

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 12, 2015**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor
Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Ben Harris, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
André Davidson
Jim Duggan
Patrick Gallagher
David Downs

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Jim Parrish, Deputy City Manager
Paige Mims, City Attorney
Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary

Mayor LaRosiliere called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2015, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present. Mayor LaRosiliere then stated that the Council would retire into Executive Session in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated in order to consult with an attorney and receive Legal Advice, Section 551.071; to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; and to discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072; for which a certified agenda will be kept in the office of the City Secretary for a period of two years as required.

Mayor LaRosiliere reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session –

No items were brought forward.

Economic Development Departmental Briefing

Director of Economic Development Bane stated the selling points of Plano include an educated workforce, world-class business parks, low business costs, and the City's business-friendly environment. She detailed the location factors of the City. Ms. Bane spoke to the process followed by businesses for site selection and the percentage of each business category that has relocated to Plano since 2006. She provided the list of the businesses that announced relocation to or expansion in Plano in 2014. Ms. Bane discussed the incentives provided, Chapter 380 agreements, the cumulative new jobs, locations selected, and small business incentives. She spoke to the department's challenges and opportunities in the future for development.

DART Report

DART Board of Director Member Wageman updated the Council on current DART programs and activities. He spoke to the current ridership with areas of improvement and local ridership trends. Mr. Wageman stated the parking capacity at the Parker Road Station is sufficient at this time with 300 open spaces in the reserved area and 200 open spaces in the general public area on a daily basis. He provided information on the anticipated timeline for the relocation of the 15th Street signal equipment, with Plano's portion of the cost coming from Local Assistance Program funds. Mr. Wageman spoke to the platform extension project to allow for the use of additional rail cars, funding sources, and a projected completion date of 2018. He spoke to the Cotton Belt project status and the review of policies relating to membership and non-DART cities.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Mayor LaRosiliere stated Consent Agenda Item "A" will be pulled for individual consideration.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary