

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
December 17, 2013**

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

Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor LaRosiliere called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071; to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087 and Real Estate, Section 551.072 and to discuss Personnel, Section 551.074 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 6:12 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion: Personnel – Appointment of City Attorney

Mayor LaRosiliere stated and the Council concurred in appointing Paige Mims as City Attorney effective following the January 17 resignation of Diane Wetherbee.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Ice Storm Response

Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke to the current policy for snow/ice conditions: sanding pavement at signalized intersections, bridges, overpasses and box culverts along with hills and curves (400 locations) and responding to locations identified by the Police Department or citizens. He advised that current policy does not include residential streets or thoroughfares not covered.

Mr. Cosgrove spoke to the additional sanding provided this time for library and park facilities and advised regarding storage of supplies across the City. He advised regarding assistance provided by the Parks and Recreation and Environmental Waste Departments, removal of downed trees, impacted traffic signals, and staffing levels impacted by employees' inability to get to work. Mr. Cosgrove responded to the Council, advising that Staff is looking for an alternate storage location for sand in west Plano and spoke to the equipment and manpower that would be needed to cover all thoroughfares and/or corporate customers. Mr. Cosgrove summarized action items in preparation for a future event: locate a place to stockpile sand/salt in the western/northwestern portion of the City; possibly purchase snow plows for use on existing equipment; and coordinate resources with other departments and divisions. He spoke briefly regarding cleanup efforts. Director of Emergency Management Timmons spoke to the potential to exceed \$300,000 in expenses. Mayor LaRosiliere spoke to communicating City plans for relief in advance of a major event to provide citizens information regarding what to expect. The Council concurred not to augment resources at this time.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Preston/Legacy – Median Left Turn

Mayor LaRosiliere spoke to Council's decision to remove the median left turn lane at this location and receipt of a third-party report offering additional information. He requested Council review, discuss and provide direction to Staff in moving forward. Director of Public Works Cosgrove advised the Council regarding the history of the median left turn, plans for removal and an associated publicity campaign. He stated that the report received provides information on pre-construction and post-construction volumes, indicating there will be additional traffic upon removal. He spoke to the design as unique and not intuitive to drivers. Mr. Cosgrove stated that the public has not accepted the design, removal may reduce the level of service and that over 70% of pre-construction traffic has found alternative routes and may not return. The Council stated a concurrence in removing the operation and Mr. Cosgrove reviewed the course to be taken including removal/modification of signage and pavement markings and development of a publicity campaign.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary