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Josh McCabe

**Place 2**  
Kenny Crenshaw

**Place 4**  
Sam Eason

**Place 5**  
Leeanne  
Mackowski

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**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, February 14, 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

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch

Police Sergeant Brody Brown

Police Officer Geoffrey Pradia

Police Officer Jason Holt

Police Officer Robert Smith

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**

Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas addressed the Council and asked for a future update from Council in regards to the City's Gas and Oil Leases sales tax reimbursements and how that was affecting the City's budget.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico responded by stating that the City has not been affected by the Gas and Oil Leases sales tax reimbursement.

### **Announcements from Mayor and Council Members**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico thanked everyone for attending the meeting on Valentine's Day.

#### ***A. Police Chief Love introduction of Officer Jason Holt and Officer Geoffrey Pradia***

Police Sergeant Brody Brown introduced both Officer Jason Holt and Officer Geoffrey Pradia and each Officer provided a brief background of their training.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced she was bringing forward a few agenda items prior to the Executive Session:

***R. Presentation, discussion and any necessary action regarding the March 30, 2019 NISD Big Event***

Debbie Schneeman gave a brief background of the NISD Big Event and provided how residents can request projects.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico also announced that this event is being held in conjunction with Rhome's Spring Clean Up and that the City will have dumpsters available.

***J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the proposal from American Heritage Girls on flagpole and drop box for flag retirement***

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to allow a flag collection receptacle to be placed at the Veterans Park. Motion carried unanimously.

***L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding City bank account including authorizing creation of separate bank account for 2019 bond proceeds and authorizing investment of funds according to investment policy and financial advisor recommendations***

Mica Owens, Hilltop Securities, presented investment opportunities for the Bond proceeds, provided recommendations to Council, and addressed questions from Council.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that she would like to continue this discussion in Executive Session to receive advice from the City Attorney.

***T. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a contractually required rate increase from Waste Connections for solid waste collection***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the City received a request for a contractually required rate increase from Waste Connections for solid waste collection.

Brian Culhane, with Waste Connections introduced himself to Council and provided answers to their Questions.

No action taken.

**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:***

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

**Reconvene into Regular Session**

Mayor Pittman reconvened into regular session at 8:57 pm.

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

No action as a result of Executive Session.

**Consent Agenda**

***F. Minutes of January 10, 2019 City Council Regular Session***

***G. Minutes of January 22, 2019 City Council Regular Session***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico requested that the Consent Agenda items be postponed until the February 26, 2019 Meeting.

**Monthly Staff Reports**

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

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes would be postponed until the February 26, 2019 Meeting.

**Regular Agenda – Old Business**

***K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the city audit for fiscal year 2017-2018***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico requested that this item be postponed until the February 26, 2019 Meeting.

***L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding City bank account including authorizing creation of separate bank account for 2019 bond proceeds and authorizing investment of funds according to investment policy and financial advisor recommendations***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico requested that this item be postponed until the February 26, 2019 Meeting.

***M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding an Ordinance calling the May 4, 2019 General Election for two-year terms for Council Member – Place 1, Council Member – Place 2, and Council Member – Place 3***

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Eason, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE 2019-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS CALLING THE MAY 4, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the agreement pending legal review of any comments from UTA. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the funding for this project is proposed in Agenda Item Q.

***O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the consumption of alcohol at City Parks and City sponsored events***

City Administrator asked Council what they would like to see in a Policy.



Consensus of the Council was that this would only pertain to City sponsored Events and not an all the time option and they would like make sure that the City's liability concerns are addressed. Council Member Crenshaw requested a Public Input item to find out what the residents think of this.

No action taken, item will be brought back with a public input item on the February 26, 2019 meeting.

***P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposed Request for Proposal for Old School Building renovation including but not limited to securing the building***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the City should be receiving the Request for Proposal at the end of next week and will post for thirty days.

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

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-03 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME  
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S DULY ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET, AS AMENDED; REALLOCATING DESIGNATED FUNDS WITHIN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO VARIOUS FUNDS WITHIN THOSE DEPARTMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**Regular Agenda – New Business**

***S. Discussion and any necessary action regarding request to purchase ad space in Rhome Veterans Group cookbook***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico apologized to Ms. Deborah BeCraft for not moving this agenda item prior to the Executive Session.

Ms. BeCraft showed the sizes of the ad space and shared the pricing.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded Council that they must have a legitimate reason to spend public funds.

No action taken, discussion only.

***U. Discussion and any necessary action regarding appointment of steering committee to collaborate with UTA on updating the City's Comprehensive Plan***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico requested that this item be postponed until the February 26, 2019 Meeting.

***V. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Contract for Election Services with Wise County for the May 4, 2019 General Election***

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the Contract with Wise County as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

***W. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Joint Election Agreement with NISD for the May 4, 2019 General Election***

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the Contract with NISD as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

***X. Discussion and update regarding issues at intersection at Highway 114 and Highway 287/81***

Public Works Director and Mayor Pittman Di Credico updated the Council that TxDot will start Public Hearings in the Spring of 2019 with street light construction starting 2020. The service roads will be made one-way.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked that City Administrator Ashton watch for the Public Hearing notices and alert Council.

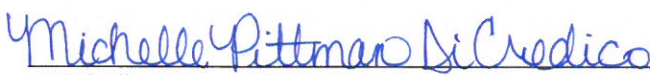
**Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were requested.

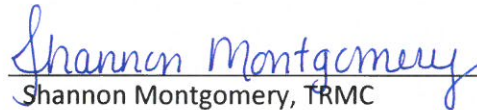
**Adjourn**

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Eason, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

**Minutes approved the 26th day of February 2019.**



Michelle Pittman Di Credico,  
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary

