

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

Minutes

DATE: November 14, 2022

TIME: 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Stephen Lara (6:18 p.m.) Gloria Cantu
Juan M. Lecea, Jr. Lamar Gillian Miguel C. Valverde

Members Absent: None

Signed in Sheet: 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 Gloria Cantu gave the invocation and led pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no citizens signed up to be heard.

PRESENTATIONS:

Commendation: Officer James Walker (Jahanara)

Police Chief John Jahanara presented a commendation award to Officer Walker for his efforts on October 30, 2022 at the structure fire at 801 Gentleman.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of October 13, 2022
- b. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022
- c. Finance Report for the month of October 2022

MOTION: Motion to approve in their entirety.

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Seconded: Juan M. Lecea Record Vote 4/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Council will conduct a public hearing giving all interested parties the right to appear and be heard on the City Council's desire to request that the Crime Control and Prevention District Board order a referendum on the continuation of the District and sales tax of one-half of one percent for a period of twenty (20) years.

Public Hearing opened at 6:09 p.m. and closed at 6:10 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible **ACTION** on adopting a Resolution on the Continuation or Dissolution of Crime Control and Prevention District and recommending the continuation for a period of 20 years and directing the City of Balcones Heights' Crime Control and Prevention District to hold a Public Hearing to consider adding a referendum to the May 2023 Election Ballot to seek the continuation of the BHCCPD for a period of twenty (20) years.

Attorney Frank Garza gave a brief background on this matter. There was discussion and a question and answer period.

MOTION: Motion to approve. (Resolution on the continuation of BHCC&PD)

Motion by: Lamar Gillian Seconded: Gloria Cantu Record Vote: 5/0/0 PASSED

2. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to adopt resolution for the assignment of Solid Waste Municipal Franchise from C-6 Disposal Systems to Republic Services to provide solid waste collection and disposal services to the City of Balcones Heights. (Perales)

Donovon Rodriguez from Republic Services briefed council on the new agreement and services.

MOTION: Motion to accept. (Resolution for the assignment of Solid Waste Municipal Franchise with Republic Services.)

Motion by: Juan Lecea Seconded: Gloria Cantu Record Vote: 5/0/0 PASSED

3. Discussion and possible **ACTION** to consider authorizing replacement of security cameras located at the Balcones Heights Justice Center. (Jahanara)

Police Chief Jahanara briefed council on this item.

MOTION: So, moved. (Approval to replace security cameras)

Motion by: Miguel Valverde Seconded: Gloria Cantu Record Vote: 5/0/0 PASSED

4. Economic Development Corporation Summary. (Nastasi)

- Branding on hold

5. Comprehensive Land Use project update. (Thelen)

- Advisory Committee meetings
- Joint meeting with PZ and Council
- Adoption of Land Use project

6. Strategic Planning Update. (Thelen/Nastasi)

- Strategic Plan 2022
- Park Master Plan
- Community Engagement
- Citizens Fire Academy 2022
- Blue Santa 2022 – December 17th
- Brownfields Grant
- Enhancing Single Family Neighborhoods
- Code Enforcement
- Infrastructure
- New Revenue Streams

7. Finance Committee Update. (Gillian/Messick)

- Audit Ongoing
- Financial Report
- TML Workers Comp – Paid in Full

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

- Snap Report
- Fire Academy
- Code Violations Report
- Permit Reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

9. Announcements by Mayor and Council Members.

- Thanks to Mary Spence, Delia Sanchez, Lisa Merlo and anyone involved in Veterans Day Event
- Thank you Letters to Jefferson ROTC, Rev. Miguel Moreno, and Senator Melendez for certificates

10. Announcements by City Administrator.

- Economic Development Meeting at Wonderland of the Americas
- Thanksgiving Holiday

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

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

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DELIA R. SANCHEZ
City Secretary

Minutes approved at the regular city council meeting held on December 12, 2022.