

City of Balcones Heights
Regular City Council Meeting
VIDEO/TELE CONFERENCE (ZOOM) and In Person
3300 Hillcrest Drive, Balcones Heights, 78201

Minutes

DATE: August 23, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Gloria Cantu Juan M. Lecea, Jr.
Lamar Gillian Miguel C. Valverde Stephen Lara

Members Absent: None

Signed in Sheet: Stanford Smith

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 Gloria Cantu gave the invocation and led pledges.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Introduction – St. Gregory’s New Principal (Cantu/Mayor)**

Councilmember Gloria Cantu came up to introduce Principal Anna Cortez.

- **Pinning of Police Officer Shawn Holmes (Will be held at a future date)**
- **Warrior Award Announcement**

Police Chief John Jahanara gave a brief report on the Warrior Award received by Officer Edgard Ortiz.

- **K-9 Retirement – Banderas**

Police Chief John Jahanara gave the background on Banderas and the K-9 program. He presented Banderas with a plaque and his own engraved dog food bowl. Sgt. Joey Sepulveda came up to speak as if Banderas was speaking and gave a speech. A Corporal from Live Oak also said a few words about the K9 Program, Banderas, and Sgt. Sepulveda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one signed up to speak.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021.
- b. Finance Report for the month of July 2021

MOTION: Motion to approve.

Motion by: Miguel Valverde Second: Gloria Cantu 5/0/0 PASSED

BUSINESS ITEMS:

2. PUBLIC HEARING on the adoption of the proposed budget for FY 2021-2022.

Public Hearing opened at 6:21 p.m.

City Administrator gave a presentation on the FY 2021/2022 budget.

No one came up to speak during the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

Council went into Executive Session before item #3 at 6:29 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 7:54 p.m.

3. Consideration and ACTION regarding election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2022-2023 – Nomination Phase.

MOTION: I make a motion to table the action on the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2022-2023.

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

4. Economic Development Report. (Nastasi)

Lorenzo Nastasi gave highlights of the meetings held by the Economic Development Corporation.

5. Strategic Plan Update. (Nastasi)

- August 6th – Dr. Lewis next steps
- Draft of update form for Strategic Plan

6. Finance Committee Update. (Gillian)

Report not available.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

8. Announcements by City Administrator

- Bulk and Brush – September 20 – 24
- Labor Day Holiday – September 6th
- Open Enrollment – Insurance
- Special Meeting – Next Monday
- TML Conference
- TML Region 7

9. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

- Fall Clean Up – Free Chain Saw
- Mr. Staewen’s Funeral attended

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

- Street Lights

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:29 p.m.

11. Discussion pursuant to §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and §551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Texas Government Code regarding dismissal of former City executive and legal guidance on resolution.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: 7:54 p.m.

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

No Action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

Minutes approved by City Council 9-27-2021