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Mayor Pro-Tem,
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Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Kathy Konegni

Place 5
Patrick Meehan

City
Administrator
Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director
Sean Densmore

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Executive Session: 6pm

Regular Session: 7pm

Meeting Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum – 6pm

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Convene into Executive Session – 6pm

Pursuant to the following designated section of the Texas Government Code, Annotated, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act), the Council may convene into executive session to discuss the following:

- A. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
- B. Section 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property - purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person
- C. Section 551.074 Personnel – discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or hear complaint or charge against officer or employee in executive session unless officer or employee requests a public hearing
- D. Section 551.087 – Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations – to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations

Reconvene into Regular Session – 7pm

- E. Discussion and any necessary action as a result of Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Invocation

City Administrator Northrop led the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One state under God, One and indivisible

Council member Konegni led the pledges

Public Comments

1. *The Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any comments made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. However, a Council Member or Mayor may make a statement of fact regarding the item, make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item and/or may propose that the item be placed on a future agenda or direct the City Administrator to contact the individual to address. If you are attending the meeting via **Live Streaming**, and you would like to make a Public Comment, you must email the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofrhome.com prior to **4 pm on the day of meeting** and must identify each subject you plan to present to be recognized.*
2. *If the writer of a Public Comment wants someone to read the letter, it will only be read by the City Secretary and must be emailed prior (email above) to 4 pm on the day of the meeting.*
3. *Public Comments made in person require the speaker to submit the sign-up form to the City Secretary prior to the meeting, and the form must identify each subject the speaker plans to present.*
4. *A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks, or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign, or slander any individuals shall be cause for termination of time privileges and removal from Council Chambers.*
 - *Deborah BeCraft*
 - *Lisa Ann Wilson*
 - *JoAnn Wilson*
 - *Sam Eason*
 - *Shirly Mize*
 - *Ashley Majors*
 - *Donna DeGarmo*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- May 30, 2022 – City offices closed for Memorial Day
- June 11, 2022 – 11am – 3pm – Splash Days at Fire Department
- Council Meeting June 9, 2022

Regular Agenda – New Business

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Dawson Geophysical Company's request for permission for 3-D Geographical seismic survey **(City Administrator)**

Dawson made a presentation and answered questions from council and fielded questions from those in attendance. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to table the item for additional information, Council member Tye seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Certificate of Appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director **(Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe read the proclamation for outgoing Public Works Director, Sean Densmore. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to award the Public Works Director with a Certificate of Appreciation. Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding adjusting water bill as a result of vandalism **(City Administrator)**

Council stated homeowners need to file vandalism through their homeowners/ renter insurance. Council member Meehan made a motion to deny the request, Council member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding budget amendments **(City Administrator)**
City Administrator answered questions, providing additional information. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Michelle Tye seconded. After additional discussion about more information, the motioner and seconder agreed to withdraw their respective motion and second. Mayor Pro-Tem tabled the item for the next meeting to provide additional information and Council Member Meehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Discussion and any necessary action approving the purchase of four police vehicles for FY 2022-2023 **(Police Chief)**

City Administrator and Police Chief provided background information on the item, reminding Council of the presentation during the Vision-Budget Workshop and the necessity of submitting the order for the vehicles prior to budget decision due to the supply chain crisis. Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 vehicles for the Police Department, with the option to cancel one in the allotted timeframe if necessary. Council member Priest seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voted 4-1 Meehan against.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding establishing city email addresses for Mayor/Council Members **(Mayor)**

Council member Priest made a motion to provide Mayor and Council with city email addresses. Council member Meehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

(Agenda items are due by 5 pm on the Wednesday of the week prior to the council meeting)

Mayor Mitchell- Re-arrange time of Executive session and Regular Session

Priest- Research modifying Grandy's Sign, start looking at facilities, summer intern

Adjourn

Council member Tye made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council member Konegni seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

