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**RHOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Date: July 25th, 2017

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pittman Di Credico.

Call roll to establish a quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced a quorum of council members were present. Those present included Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico, Council Member Sam Eason, Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski, Council Member Colton Lorance, Council Member Charles Pennington and Council Member Kenny Crenshaw. City Staff present included City Attorney Carvan Adkins, Fire Chief Darrell Fitch, Public Works Director Lance Petty and City Engineer Eddie Aguilar. Police Chief Sam Love was not present due to a training class.

Invocation

Council Member-Elect Kenny Crenshaw gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced that the Citizen Presentation forms that were turned in on July 13, 2017 prior to the council meeting that was cancelled due to lack of quorum would be honored at this meeting in the order received that night along with the new ones turned in on July 25, 2017.

The first citizen presentation from 7/13/17 was from Kim McGilvray regarding water. She was not present to give a presentation.

The second citizen presentation from 7/13/17 was from Terry Hand regarding the tow contract. Mr. Hand requested to speak when the agenda item was reached. Mr. Hand had also turned in a citizen presentation form for 7/25/17.

The third citizen presentation from 7/13/17 was from Joann Wilson regarding ordinance enforcement. Ms. Wilson had also turned in a citizen presentation form for 7/25/17 regarding Rhome.

The fourth, fifth and sixth citizen presentations from 7/13/17 were from Deborah Becraft regarding the upcoming election, Veteran's event and water rates. She was not present to give a presentation.

The seventh citizen presentation from 7/13/17 was from Fabiola Valdez was regarding city ordinances and water issue. Mr. Valdez also turned in a citizen presentation form regarding a complaint.

The eighth citizen presentation from 7/13/17 was from Ashley Majors regarding code of ordinances. Mr. Majors also turned in a citizen presentation form regarding the mayor pro tem.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Oath of Office for Council Member Place 2 – Kenny Crenshaw

Mr. Crenshaw was sworn in by Mayor Pittman Di Credico.

Public Hearing

A. Zoning Change Request – 300 Chisolm; J. MOFFATT A-554 VOL. 884. P.92, O.P.R.W.C.T 1.797 Acres

Mayor Pittman Di Credico opened the public hearing at 7:17 pm for public comment. No one in the public had a comment on this item. Mayor Pittman Di Credico closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

Convene into Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary actions on the above-referenced items as a result of the Public Hearing

Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski made a motion to approve the zoning change request. Council Member Colton Lorange seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of June 27th, 2017

B. Department Head Reports – Police, Fire, Public Works, Administration and Court

C. Board Minutes/Reports – Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning

Council Member Sam Eason made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 5-0. The motion passed.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

A. Discussion and any necessary action regarding selection of mayor pro tem for one year term

Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski made a motion to appoint Sam Eason as mayor pro tem. Council Member Colton Lorange seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 4-1 with Council Member Charles Pennington voting against. The motion passed.

B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding authorizing change of signatures on bank accounts

Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski made a motion to authorize the changing of signatures on the bank accounts to add the mayor pro tem and the city secretary. Council Member Colton Lorange seconded the motion. The vote to authorize was 4-1 with Council Member Charles Pennington voting against. The motion passed.

C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding assigning one council member without bank signatory authority to regularly review and approve monthly bank reconciliations

Mayor Pittman Di Credico said that we needed to have one of the council member review the monthly bank reconciliations and it should be someone who was not an authorized signatory on the bank account. Council Member Colton Lorange volunteered to be responsible for this.

D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding appointment for City Secretary position

Mayor Pittman Di Credico said that she was requesting council to confirm her appointment of Shannon Montgomery for the City Secretary position. Mayor Pro Tem Sam Eason made a motion to approve the appointment. Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski seconded the motion. The vote to approve the appointment was 5-0. The motion passed.

E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding contract for towing services including bid packages on the same

Mayor Pittman Di Credico requested all questions regarding the towing companies should be sent to the City Secretary email address and those questions would be forwarded to the Police Chief and Fire Chief for written responses.

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Eason made a motion to table to the 8/10/17 council meeting for further questions from the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Council Member Kenny Crenshaw seconded the motion. The vote to table the item was 5-0. The motion passed.

F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding current fiscal year budget for prosecutor fees

Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski made a motion to table to the 8/10/17 council meeting for a budget amendment ordinance to be drafted. Council Member Kenny Crenshaw seconded the motion. The vote to table the item was 5-0. The motion passed.

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding renewal of Atmos Franchise Agreement which expires August 2017

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw made a motion to approve renewing the agreement. Council Member Charles Pennington seconded the motion. The vote to approve the renewal was 5-0. The motion passed.

Regular Agenda – New Business

A. Discussion and any necessary action regarding preliminary plat for 300 Chisolm; J. MOFFATT A-554 VOL. 844. P.92, O.P.R.W.C.T 1.797 Acres

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Eason made a motion to approve the preliminary plat. Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski seconded the motion. The vote to approve the preliminary plat was 5-0. The motion passed.

B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance for rate increase from Walnut Creek from \$5.85 per thousand gallons to \$5.93 per thousand gallons for water customers

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw made a motion to approve the rate increase. Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski seconded the motion. The vote to approve as 5-0. The motion passed.

C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding setting a date for a workshop for discussion of the city's 5-year plan

Mayor Pittman Di Credico suggested some possible dates for a workshop. The council agreed on a workshop set for July 31, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding capital improvements and funding for the same

Mayor Pittman Di Credico discussed the option of a Tax Note bond for funding several capital improvement projects for the upcoming year which included renovation of the city hall, municipal court and council chambers, automatic meter readers for all current water customers, and early warning storm sirens. She indicated that the city was paying off a bond and that a bond option was available which would not raise the tax rate nor require voter approval although she indicated that the public should have an opportunity to comment on the bond. Mayor Pittman Di Credico also mentioned that a building on Main Street was also for sale and could possibly be an option for a city hall site. Everyone agreed to discuss this further at the workshop on July 31st. No action was taken regarding the proposed capital improvements.

E. Presentation and discussion regarding draft budget for fiscal year 2017-2018

Mayor Pittman Di Credico presented council members with a draft copy of the proposed budget as prepared by herself and all the department heads. She also presented a summary list of the major changes or requests for the budget. After going through the summary list, she encouraged council members to take the budget provided and go through prior to the next meeting. No action was taken regarding the draft budget.

Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for future agenda items. A developer's agreement was requested.

Adjourn

Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Colton Lorange seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a 5-0 for vote. Mayor Pittman Di Credico adjourned the meeting at 9:19 pm.

Minutes approved this 10th day of August, 2017.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico
Michelle Pittman Di Credico, Mayor

Shannon Montgomery
Shannon Montgomery, City Secretary