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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 pm

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm., announced a quorum present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Eason

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw

Council Member Elaine Priest

Council Member Leeanne Mackowski

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Charles Pennington

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Carvan Adkins

Police Chief Sam Love

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Public Works Director Lance Petty

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items.

Cathy Coffee, 1102 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas addressed the Council and audience and invited all to attend the Candidate Debate that she is hosting on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Chisholm Trail Church located at 300 Chisholm Creek Parkway.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded the audience of the NISD Big Event, and the City's Annual Spring Cleanup Event are being held on Saturday, April 14, 2018. She also stated that the City Council would be holding a Special Session on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm. She also reminded the Council and audience of appropriate conduct.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of March 27, 2018

B. Department Reports: Police, Fire, Public Works, Municipal Court, and Administration

C. Board Minutes: Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Commission

Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding adopting 2018 proposed revisions to the City of Rhome Personnel Manual and Employee Handbook adopted July 11, 2013 revised September 12, 2013

Mayor Pittman Di Credico showed the Council the draft copy of the personnel manual and stated that the City Attorney still needs to review and that the draft would be brought back to Council at the April 24, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Regular Agenda – New Business

E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the City's Land Use Map

Mayor Pittman Di Credico moved forward as representatives from Kimley-Horn were not in attendance.

F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding implementing Impact Fees

City Attorney Adkins provided Council with copies of a sample ordinance and presentation regarding Impact Fees. Adkins asked that the Council review the information, showing the process and outline of what needs to be done if Council chooses to implement Impact Fees. The first step would be to draft a Statement of Qualifications of an Engineer for an Impact Study, and then the Council would choose an engineer from the Statement of Qualifications to create the impact study.

Motion Made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Priest, authorizing the Mayor to move forward and create the Statement of Qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding review of the various zoning classifications

Mayor Pro Tem Eason asked for this agenda item and would like to begin discussions of various zoning classifications. Eason would like to have the Planning & Zoning Commission perform a Comprehensive review of the Zoning Ordinance. City Attorney Adkins recommended that Mayor Pro Tem Eason prioritize which districts the Planning & Zoning Commission should start with and suggested starting with three or four.

H. Presentation and discussion regarding the Mayor's State of the City address

Mayor Pittman Di Credico presented Council and the audience with her State of the City address.

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding replacing/repairing Public Works vehicle

Mayor Pittman Di Credico shared that the Public Works 1999 Ford Ranger is no longer working and that Public Works needs to purchase a new vehicle. Mayor Pittman Di Credico continued stating that she would prefer to finance the vehicle and that the least expensive quote was around \$25,000 for a fleet truck.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to proceed with financing for a new fleet truck for the Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance for quarterly budget amendments

Mayor Pittman Di Credico presented the quarterly budget amendments, emphasizing that the budget has not changed, just reallocating the funds to appropriate line items.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding legal fees

Mayor Pro Tem Eason requested this agenda item and stated that he is in no way unhappy with the quality of work of the City Attorney. Mayor Pittman Di Credico shared her evaluation of legal fees, going back to 2015 when the City Council hired the current firm.

Discussions ensued regarding legal fees and Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded Council that the legal fees are only three percent of the overall budget.

No action taken, discussion only.

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Old School Building asbestos removal and renovation/demolition

Mayor Pittman Di Credico updated the Council on the progress of the asbestos removal at the Old School Building and read the engineer's report on the structure of the building.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to authorize the Mayor to bid for roof testing from a geotechnical firm. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of 11 cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, approving a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of 11 cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pro Tem Eason stated he would like to continue with the Planning & Zoning joint workshops to review the City's zoning.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Priest, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Minutes approved the 24th day of April 2018.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary