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Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Kathy Konegni

Place 5
Kasey Shumake

City
Administrator
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City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Scott Estes

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023

Regular Session: 6 pm

Meeting Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

Regular Session: 6 pm

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation – Pastor Heath Van Zandt

Pastor Heath Van Zandt led the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One state under God, One and indivisible

Public Comments

1. *The Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any comments made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. However, a Council Member or Mayor may make a statement of fact regarding the item, make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item and/or may propose that the item be placed on a future agenda or direct the City Administrator to contact the individual to address. If you are attending the meeting via Live Streaming, and you would like to make a Public Comment, you must email the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofrhome.com prior to 4 pm on the day of meeting and must identify each subject you plan to present to be recognized.*
2. *If the writer of a Public Comment is unable to read their own comment, it should be given to a friend, family member, or associate, that is able to attend in person and read the statement in their stead.*
3. *Public Comments made in person require the speaker to submit the sign-up form to the City Secretary prior to the meeting, and the form must identify each subject the speaker plans to present.*
4. *A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks, or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign, or slander any individuals shall be cause for termination of time privileges and removal from Council Chambers.*
 - Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- Filing has begun as of January 18, 2023 with the last day to File for a Place on the Ballot being February 17, 2023
- City Hall is closed from 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023 for City Employee Training
- Coffee With A Cop February 18, 2023 @ 8 a.m. at the Police Department
- City Hall is Closed February 20, 2023 for Presidents' Day
- City Council Meeting, February 23, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Consent Agenda

All items under this section are recommended for approval for the Consent Agenda. These items are of a routine nature and require only brief deliberation by Council. Council reserves the right to remove any item on the Consent Agenda for further deliberation.

1. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated January 26, 2023 **(City Secretary)**
2. ACH Return Fee **(City Administrator)**
3. Racial Profiling Report **(Police Chief Debus)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes

All items under this section are for informational purposes only; no action will be taken by Council.

1. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police and Public Works (Department Heads)

Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

1. Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program **(Police Chief Debus)**

Police Chief Debus explained this grant is for Rifle Resistant Body Armor. This is a 100% match grant. The Police Department will be reimbursed for the entire purchase. The body armor is for mass casualty situations and not every day wear. This is a higher-grade shield for high power weapons. This armor goes over their uniforms for quicker response. Council Member Tye made a motion to move forward with the Grant, and approving the resolution. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Organizational Overview and Projects Update **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator DeGan went over the projects she has been working on over the last couple of weeks. Records Management, Budget preparation, finance help, water / wastewater, and meeting with developers. No action was taken.

3. Facilities Overview and Update **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator DeGan said Council should consider putting together a Facility Review Committee. The Committee would consist of 4 residents, 1 Council Member and 1 Staff Member. Council gave direction to the City Administrator to contact everyone who applied for Place 5 when Meehan resigned. City Administrator DeGan said she would be the staff member on the committee board. Council also asked for her to visit with RVR regarding land and facilities.

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:

1. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
2. 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
3. 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 a public hearing
4. 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

Regular Agenda (Resume)

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions

No Executive session held.

Future Agenda Items

(Agenda items are due by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday of the week prior to the Council meeting)

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

