

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Second: John Halpin 4/0/0 PASSED

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance to approve Tax Rate for 2020 tax year.
(Harris)

MOTION: So, moved. (to adopt ordinance approving Tax Rate for 2020 tax year)

Motion by: Miguel Valverde Second: Lamar Gillian 4/0/0 PASSED

Item #3 was addressed after Item #6

7. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to begin a community awards recognition event for residents.
(Lara) (*Tabled 7-27-2020*)

No Action.

8. Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Land Use update. (Nastasi)

- Economic Development Policy
- City Codes – Inspection Program
- Pedestrian Safety Island

9. Census 2020 discussion and possible action to encourage residents to complete census.
(Mayor/ Gillian)

- Continue to reach out to residents

10. Finance Committee Update. (Gillian)

- Continue to keep eye on budget.

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

No discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

12. Announcements by City Administrator

- Matthew Zuniga – Intern
- David Harris – Vacation
- Bexar County Sheriff's Office – Dispatch
- TML Events
- September 9th SA Mobility Coalition
- Brush Pick Up
- Street Work
- Finance Director Anthony Holland – September 21st

13. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

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

- In Person Meeting requested 😊

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

15. 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:

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

City Council did not convene in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

Minutes approved by City Council on September 28, 2020.