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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
Patrick Meehan

Interim City
Administrator
Eric Debus

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Interim Fire Chief
Michelle Di
Credico

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Regular Session: 6 pm

Executive Session: Immediately Following Regular Session

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

Regular Session: 6 pm

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum –

Council Member Konegni was absent

Invocation – Pastor Jeremy Laux

Pastor Jeremy Laux 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.*
 - *JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street*
 - *Susanne Hunt - 605 Troxell Blvd*
 - *Lisa Ann Wilson – Read by JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- Bulk Trash Pick-Up – First Tuesday of Each Month
- Quarterly Household Hazardous Waste Pick-Up – October 11, 2022 (Tuesday)
- City Offices Closed October 10, 2022 – Columbus Day
- National Night Out – October 04, 2022 (Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe)

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.

- A. City Council meeting Minutes dated August 25, 2022 **(City Secretary)**
- B. City Council meeting Minutes dated September 8, 2022 **(City Secretary)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Council Member Meehan 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.

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

Mayor Mitchell asked questions on the Administration report regarding the bank account funds. City Secretary Shaina Odom stated the funds were moved into the Business Checking account and all funds were in compliance with the laws.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

- D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding facilities **(Priest)**

Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, stated one contractor backed out, and another was ill, so we were waiting to hear back from them. No action was taken.

Regular Agenda – New Business

- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding City Hall Lease **(City Administrator)**

Council Member Meehan made a motion to pay for two years on the City Hall lease, instead of one, to avoid a 10% increase on the 2024 lease. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding grant approval for Police Department and active shooter response policy **(Police Chief)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the Active Shooter policy and authorized Interim City Administrator, Eric Debus, to execute a grant for ballistic shields. Council Member Meehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Convene into 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:

- G. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
 - Consultation with Attorney
 - Newark ETJ CCN
 - FM 4668
- H. 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

- I. 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
- J. 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

No action was taken regarding executive session

Future Agenda Items

Mayor Mitchell- ADA Compliant swing at the park

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Meehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Shaina Odom
City Secretary

