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City of Rhome Minutes of Visioning/Budget Workshop April 25, 2022 6 pm – 11 pm

Goal & Purpose – *The City of Rhome completed a Comprehensive Development Plan in late 2019. The comprehensive development plan helps lay the foundations for the future planning of the City; consisting of a SWOT analysis, community engagement and the development of short- and long-term planning goals. The goal of today's workshop is for the Mayor/Council to review and provide direction:*

- ✓ *Where the City has been*
- ✓ *What the City has accomplished over the past few years*
- ✓ *Remaining priorities*
- ✓ *Identification of new priorities that have surfaced*
- ✓ *Re-prioritization of planning goals in light of current environment and conditions*
- ✓ *Set high-level expectations on upcoming budget process*

Announcements:

Josh McCabe – National Volunteer Week – Thank you to our Fire Department, and all volunteers on board in the City of Rhome.

Ashley Majors- Easter Egg Hunt- Thank you to helpers and citizens for participating

Mayor Wilson- Easter Egg Hunt- Thank you to helpers and citizens for participating,

Agenda

6 pm – Introduction – Review of Roles and Responsibilities

City Administrator for City Attorney

6:15 pm – Brainstorm/Identify City of Rhome CORE Values

City Administrator & Mayor/Council

Rhome Council members chose seven (7) words to represent the City of Rhome's CORE Values. The chosen words are: Respectful, Quality, Transparent, Service, Compassionate, Integrity, and Cost Effective.

6:45 pm – Review Comprehensive Development Plan/Departmental Accomplishments/Priorities-City Administrator

Comprehensive Development Plan – SWOT Analysis

Strengths: Location, Highways, experienced staff

Weaknesses: Lack of funding, lack of staff, disconnected neighborhoods, lack of gathering places

Opportunities: in the path of growth, historical fabric, right staff with the right skill set

Threats: division within residents, growth competition, funding

Accomplishments: Increased communication, increased accessibility, newsletter, council recaps, YouTube channel, increased efficiencies, streamlined services, financial software upgrade, records management ongoing, postcard billing,

Economic Development: Updating codes of ordinances, and zoning codes, business focus group, development review committee meetings

7:15 pm – Detailed Departmental Priorities

- Police Police Chief (15)

CORE VALUES: Duty, Integrity, Honor, Courage, and Compassion

Community Involvement: National night out, coffee with a cop, frequent neighborhood travel.

Priorities: 3 patrol vehicles, building improvements, additional personnel, auction unit 121, updating bathroom in Police Department,

- Fire/EMS Fire Chief (15)

Mission: Provide the highest level of service

CORE Values: Duty, Honor, Compassion, Service

Priorities: Paid Firefighter, Vehicle replacement plan, Brush Truck 217, Bunker Gear, inside personal lockers, Radio Upgrades

- Public Works Public Works Director (30)
 - Water/Wastewater
 - Streets/Drainage
 - Parks

Goal: Enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors. Provide the highest quality of service.

Strengths: Master plan is Completed, experienced/ knowledgeable staff, Alternate Power in sewer plants, new equipment coming

Priorities: Seek funding for the West Sewer plant, seek funding to replace old sewer lines, Well 6, Drilling Wells, Diversifying our water supply, Emergency switches for water supply

- Municipal Court Municipal Court Clerk (10)

Goal: Move to digital case files- purchase scanner, Destruction of closed case files in storage, Audio/Video/Telephonic equipment.

Mayor Wilson left the meeting at 9 p.m.

9:15 pm – Bond Debt Discussion City Administrator

City administrator went over the debt the City of Rhome has. 2016 GO bond will reach final maturity in September 2025. 2017 Tax Note will reach final maturity in September 2024. 2019 GO Bond will reach final maturity in August 2044. Total outstanding debt including interest is \$4, 968,352

9:45 pm – Facility Scenarios City Administrator

City Administrator Northrop went over the different options we have with facilities the city still has, and the growth coming providing more options for space as Rolling V Ranch houses police and fire by 2026-2027. Remodeling the old bank building on First street and moving public works into a metal building in 2025.

10:30 pm – Mayor/Council Discussion, High-level Feedback and Direction


Council agrees the things asked for were not unreasonable requests. We need to come up with what is absolutely necessary to stay within a reasonable budget.

10:45 pm – Wrap Up/Budget Calendar

City administrator Northrop went over the budget calendar and pointed out the important dates.

11 pm – Adjourn


Council member Eason made a motion to adjourn, Council member Tye seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



MAYOR PRO TEM

Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

