

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
March 18, 2014**

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
Alice D. Snyder, Assistant City Secretary

Mayor LaRosiliere called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 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 to receive Legal Advice and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071 and to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087 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 6:20 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

Discussion and Direction regarding the Windhaven Widening Project

Director of Engineering Carr spoke to the scope, history, background, and general information regarding the Windhaven Widening project. Mr. Carr reviewed the areas of Windhaven Parkway that are planned for six lanes. He stated in 2006 the City received a Federal grant regulated by TxDOT for the Windhaven Widening project requiring the City to comply with TxDOT's notification process.

Mr. Carr stated use of the Comprehensive Plan, Infrastructure Master Plan, and Thoroughfare Plan in determining the number of lanes and size of the roads and spoke to the types of roads and

purposes they serve in access and mobility. He stated as the City is built out, Windhaven Parkway will be utilized regardless of the number of lanes, increasing congestion, and it is better to construct the additional lanes prior to the congestion. Mr. Carr addressed neighborhood concerns of increased traffic, noise and air pollution, and wider roads will be harder to cross.

Clint Hughes, Justin Bowers, Michael Whitted, Gary Eckert, Scot Hildreth, Mark Wessler, Terri Howard-Hughes, David Rupley, and Sarah Colby spoke in opposition to the widening of Windhaven Parkway citing lack of notification, safety concerns, increase in traffic, noise, and pollution, a negative impact on property values, and restriction of 18 wheelers.

Council and Staff addressed concerns raised during citizen comments. Mr. Carr spoke to the timing of the project, estimating construction to begin in October with completion within one year. He stated property owner notification for the 2010 Public Meeting was within one-hundred (100) feet of the project area. Mr. Carr clarified, at the intersections there are six lanes plus the turn lanes and he spoke of the ability to widen Windhaven Parkway through The Colony due to wide center medians. He stated the funds have been available since 2006 and if not used could possibly be recalled. Mr. Carr spoke to the ramifications of splitting the project and the studies performed in the area and City Manager Glasscock discussed the ability to restrict commercial vehicles on Windhaven Parkway.

City Manager Glasscock advised Council Member Miner of the impact of not completing the project, including repayment of \$600,000 in expenses and the possibility of not receiving grant funds in the future and responded to Mayor Pro Tem Smith in regards to safety concerns. Council Member Gallagher spoke to the need of expanding to six lanes, being prepared for growth and following the Thoroughfare Plan. Council Member Davidson stated support for the Thoroughfare Plan and spoke to the similar situation in where she lives. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris spoke to his previous vote in 2010 regarding Windhaven Parkway and stated his current support of six lanes. City Manager Glasscock responded to Council Member Duggan regarding widening the lanes through Austin Ranch. Mayor LaRosiliere spoke to his previous vote in 2010 regarding Windhaven Parkway, stated his current support of six lanes and being committed to the safety of the citizens. Council Member Downs spoke to the consistency of implementing the Thoroughfare Plan throughout the City. The Council directed Staff to move forward with the Windhaven Widening Project.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

City Manager Glasscock requested that Consent Agenda Item "N," consideration of an ordinance to authorize the City of Plano's Housing Rehabilitation Program to acquire, rehabilitate, and resell single family homes, be removed for individual consideration.

City Attorney Mims requested Consent Agenda Item "P," consideration of an ordinance to amend a section of Ordinance No. 2013-8-7, codified as Section 16-82 of Article V, Chapter 16, of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Plano, Texas, and adding a new section to reinstate alternate members to the Board of Adjustment, be removed for individual consideration.

Nothing further was discussed. Remaining items were presented during the Regular meeting. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and reconvened into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Introduction of new format for Plano Citizens Academy - Experience a Year in the Life of Your City of Excellence

Director of Marketing and Community Engagement Vail-Grube introduced the new Citizen's Academy format for the upcoming year. She stated the new program will engage up to 20 participants to experience all facets of the City with online training and a monthly activity. Ms. Vail-Grube provided the council with a video overview of the program scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2014.

Discussion and Direction on Stage 3 Water Restrictions

Director of Policy and Government Relations Israelson spoke to the current Stage 3 water restrictions of every other week watering, effectiveness, agricultural and hydrological droughts, and not seeing enough rain to satisfy the hydrological drought. He stated the restrictions have met the ten percent reduction request by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and that City restrictions are scheduled to change to once a week watering starting April 1; and NTMWD has requested the current water schedule stay in place after March 31.

Mr. Israelson spoke to the current sources of water and area lake levels. He stated the new pipeline from Lake Texoma to the Wylie station to alleviate the zebra mussel issue will be online June 1 and that the City is currently utilizing a contract with the City of Dallas to acquire 20-60 million gallons per day. Mr. Israelson advised of the TCEQ requirement of an updated drought contingency plan every five years, with the City's plan due May 1, 2014. He spoke to NTMWD moving to a three (3) stage program and other cities modifying their current plan or adopting the new model. City Manager Glasscock clarified other cities watering schedules and spoke to Lake Chapman not recovering.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris stated his concern regarding water restrictions, punitive measures, and relaxing restrictions once water levels are up or are not needed. City Manager Glasscock advised that the NTMWD will be proposing to their board to extend the seasonal restrictions thirty days (until the end of April) and evaluate it every 30 days. The Council concurred to continue the current every other week watering schedule through April.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary