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Mayor

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

**City Council** 

Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 3 Elaine Priest

Place 1 Josh McCabe

Place 2 Kenny Crenshaw

Place 4 Sam Eason

Place 5 Leeanne Mackowski

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 MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 10, 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 6:30pm and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

**Council Members Present:** 

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Priest

Council Member Sam Eason

Council Member Josh McCabe

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
Police Officer Mark Moore
Police Sergeant Brody Brown
Public Works Director

**Invocation** 

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Council Member Eason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico moved the following agenda item forward:

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

- Police Chief Love introduced new Police Officer Mark Moore
- Police Chief Love thanked Sergeant Brown, all Officers, Fire Department, and Businesses for putting on a successful National Night Out Event
- Rhome Parks and Recreation Board presented Mason Farhadi with a Canvass to show the Board's appreciation for his donations to the City's events.
- Fire Chief Fitch announced the Fire Prevention Week's events, Trunk or Treat on October 31st, and the biannual Boot Drive the weekend of November 1st
- Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the Rolling V Developers Agreement was executed on October 1st

Mayor Pittman Di Credico made a statement regarding Speaking at Public Meetings:

As in past meetings, the City will continue to allow the public to speak during Public Presentations or on an particular Agenda Item that has been posted for this meeting as long as they have completed and submitted a Public Participation form to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting indicating their intent to speak.

The time limit for all speakers whether during Public Presentations or during a particular agenda item is five minutes. The City Secretary will monitor the time and give each speaker notice that they have reached their allotted time to speak. At that point, the speaker should be seated to allow the next speaker to approach the podium.

During the meeting, questions, audible interruptions or outbursts will not be permitted. Those in attendance that interject or disrupt the meeting without being formally recognized by the presiding officer will be asked to leave the meeting.

# **Public Presentations and Input**

The following made public presentations in regards to:

- Jo Ann Wilson, 240 West First Street, Rhome, Texas Requested a public meeting with City Council and Rolling V
- Terry Priest, 216 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas City Hall Flowerbeds
- Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas Flags at By Well Estates
- Shirley Mize, 170 Russell Street, Rhome, Texas HB 2840, TCEQ Reporting, Financing

City Attorney Adkins stated that the Council is acting in accordance with the law and has continued to follow the law.

- Patricia Mitchell, 389 South Old Mill Road, Rhome, Texas budget, council member's arrest, Rhome Forward, and proposed ethics violation
- Tommie Eason, 1107 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas post on "Rhome Watch" Facebook page

#### **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
- 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 Jason Holt
- 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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 7:06pm.

# **Reconvene into Regular Session**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 7:25pm.

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

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico moved back to the preceding agenda item:

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

Council Member Mackowski stated that on October 2, 2019 the felony charges levied against her have been no billed.

# **Consent Agenda**

- F. Minutes of City Council Regular Session Minutes dated September 26, 2019
- G. Renewal of Annual Agreements for Fiscal Year 2019-2020: Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection and First Responder Services with Tarrant County Emergency Services
- H. Authorization to open zero balance bank account (ZBA) for payroll processing of direct deposits with authorized signatories as designated in Section 1.10.001 of City of Rhome Ordinances

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski to approve the Consent Agenda 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 or Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings

No discussion.

### Regular Agenda – Old Business

Mayor Pittman Di Credico combined agenda items K and L into one discussion:

- K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding authorization to obtain financing for larger 2019-2020 budget items:

  Administration and Police
- L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Resolution approving finance contract for the purpose of procuring self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), related SCBA components and cascade system for the Rhome Fire Rescue (Financing previously approved by Council at September 26, 2019 meeting)

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the Resolution as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING "SCBA & RELATED EQUIPMENT" AND "LASERFICHE SOFTWARE, RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND TWO NEW COMPUTERS"

### Regular Agenda – New Business

M. Discuss and consider any necessary action regarding a proposed Site Plan for a new residential home legally described as being Acres: 0.241, Lot: 7, Blk: 27, Subd: ORIGINAL TOWN RHOME, pursuant to Sec. 33.A.2(b) of the City of Rhome Zoning Ordinance, as requested by home builder (Project Location Address: 330 West Morris, Rhome Texas, 76078)

Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Knight stated that the Commission is recommending approval of the Site Plan. City Secretary Montgomery added that the applicant has met all of the site plan requirements.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Eason, to approve the Site Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposed donation of permanent stone monument at Rhome Veterans Park

Motion made by Council McCabe, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to defer this agenda item to the Parks & Recreation Board for recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding police presence in school zones and other areas during high traffic times

Police Chief Love gave a brief statement on the department's presence in the school zones and other areas and answered questions from the Council.

No action taken, just discussion.

### **Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items requested.

#### Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Minutes approved the 24th day of October 2019.

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