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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

**Meeting Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**Location: VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

**MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM**

**(Total Estimated Meeting Time 1 Hour and 12 Minutes)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, and most recently extended on May 5, 2021, the City Council of the City of Rhome will conduct its Special Meeting scheduled for 6:30pm on Thursday, May 20, 2021 by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**This meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public.**

A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Telephonic and videoconferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely **via GoToMeeting Teleconferencing. Citizens may join the GoToMeeting:**

### **Special City Council Meeting**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 6:30PM (CDT)

### **You can dial in using your phone.**

United States (Toll Free): 1-877-309-2073

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**Access Code: 669-393-445**

Members of the public who wish to submit written comments on a listed agenda item must submit their comments to [citysecretary@cityofrhome.com](mailto:citysecretary@cityofrhome.com) no later than **4:00pm on day of meeting.**

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

This meeting will be recorded and the recording will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

### **Call to Order and Establish a Quorum (Estimated 1 minute)**

### **Public Presentations and Input (Estimated Time Varies)**

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## **Announcements from Mayor and Council Members (Estimated 2 minutes)**

May 2021 Events:

- Thursday, May 27, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- Monday, May 31, 2021 – City Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day

## **Consent Agenda (Estimated 2 minutes)**

*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.*

- A. Minutes of City Council Special Session dated May 12, 2021 **(City Secretary)**

## **Special Session – New Business**

- B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Proclamation for National Police Week (May 9 – 15, 2021) **(Estimated 5 minutes/Mayor Pro Tem McCabe)**
- C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding City of Rhome facilities needs and financial options **(Estimated 60 minutes/City Administrator)**

## **Future Agenda Items (Estimated 1 minute)**

## **Adjourn (Estimated 1 minute)**

**A quorum of Planning & Zoning Commissioners may be present at this meeting and its members may participate in the discussions of the items on the agenda over which they have responsibilities or authority.**

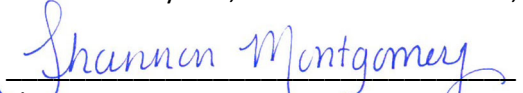
**A quorum of Parks & Recreation Board Members may be present at this meeting and its members may participate in the discussions of the items on the agenda over which they have responsibilities or authority.**

*\*Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Council may convene into executive session at any time during the meeting if a need rises for the City Council to seek advice from the City Attorney concerning any item on this agenda, to discuss pending and contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, or to discuss a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Board of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551.*

*The Council may vote and / or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda. Except for Public Presentation and Input and items in the Agenda designated as public hearing or otherwise designated for public input, there will be no public input during the course of this meeting without express authorization from the presiding officer.*

*This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact City Hall at 817-636-2462 for further information.*

**CERTIFICATION:** I do hereby certify that the above City Council Agenda was posted on the designated bulletin board located at City Hall, 501 South Main Street, Rhome, Texas by 6:00pm on the 14th day of May 2021.

  
Shannon Montgomery, TRMC, City Secretary

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Rhome City Council was removed by me from the designated bulletin board located at City Hall, 501 South Main Street, Rhome, Texas, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_, Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## Agenda Commentary

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**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2021

**Department:** Administration

**Contact:** Shannon Montgomery

**Agenda Item:** A. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated May 12, 2021 **(City Secretary)**

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**Type of Item:** ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Plat ☐ Discussion & Direction ☒ Other

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**Summary-Background:** Minutes of May 12, 2021 Council Meeting

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**Funding Expected:** ☐ Revenue ☐ Expenditure ☒ N/A

**Budgeted Item:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

**Funding Account:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Review Required:** ☒ N/A ☐ Required **Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Engineering Review** ☐ **FD Review** ☐ **PD Review** ☐ **PW Review** ☐

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**Supporting Documents attached:**

Draft Minutes of May 12, 2021 Council Meeting

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**Recommendation:**

Approve Draft Meeting Minutes

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021**

Location: **VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

MEETING START TIME: **6:30 PM**

### **Call to Order and Establish a Quorum**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

### **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Jo Ann Wilson

Council Member Josh McCabe

Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Priest

Council Member Michelle Tye

Council Member Sam Eason

Council Member Ashley Majors

### **City Staff Present:**

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

### **Public Presentations and Input**

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There were no Public Presentations made.

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

Mayor Wilson listed the following events for May 2021:

- Thursday, May 20, 2021 – Special Council Meeting
- Thursday, May 27, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- Saturday, May 29, 2021 – Rhome Veterans Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans Park

Council Member McCabe publicly thanked Lee Espinoza and family from Espinoza Exquisite Exteriors for their cleaning of the Veterans Park.

Mayor Wilson thanked Terry Priest and Tommie Eason for cleaning up the flower beds at City Hall.

### **Canvassing and Swearing In**

#### **A. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the Canvassing of the May 1, 2021 General Election (Estimated 5 minutes/City Secretary)**

City Secretary Montgomery stated that the Ordinance presented tonight shows the total number of votes received for each candidate and the total number of ballots cast.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve Ordinance 2021-09 as presented.

City Secretary Montgomery asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Tye:	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Majors:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS, INCLUDING THE RETURNS OF ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING BALLOTS CAST IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 1, 2021 RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 1 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 2 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM AND ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 3 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM TO THE CITY OF RHOME CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF VOTE TABULATIONS; IDENTIFYING THE OFFICIALS ELECTED AND TERMS OF OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CANVASS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Certificates of Election, Statements of Office and Oaths of Office  
(Estimated 5 min/City Secretary)**

City Secretary Montgomery stated that Mayor Wilson had signed the Certificates of Election and she would give those to the Council Members when they stopped by City Hall to sign their Statement of Office and Oath of Office paperwork.

City Secretary Montgomery provided over Council Member-Elect McCabe's, Council Member-Elect Tye's, and Council Member-Election Priest's Statement of Office and Oath of Office.

**C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding selecting mayor pro tem for one-year term and updating authorized signatures for bank accounts (Estimated 5 minutes/City Secretary)**

Motion made by Council Member Tye, seconded by Council Member Majors, to nominate Council Member Priest as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Priest respectively declined the nomination.

Motion made by Council Member Priest, seconded by Council Member Eason to nominate Council Member McCabe as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Council Member Majors to nominate Council Member Tye as Mayor Pro Tem; which Council Member Tye respectively declined.

City Secretary Montgomery asked for a roll-call vote on the motion to nominate Council Member McCabe as Mayor Pro Tem:

Council Member McCabe:	Abstained
Council Member Tye:	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Majors:	Nay

Motion carried 3-1-1 with Council Members Tye, Priest, and Eason voting for, Council Member Majors voting against, and Council Member McCabe abstaining.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Priest, to authorize the changing of bank signature cards from Council Member Priest to Council Member McCabe.

City Secretary Montgomery asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe: Aye  
Council Member Tye: Aye  
Mayor Pro Tem Priest: Aye  
Council Member Eason: Aye  
Council Member Majors: Nay

Motion carried 4-1-0 with Council Members McCabe, Tye, Priest and Eason voting for and Council Member Majors voting against.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Council Member Eason asked for a future agenda item regarding potential bonds.

Council Member Majors asked for future agenda items regarding parks and water tower antennas.

Council Member McCabe requested a proclamation recognizing National Police Week.

Council Member Majors asked if the pledges and invocation can be placed back on the agendas.

### **Adjourn**

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.

**Minutes approved the 20th day of May 2021.**

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Jo Ann Wilson,  
Mayor

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Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary



## Agenda Commentary

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**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2021

**Department:** Administration

**Contact:** Shannon Montgomery

**Agenda Item:** B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Proclamation for National Police Week (May 9 – 15, 2021) **(Estimated 5 minutes/Mayor Pro Tem McCabe)**

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**Type of Item:** ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Public Hearing  
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**Summary-Background:** National Police Week Proclamation

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**Budgeted Item:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

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**Engineering Review** ☐ **FD Review** ☐ **PD Review** ☐ **PW Review** ☐

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**Supporting Documents attached:**  
Draft Proclamation

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**Recommendation:**  
Approve Draft Proclamation

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# *Proclamation*

## *Of Recognition From the City of Rhome*

**National Police Week 2021  
May 9 -15, 2021**

**To recognize National Police Week 2021 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the **RHOME POLICE DEPARTMENT**;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic took a physical, mental, and emotional toll, our officers, deputies, and troopers demonstrated courage and dedication in continuing to support our communities, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rhome honors those who lost their lives in the line of duty, and thank them on behalf of the City for their service.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Rhome formally designates May 9-15, 2021, as Police Week in Rhome, Texas, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, this 20th day of May 2021.

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Jo Ann Wilson,  
Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary