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Place 5
Leeanne
Mackowski

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Joe Ashton

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City Secretary
Shannon
Montgomery

Fire Chief
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Sam Love

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 11, 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

City Staff Present:

City Administrator Joe Ashton
City Attorney Carvan Adkins
City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

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

Invocation and Pledges

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

There were no Citizen Presentations made.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

A. Presentation of Police Commendation for Citizen Action

Police Chief Love presented Rhome resident Robin Holmes with a Letter of Commendation for exemplary assistance to the Rhome Police Department and the citizens of Rhome. Information provided by Holmes to the Rhome Police Department caused the apprehension of burglars on September 26, 2018.

B. Announcement regarding the creation of Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups

Police Chief Love shared that the Police Department wishes to create Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups to aid the Police Department. Officer Mellema passed out flyers to Council and the Audience. Love stated once the Police Department receives enough interest, they will begin having training sessions throughout the neighborhoods in which residents would like to participate.

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:

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

- D. 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***
- E. 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***
- F. 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 6:38pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 6:48 pm.

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

No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Consent Agenda

H. Minutes of June 13, 2019 City Council Regular Session

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2019 City Council Regular Session as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports

- I. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police, and Public Works***
- J. Boards: Parks & Recreation Board (No June 2019 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting)***

No action taken regarding the Monthly Staff Reports or meeting minutes.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

- K. 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***

City Administrator Joe Ashton stated that the firm Quorum will update the Council at the next meeting.

- L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding appointment for seats on Planning & Zoning Board (2 alternate seats) for two-year terms***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that there were no applicants for the two alternate seats for the Planning & Zoning Board and that Staff would continue to advertise the vacancies.

- M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding creation of Capital Improvement Advisory Committee as well as nominations and appointment to the same***

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that Staff is requesting two items from Council – 1) Council create the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee and 2) appoint individuals to that Committee.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to create the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Ashton was asked to bring a recommendation of potential applicants to the next meeting.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico tasked City Attorney Adkins with providing the procedural rules for the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

Regular Agenda – New Business

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Ordinance for days designated for regular monthly council meetings by Section 1.03.003

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve Ordinance 2019-06 amending the Council meeting dates as the second and forth Thursday of the month, as presented with an effective date of September 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME AMENDING SECTION 1.03.003, "REGULAR MEETINGS" OF ARTICLE 1.03, "MAYOR AND COUNCIL" OF CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS" OF THE CITY OF RHOME CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE DAYS OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the Park and Recreation Board's mission statement

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the Park and Recreation Board's mission statement to read:

The mission of the Rhome Parks and Recreation Board is to promote the maintenance and improvement of existing City parks and other City-owned recreational facilities, to encourage the establishment of supervised recreation programs, and to make recommendations to the City Council on matters regarding acquisitions and major projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding contract for building and health inspection services

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to terminate building inspections and plan review services with Bureau Veritas and move forward with Ross Inspection Services. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Ashton will bring his recommendation for health inspection services to Council at a later date.

Q. Discussion and any necessary action regarding contract for towing services

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to renew its contract with All American Towing for towing services. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico combined the following agenda items into one discussion:

R. Discussion and any necessary action regarding annual review of employee compensation, benefits, and TMRS rates

S. Presentation and discussion regarding Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as well as inventory of city assets as required by Section 1.20.045

Mayor Pittman Di Credico presented a balanced budget to Council using the current tax rate of \$0.476325. Di Credico proceeded to walk Council and the audience through the budget, answering questions along the way.

The Mayor ended her presentation with the list of Staff requests for upcoming budgets. Council discussed the possibility of financing some of the needed items.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to authorize the Mayor and City Staff to proceed with researching financing options and the Request for Proposal process for anticipated needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that City Secretary Montgomery brought the city asset inventory to the meeting to show compliance of Section 1.20.045 of the City's Code of Ordinances and explained that we will not have the true numbers for the employee benefits until the end of September, so she budgeted a five percent increase in the proposed budget.

Future Agenda Items

Council Member McCabe asked for an update on the Crown Point neighborhood traffic study.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Minutes approved the 23rd day of July 2019.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary