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City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem,  
Place 1  
Josh McCabe

Place 2  
Michelle Tye

Place 3  
Elaine Priest

Place 4  
Kathy Konegni

Place 5  
Kasey Shumake

City  
Administrator  
Amanda DeGan

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, January 26, 2023

Regular Session: 6 pm

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

### Regular Session: 6 pm

#### Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation – Pastor Jeremy Laux

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](mailto: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

## **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 12, 2023 **(City Secretary)**
2. Approval/action on the FY 2023 Contract for the Rhome Community Library **(City Administrator)**
3. Approval/action of a Resolution Authorizing Continued Membership in the Oncor Cities Steering Committee (OCSC) for the Upcoming 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session **(City Administrator)**
4. Approval/action adding Juneteenth to the City of Rhome's Observed Holiday Schedule **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **Discussion and any necessary action for the following:**

1. Compensating Reserve Officers **(Police Chief Debus)**

Police Chief, Eric Debus, said we have two reserve officers currently and he would like to pay them an hourly stipend similar to the Fire Department. Pay would be \$12.50/hour with a minimum of 16 hours to be worked each month, and an average of 28 hours a month. Money is in the overtime budget for the police department. Council Member Priest made a motion to approve the stipend pay for Officers, budget managed by Debus. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and any Necessary Action Concerning Short Term Rentals in the City **(City Administrator)**

Council would like staff to research further, and bring back to Council in the Spring.

3. Discussion/Action relative to temporary paid time off for severe illness (i.e., COVID, or flu) through December 31, 2023 **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator DeGan asked Council to consider severe illness pay for staff through December 31, 2023. DeGan stated it would be 5 paid sick days per 6 month period with doctor diagnosis of Covid-19 or the flu. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the temporary relief for employees as requested. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Community Engagement Options to Increase Information to Stakeholders **(City Administrator)**

Council authorized staff to conduct a survey. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to table this item. Council Member Priest seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Legislative Update Regarding the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the State of Texas **(City Administrator)**

Council directed staff to draft a resolution and bring it back to Council.

6. Rescheduling April 27, 2023 City Council Meeting **(City Secretary)**

Council Member Priest made a motion to reschedule the April 27, 2023 Council Meeting to April 20, 2023. Council Member

Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**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)**

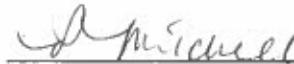
1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions  
No executive session was held.

**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, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

  
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Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Shaina Odom  
City Secretary

