

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

Minutes

DATE: October 25, 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: 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 Stephen Lara gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no citizens signed up to be heard.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of September 8, 2021
- b. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021
- c. Finance Report for the month of September 2021

MOTION: Motion to approve in their entirety.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:

2. Consider and **ACT** upon a resolution by authorizing and approving projects and expenditures related to promoting new or expanded business development by the Balcones Heights Economic Development by the Balcones Heights Economic Development Corporation, Type B and other matters in connection therewith. (Nastasi/Binford)

Orlando "Jay" Juarez gave a briefing on this item.

This was the first reading of the Resolution and action was not taken.

3. Discussion regarding finance department payment procedures on employee wages and vendors. (Valverde)

Councilmember Valverde stated his concerns to make council aware and to work on resolving problem. There was a consensus that it should be discussed in executive session with proper agenda language.

4. Strategic Plan Update, discussion, and questions. (Valverde)

Update of pending issues –

- City Code of Ordinances
- Park Master Plan
- Fredericksburg Rd. – Control of Road and Striping
- Dark Spots in Residential Area
- Community based Neighborhood Watch Program
- Proposal transmitted to COSA
- Dr. Lewis follow up meeting

5. Discussion and possible ACTION to revise/update Ordinance 97.34 Materials and Construction. (Valverde)

Councilmember Valverde stated his concerns with requirements for driveways and offered recommendations to amend ordinance.

There was no action taken on this item.

6. Discussion regarding procedures on abatement of nuisance and update on empty lot on Gentleman. (Valverde)

This item was postponed until the Director of Community Development is present.

7. Economic Development Report. (Lorenzo Nastasi)

- EDC did not meet
- EDC/City Council Joint meeting will be held October 27th

8. Finance Committee Update. (Gillian)

Councilmember Gillian gave update on finance meeting held prior to the council meeting.

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

- PD – Statistics, Shifts, Investigators, Crime Watch
- Veteran’s Event Planning Meeting
- Jazz Fest – December 3rd

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

10. Announcements by City Administrator

- VIA (Crossroads Blvd.)

- Next Door App
- Spectrum Cable
- HJ Project
- Meeting with Consultants on Friday

11. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members

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

- Administrative Leave Update – Executive Session
- Abatement Procedure
- Striping
- EDC Resolution

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:18 p.m.

13. Discussion pursuant to §551.086 (Economic Development) regarding Project Corporate Training.

14. Discussion pursuant to §551.086 (Economic Development) of the Texas Government Code regarding Wonderland of the Americas project.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: 7:32 p.m.

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

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

Minutes approved at the Council Meeting held on November 15, 2021.