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Place 4
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Place 5
Leeanne
Mackowski

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Montgomery

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Police Chief
Sam Love

Public Works
Director
Lance Petty

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road

MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 (*arrived at 6:40pm*)

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Carvan Adkins
City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Police Chief Sam Love

Invocation and Pledges

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation and led the pledges.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

Jennifer Hunter, 417 Stirling Road, Rhome addressed the Council in regards to the speeding within Crown Point and asked Council to consider installing speed bumps.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico made the following announcements:

- Friday, June 7th is the last day to submit an application for Park & Recreation Board and Planning & Zoning Commission.
- The Steering Committee is requesting residents to fill out the survey on our website and that there are copies at the podium.
- The Fire Department's 5th annual Splash Day is Saturday, June 15th at the Fire Station.

The Mayor reordered the agenda and brought forward agenda item H:

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding planning/design services, including but not limited to architectural/engineering for City of Rhome Old School Building as a Municipal Complex and authorizing the Mayor to expend funds for the project

Three firms – GSBS, Quorum, and Callahan & Freeman Architects, presented their firms and projects to the Council and answered questions.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked Council to consider items that they would like to see in the scope of the project. This item will be brought back to the June 13 Council meeting.

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 – 501 South Main Street*
- 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*
- D. 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 - Prairie Point Development, Rolling V Development*

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 7:32pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 7:43pm.

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked Council to:

- Authorize Mayor and Staff to negotiate and execute a deposit and reimbursement agreement for the eastside wastewater treatment plant expansion, plus funding with Mr. Finley; and
- Authorize the release of the remainder of funds to Briscoe and Company, LLC, contingent upon a deposit and reimbursement agreement with Mr. Finley; and
- Authorization of spending funds to negotiate the above requests.

Council Member McCabe so moved and Council Member Mackowski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

F. Minutes of May 9, 2019 City Council Regular Session

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding agreements with Prairie Point Development, including but not limited to professional services agreement and escrow agreement

Action was taken under agenda item E.

Regular Agenda – New Business

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding traffic concerns in residential areas including but not limited to Crown Point

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that there are traffic concerns all over the City. Police Chief Love recommends a three-prong process:

1. Find out when and how fast cars are going;
2. Perform a two-day survey with an unmarked car and keep a tally of speed and number of cars
3. Enforcement – if there is an issue; either install a speed trailer or lower the speed limit.

Council Member McCabe suggested the addition of a stop sign at Morris where the “Children at Play” sign is installed.

Council consensus was to follow Police Chief Love’s recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem Priest asked for a traffic survey in Chisholm subdivision as well.

Agenda item will be brought back when Police Chief Love has findings ready to be reported to Council.

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding reviewing the Parks and Recreation Board duties and responsibilities

Mayor Pittman Di Credico read the current Ordinance regarding the Parks and Recreation Board duties and responsibilities.

Council consensus was to direct Parks and Recreation to come forward with capital improvement projects as outlined in the Ordinance.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Franchise Agreement with CoServ

City Attorney Adkins gave a brief update regarding that he and City Administrator Ashton are working with CoServ to obtain a Franchise Agreement. As it currently stands there is no Franchise Agreement. Adkins proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow work to be done in Bywell, as CoServ cannot proceed with construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Priest stated that an MOU is not an incentive to get CoServ to move forward. City Attorney Adkins stated that the MOU would be a short-term document.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico confirmed that the City would not receive franchise fees with the MOU and that there could not be any more homes brought into Bywell until the franchise agreement is signed.

The Mayor asked Council if they are willing to authorize Staff to sign an MOU.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Eason, to authorize Staff to sign an MOU, subject to legal review.

Mayor Pro Tem Priest interjected that the MOU must have a deadline and not be open ended.

Council Member Mackowski amended her motion to include a deadline of June 13, the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Mackowski and Council Member Eason withdrew their motion and second.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve the MOU contingent upon legal review with a franchise agreement and the MOU is only good until 5:00pm, June 13, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the creation of necessary bank accounts for the 2019 Eastside WWTP Expansion Project bond proceeds

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that, upon the auditor’s recommendation, that two bank accounts need to be created – one for checking and one Interest & Sinking account.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Eason, to approve the creation of the needed bank accounts for the 2019 Eastside WWTP Expansion Project bond proceeds. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposal for the city website including website subscription services

This item was table to the June 13, 2019 meeting.

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding preliminary annual review of city contracts as part of the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget planning process

Mayor Pittman Di Credico read City Administrator Ashton's memo and stated that at the next Council meeting there will be an item to approve a new set of fees for permits that will not be based on construction value. Di Credico also stated that she has asked Staff to review current contracts and bring alternatives to Council, if needed.

No action taken, discussion only.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes approved the 13th day of June 2019.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary