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Place 1
Josh McCabe

Place 2
Kenny Crenshaw

Place 4
Sam Eason

Place 5
Leeanne
Mackowski

City
Administrator
Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney
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City Secretary
Shannon
Montgomery

Fire Chief
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief
Sam Love

Public Works
Director
Sean Densmore

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Location: VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, called roll, and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Priest
Council Member Josh McCabe

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw
Council Member Sam Eason
Council Member Leeanne Mackowski

City Staff Present:

City Administrator Cynthia Northrop
City Attorney James Donovan
City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Municipal Court Clerk Kristi Adams
Police Chief Sam Love
Public Works Director Sean Densmore

Public Presentations and Input

Council received public presentations from the following:

- Jennifer Wilson, 201 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas
- Stephanie Miller, 111 Cheyenne Trail South, Newark, Texas
- Becky Goodgion, 217 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas
- Jo Ann Wilson, 240 West First Street, Rhome, Texas
- Lisa Ann Wilson, 240 West First Street, Rhome, Texas - read by Jo Ann Wilson
- Kristi King, 207 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas
- Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second, Rhome, Texas
- Stasia Crunk, 215 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas
- Shirley Mize, 170 Russell, Rhome, Texas - read by City Secretary

Mayor Pittman Di Credico made a point of clarification stating that the bond signs referenced in the Public Presentations are not City sponsored signs.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

A. October 2020 Events:

- Annual Fall Clean up Dumpster Days – Location behind Community Center at 261 N. School Road (Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24, 2020, 8 am until full)
- Annual Trunk or Treat – Location changed to 261 N. School Road (Saturday, October 31, 2020, 6 – 8:30 pm)

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced the listed October 2020 Events and stated that City of Rhome residents will not vote on the Rolling V ballot as placed in the Wise County Messenger - Rolling V is separate from the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Priest stated there will be a resident sponsored spring plant sale benefitting the Rhome Beautification Fund.

Council Member McCabe congratulated Officer Pradia on his life-saving actions while on a call.

Monthly Staff Reports

B. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police, and Public Works

C. Boards: Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

No action taken.

Regular Session – Old Business

D. Update, discussion and any necessary action regarding latest developments for COVID-19 and mitigation efforts and actions within the City

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the Governor extended his Disaster Proclamation on October 7, 2020.

E. Update, discussion and any necessary action regarding progress made on New Website Project

Di Credico announced that the new website went live last week and thanked Staff for their work on the new website.

F. Update, discussion, and any necessary action regarding Municipal Complex Project including authorization for RFP to be issued

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, approving Staff to prepare an RFP for the Municipal Complex Project, contingent upon the passing of the bond election, to be able to proceed in a timely fashion.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Eason asked the Mayor if Agenda Item P could be moved forward. Mayor Pittman Di Credico moved Agenda Item P forward:

P. Update and presentation by Northwest ISD Superintendent Dr. Ryder Warren on the State of the District, Voter Approval Tax Rate Election and Bond Election

Mayor Pittman Di Credico introduced Dr. Warren, who updated and addressed questions from Council on the State of the District, Voter Approval Tax Rate Election and Bond Election.

(City Secretary Note: presentation to be included with final set of minutes.)

G. Update, discussion and any necessary action regarding Master Thoroughfare Plan Project

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced there will be a Master Thoroughfare Steering Committee meeting next week.

H. Update, discussion and any necessary action regarding Parks Master Plan Project

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that there would be a Parks Master Plan Steering Committee meeting this week to discuss UTA's report on the Parks Master Plan, which will also come before Council at the October 22, 2020 meeting.

Council Member McCabe recused himself from Agenda Item I:

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposed amendment of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Section 33A, "OTR – OLD TOWN RHOME" by amending the boundaries of the overlay district

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded Council that this agenda item was tabled from the last meeting and this agenda item is to discuss the proposed boundary change. If Council wished to make changes to the proposed boundary, the process would need to start over – notification, Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing, and Council Public Hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed boundary, purpose of the overlay district and removing the overlay district. Consensus of Council was to not take any action.

No action taken, discussion only.

Council Member McCabe returned to the meeting.

Public Hearing

J. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Carport at property being described as Legal: Acres: 0.209, Lot: 2, Blk: 1, Subd: ROLLING HILLS ADDITION also known as 321 Redbud, Rhome, Texas 76078

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated due to the rescheduling of this Council Meeting from October 8, 2020 to October 13, 2020, the Public Hearing needed to be rescheduled to the October 22, 2020 Council Meeting.

Regular Session – New Business

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a request for a Carport at legal property being Legal: Acres: 0.209, Lot: 2, Blk: 1, Subd: ROLLING HILLS ADDITION also known as 321 Redbud, Rhome, Texas 76078

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to table this agenda item to the October 22, 2020 Council Meeting.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Mackowski recused herself from Agenda Item L:

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a proposed Preliminary Plat for Rolling V Ranch, RVR No. 2 Phases 1-2, being described as 186.19 acres, 513 lots, 2.76 lots/AC, 68.90 AC, 19 open spaces out of the Smith County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 743 in the City of Rhome ETJ, Wise County, Texas as requested by PMB Rolling V Land, LP

City Administrator Northrop provided backup stating that this plat is in the City's ETJ, it has been reviewed by Staff, including the Engineer and all, including P&Z recommend approval and that it meets all criteria and requirements. Northrop also stated that the approval of this plat is a ministerial duty.

Council Member Eason stated he understands that this item is ministerial. Eason referred to the comments that were made during Public Presentations and asked Mr. Pincoffs if there was anyway to request green space between his new development and Rhome's existing neighborhoods. Pincoffs stated no, the plats have already been designed and the lots have been sold.

Mayor Pro Tem Priest asked about the pending traffic congestion along FM3433. Pincoffs relayed that they have been in conversations with TXDOT, surrounding cities, and NISD regarding the traffic issues. Pincoffs continued by saying traffic studies will be required and PMB will be responsible for any improvements these traffic studies find.

Council Member Crenshaw reiterated Council Member Eason's question regarding the lots abutting existing neighborhoods. Pincoffs stated again, not at this time.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve Preliminary Plat for Rolling V Ranch, RVR No. 2 Phases 1-2, being described as 186.19 acres, 513 lots, 2.76 lots/AC, 68.90 AC, 19 open spaces out of the Smith County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 743 in the City of Rhome ETJ, Wise County, Texas as presented.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Against
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	recused

Motion carried 3-1-1 with Council Members McCabe, Priest and Eason voting for, Council Member Crenshaw voting against and Council Member Mackowski recused.

Council Member Mackowski returned to the meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Priest recused herself from Agenda Item M:

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a proposed Preliminary Plat for Rolling V Ranch, RVR No. 1 Phases 1-3, being described as 219.23 acres, 697 lots, 3.18 lots/AC, 31 open spaces, approximately 51.06 AC out of the James B. Farnsworth Survey, Abstract No. 1417 & 991, Jacob Moffatt Survey, Abstract No. 554, Smith County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 743 in the City of Rhome ETJ, Wise County, Texas as requested by PMB Rolling V Land, LP

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to approve Preliminary Plat for Rolling V Ranch, RVR No. 1 Phases 1-3, being described as 219.23 acres, 697 lots, 3.18 lots/AC, 31 open spaces, approximately 51.06 AC out of the James B. Farnsworth Survey, Abstract No. 1417 & 991, Jacob Moffatt Survey, Abstract No. 554, Smith County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 743 in the City of Rhome ETJ, Wise County, Texas as presented.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Against
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	recused
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Against

After Council Member Eason restated that this plat is ministerial, Council Member Mackowski changed her vote to Aye.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico clarified the votes:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Against
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	recused
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried 3-1-1 with Council Members McCabe, Mackowski and Eason voting for, Council Member Crenshaw voting against and Mayor Pro Tem Priest recused.

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding accepting resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and filling vacancies of the same

City Administrator Northrop stated that the City received Robert Coleman's resignation letter.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Eason, to accept the resignation of Robert Coleman.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Eason, to remove filling vacancies of the Planning & Zoning Commission and advertise the vacancies.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding annual review of employee benefits

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the benefit renewals came in and there is a ten percent increase in the cost of the medical insurance benefit, which was what was placed in the budget.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the employee benefits with the ten percent increase.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Q. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated September 24, 2020

R. Interlocal Agreement with Wise County to provide emergency services by Rhome Fire Rescue

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

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:

- S. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
 - a. Negotiations with City of Newark for proposed split of City of Fort Worth extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) within Rolling V Development
 - b. ByWell Planned Development
- T. 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
- U. 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 public
- V. 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 Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 8:36pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 9:21pm.

No action taken as result of Executive Session.

Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that Council Member Crenshaw's request for traffic concerns along Main Street and BC Rhome would be included on the next agenda.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to adjourn.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

Minutes approved the 22nd day of October 2020.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary