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Mayor
Patricia Mitchell

City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem,
Place 1
Josh McCabe

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
Michelle
DiCredico

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022

Regular Session: 6 pm

Executive Session: Immediately Following Regular Session

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

Regular Session: 6 pm

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum –

Invocation

Pastor Van Zandt 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

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 – 240 W Second Street*

Convene into Executive Session –

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
 - City Administrator
- 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

Mayor Mitchell convened into executive session at 6:06 pm

Reconvene into Regular Session

Mayor Mitchell reconvened into regular session at 6:56 pm

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

Council Member Konegni left the meeting at 7:05 pm

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the separation agreement as negotiated with the City Administrator, Cynthia Northrop. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1, Council Member Meehan against.

Council Member Priest made a motion to approve Eric Debus to serve as the Interim City Administrator at a salary of \$105,600.00. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1, Council Member Meehan against.

Council Member Priest made a motion to approve a contract between the City of Rhome and Cynthia Northrop at \$50.00 per hour for consultation services August 5, 2022 to February 28, 2023. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1, Council Member Meehan against.

Council Member Priest made a motion for Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, to report to Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1, Meehan against


Council Member Priest made a motion to appoint identical Mayoral duties to Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1, Council Member Meehan against.

Future Agenda Items

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

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Priest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom

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City Secretary

