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Place 4
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Place 5
Leeanne
Mackowski

City
Administrator
Joe Ashton

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City Secretary
Shannon
Montgomery

Fire Chief
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief
Sam Love

Public Works
Director
Lance Petty

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019

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. 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 Joe Ashton
City Attorney Carvan Adkins
Administrative Assistant Julie Rutherford

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch
Police Chief Sam Love
Public Works Director Lance Petty

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items.

There were no Citizen Presentations made.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

There were no announcements made.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the Executive Session would be later in the meeting and moved to the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda

E. Minutes of December 13, 2018 City Council Regular Session

F. City's 2019 Calendar of Events

G. Resolution naming the official newspaper of the City for the 2019 calendar year

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports

H. Departments: Administration, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police and Public Works

I. Boards: Parks & Recreation Board and Planning & Zoning Commission

There was no discussion regarding the Monthly Staff reports.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

J. Presentation and discussion regarding Linebarger Attorneys at Law for Court Collection Services

Linebarger Representative, Corey Fickes, stated that there are approximately 5600 outstanding cases. Linebarger will take over collection services on January 15, 2019. All technology is performed in-house, nothing is subcontracted. The thirty percent collection fee covers everything. Mr. Fickes addressed questions from Council.

No action taken, discussion only.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Resolution for the creation of an economic development corporation (EDC)

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that Staff has more work to do before presenting this to Council; she would like to defer this item to a future meeting.

Staff addressed questions from Council and Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked that Council send any concerns regarding this to City Administrator Ashton.

No action taken, discussion only.

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding University of Texas at Arlington proposal for updating Comprehensive Plan, including funding

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that this item will be deferred to the quarterly budget amendment item being presented at the next Council meeting.

No action taken, discussion only.

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposed RFP for Old School Building renovation including but not limited to securing building

Mayor Pittman Di Credico updated Council that the City Engineer is still working on the specifications for the RFP.

No action taken, discussion only.

Regular Agenda – New Business

N. Discussion and presentation from Heritage Girls on flagpole and drop box for flag retirement

The Heritage Girls would like to pay for a flagpole and a collection box, along with landscaping to install at the Family Park. The Flag would need to have a dedicated light source.

Discussion ensued, consensus is that this item would need to be discussed with Staff prior to a motion being made.

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding agreement with P3

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the only item on the current agreement is the name on the contract; nothing else is being changed.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Presentation and discussion regarding Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) and other development initiatives

Mary Petty provided a presentation to Council regarding the creation of PIDs and addressed questions from the Council.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 8:12 pm.

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:

- A. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney - Prairie Point Development, Rolling V Development*
- B. 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*
- C. 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 hearing*

Mayor Pittman reconvened into regular session at 9:08 pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

- D. Discussion and any necessary action as a result of Executive Session*

No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

Regular Agenda – New Business

- Q. Discussion and any necessary action regarding agreement for purchase of new electroshock defense weapons (TASERs) for police officers and funding of the same*

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to purchase the TASERs. Motion carried unanimously.

- R. Discussion and any necessary action regarding all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of “City of Rhome, Texas, General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2019”, including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds*

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Eason, to approve Ordinance No 2019-01. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 01

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of “CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2019,” specifying the terms and features of said bonds; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said bonds; and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, payment and delivery of said bonds, including the approval and execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, a Purchase Agreement, and the approval and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement pertaining thereto; and providing an effective date.

Future Agenda Items

Council Member McCabe requested an agenda item regarding alcohol consumption at city parks.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Minutes approved the 26th day of February 2019.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor

Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary

