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Mayor

Michelle Pittman Di Credico MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 Location: VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

**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 Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney Carvan Adkins

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch

Police Chief Sam Love

Public Works
Director
Sean Densmore

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, called roll, 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 Members Absent:** 

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw

City Staff Present:

City Administrator Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney Carvan Adkins

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Municipal Court Clerk Kristi Adams

Council Member Leeanne Mackowski

Council Member Sam Eason

Police Chief Sam Love

Public Works Director Sean Densmore

**Public Presentations and Input** 

Council received presentations from the following:

- · Richard Pinick, 211 Clear Fork Trail, Rhome, Texas
- Jo Ann Wilson, 240 First Street, Rhome, Texas
- Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas
- Lisa Ann Wilson, 240 First Street, Rhome, Texas
- Ashley Mayors, 200 South Dogwood, Rhome, Texas
- Patricia Mitchell, 389 South Old Mill Road, Rhome, Texas
- Brandon Stanley, 1025 Chalk Hill Lane, Haslet, Texas

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico shared that Police Officer Fruin's last day with the City is August 28, 2020 and wished him well in his future endeavors and reminded all that the Public Hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget and tax rate is Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30pm.

Council Member McCabe stated that this is the time for the Community to come together to work together to work toward a better Rhome.

# Consent Agenda

# A. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated August 13, 2020

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Eason, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:

Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:

Ave

Council Member Eason:

Aye

Council Member Mackowski:

Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

# Regular Agenda – Old Business

#### B. Discussion regarding proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reiterated that the Public Hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget is Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30pm; tonight's discussion is for Council to ask any questions they have in regards to the Budget.

Di Credico clarified that the proposed budget for salary/wages increase of 1.04% includes cost of living increase and merit increases possible for fiscal year 2020-2021 and is based on the salary of employees on September 30, 2020.

No questions from Council, discussion item only, no action taken.

# C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposed amendments to Rolling V agreement with PMB Capital

Peter Pincoffs, PMB Capital, provided a brief background of the Rolling V agreement and stated the proposed amendments are cosmetic changes to lot sizes to prepare the layout for today's market. Pincoffs shared a video of current communities that mirror the atmosphere that PMB Capital want to create with the Rolling V development. He further explained the proposed changes did not change the density.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded Council that these sizes are in line with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan and providing diversity in housing. The City Administrator, along with Staff reviewed the proposed amendment request and is okay with the proposed changes.

City Administrator Northrop stated that the changes in the proposed red-lined agreement are accurate, there were a few items that needed to be revised in the Easy Reference Guide that was provided to them.

Pincoffs touched on the lot sizes in reference to square footage and acreage at Council Member McCabe's request:

Approximate Lot Width –	Approximate Lot Depth -	Approximate Lot Size –	Approximate Lot Size –
Feet	Feet	Square Footage	Acreage
40	100	4000	0.1
50	120	6200	0.15
60	130	7800	0.2
70	130	9100	.25

Mr. Pincoffs stated some lots could be substantially larger based on the topography of the site and street patterns; Phase 1 could have largest lots close to ½ an acre and future phases could potentially have larger lots.

Council Member Eason thanked Pincoffs for the presentation and understands the market is driving the lot sizes.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to authorize the Mayor to update and sign the new agreement with the proposed amendments.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe: Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest: Aye
Council Member Eason: Aye
Council Member Mackowski: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico thanked Mr. Pincoffs for attending the meeting and asked City Administrator to make sure the videos Pincoffs showed were linked on the City's website.

#### D. Update and discussion regarding the Parks Master Plan

City Administrator Northrop updated the Council on the progress of the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee, stating the public engagement portion of the process is complete, stated the next steps, and followed up with the timeline.

Discussion only; no action taken.

#### E. Update and discussion regarding the Council Orientation Training Handbook

City Administrator Northrop discussed the base schedule of yearly training, to be conducted in Council workshops, and shared that additional training could be added throughout the year when needed.

Council Member Eason thanked Ms. Northrop for the work she has put into this handbook and asked, when finished, if the handbook could be placed on the website to show residents what they can expect from their Council. Mayor Pro Tem Priest added that by placing this information on the website, those that are interested in becoming an elected official could get an overview of what would be expected of them if elected.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico thanked Northrop for her work on this project.

Discussion only; no action taken.

# Regular Agenda - New Business

F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation regarding the Company's 2020 Rate Review Mechanism Filing

Randy West, Atmos, stated his appreciation for the opportunity to serve Rhome and appreciates the fact that Rhome is member of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee. West stated that the negotiated increase is \$5.15 a month for an average residential customer.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve Resolution No. 2020-09 as presented.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe: Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest: Aye
Council Member Eason: Aye
Council Member Mackowski: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

# CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2020 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

#### G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding agreement for Permit & Code software

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that Staff was not able to reach a negotiation with the vendor Council previously authorized for permitting and code software. Staff is reviewing other vendors and will bring a recommendation back to Council at a future date.

Discussion only; no action taken.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Council Member Eason requested an item to learn more about sewer averaging and what the impact would be for residents.

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Council Member McCabe asked for a status update on the Wise County Economic Relief Fund.

#### Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Eason, to adjourn.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:

Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:

Aye

Council Member Eason:

Aye

Council Member Mackowski:

Aye

Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Minutes approved the 10th day of September 2020.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,

Mayor