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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

Interim Fire Chief
Michelle Di
Credico

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MUNITES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 8, 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. Council Member Meehan was late to the meeting. *Council Member Meehan Joined the meeting during Public Comment*

Invocation – Pastor Heath Van Zandt

Pastor Heath 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.*
 - *Michelle DiCredico – 202 Cheyenne Trail N*
 - *Ashley Majors – 200 Dogwood*
 - *Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street*
 - *Tommie Eason - 1107 Mount Lane*
 - *JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street*

- Donna DeGarmo – 104 Kensington Court
- Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- Bulk Trash Pick-Up – First Tuesday of Each Month

Consent Agenda (Estimated 2 minutes)

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. Resolution and Ordinance approving Rate Tariffs between the Atmos Steering Committee and the Atmos Energy Corporation **(City Secretary)**

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve, Council Member Meehan 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.

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

Item was tabled until next scheduled council meeting.

Public Hearing

- C. Rhome City Council to conduct Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing at 6:26 pm.

- Steve Knight – 1313 Prairie Point Drive
- Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second Street

Mayor Mitchell closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 pm.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

- D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance No. 2022-17 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, Record Vote Required **(City Administrator)**

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$86,054, which is a 9.67% increase, and of that amount \$3,563.81 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget, Council Member Priest seconded the motion. Record Vote:

McCabe – Aye

Tye – Aye

Priest- Aye

Konegni – Aye

Meehan - Aye

- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance No. 2022-18 ratifying ad valorem property tax revenue reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 Annual Budget Record Vote Required (City Administrator)

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE BY 9.67 PERCENT AND WILL LOWER TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$32.04

Council Member Priest made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Tax rate, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Record Vote:

McCabe – Aye

Tye – Aye

Priest- Aye

Konegni – Aye

Meehan - Aye

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding IT services (City Administrator)

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion for Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, to execute the contract for IT services, Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda – New Business

- G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding House Bill 2840 (Priest)

Council Member Priest presented her ideas on removing “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” in the public comments section of the agenda. Council Member Priest made a motion to no longer require the City Secretary to read public comments. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Convene into Executive Session – No executive session was held.

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:

- H. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
- I. 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
- J. 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
- K. 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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shaina Odom
City Secretary

