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Mayor Pro-Tem,
Place 1
Josh McCabe

Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Kathy Konegni

Place 5
Patrick Meehan

Interim City
Administrator
Eric Debus

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Michelle
DiCredico

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 11, 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

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum –

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm

Invocation – Pastor Ricky Harrison

Pastor Ricky Harrison 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.*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- Back-to-School Kick-OFF Event- Waypoint Church @ 4 pm – 170 BC Rhome
- Planning and Zoning Special Meeting August 22, 2022 at 6 pm
- City Council Meeting August 25, 2022 at 6 pm

Consent Agenda

All items under this section are recommended for approval for the Consent Agenda. These items are of a routine nature and require only brief deliberation by Council. Council reserves the right to remove any item on the Consent Agenda for further deliberation.

- A. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated July 28, 2022 **(City Secretary)**
- B. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated August 4, 2022 **(City Secretary)**

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Council Member Priest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes

All items under this section are for informational purposes only; no action will be taken by Council.

- C. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police and Public Works (Department Heads)

Regular Agenda – New Business

- D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Amendments 2, 3, 4 and Resolution associated with Amendment 3, to PMB (RVR) Developer’s Agreement **(City Administrator)**

Council Member Priest made a motion to accept the amendments and resolution as presented. Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding adding Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, as authorized signer to all Pinnacle and Wells Fargo City of Rhome bank accounts **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to add Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, as an authorized signer on all Pinnacle and Wells Fargo accounts. Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding IT services for the remainder of FY 2021-2022 **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion for interim City administrator, Eric Debus, to enter into negotiations for IT services for the remainder on 2021-2022, and going into the 2022-2023 budget. Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding FY 2022-2023 Budget **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Mitchell requested FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget actuals before proceeding. No action was taken.

- H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding East Waste Water Treatment Plant Construction close out documents **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the close out documents as presented. Council member Priest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance for Water Rate increase approved by Council and setting effective date **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the Water Rate Increase Ordinance as presented. Council member Priest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

- J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding drainage project **(City Administrator)**

After lengthy discussion regarding improving the drainage on Mount Lane in Ellis Homestead to correct the flow of water, currently causing damage to the road, Council member Meehan made a motion to table the item until next scheduled council meeting. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Signatory authority at Pinnacle and Wells Fargo for all City of Rhome accounts, removing Cynthia Northrop **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to remove former City Administrator, Cynthia Northrop, from all bank accounts at Pinnacle and Wells Fargo. Council member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- L. Discussion and necessary action to secure access to city resources and assets. **(Mayor)**

Council Member Priest made a motion to change all passwords and access codes. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- M. Discussion and necessary action to appoint a secondary individual with computer access to City files/records. **(Mayor)**

City Secretary, Shaina Odom, has the access requested. No action was taken.

- N. Discussion and necessary action regarding council directives of mayor's responsibilities. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Mitchell stated she was confused on who takes care of what after the August 4, 2022 meeting. Council Member Priest explained, the mayor did not lose any powers. The city Council voted and gave the Mayor Pro-Tem mimicking powers of the mayor, and the Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, would report directly to the Mayor Pro-Tem. No action was taken

- O. Discussion and necessary action to advertise, interview, hire City Admin position. **(Mayor)**

Council was presented many options to hire a new City Administrator. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to conduct an internal search, advertise and hire with a panel put together by the Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- P. Discussion and necessary action to reconsider the three contracts council approved August 4, 2022. **(Mayor)**

No action was taken.

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:

- Q. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
- R. 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
- S. 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
- T. 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

Future Agenda Items

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

Adjourn

Patricia Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom

Shaina Odom
City Secretary

