

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
April 14, 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 5:02 p.m., Monday, April 14, 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 and receive Legal Advice, 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 6:25 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

**Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion
Personnel Appointments/Reappointments –**

Board of Adjustment

Council Member Duggan advised this item will be addressed at the April 28, 2014 Preliminary Open Meeting.

North Texas Municipal Water District Board

Mayor Pro Tem Smith advised this item will be addressed at the April 28, 2014 Preliminary Open Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Gallagher and seconded by Council Member Duggan, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Forrest Hicks to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an interim member with a term expiring September 30, 2014.

Personnel Appointments

Plano Housing Authority

Upon a motion by Mayor LaRosiliere and a second by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Frederick Bemenderfer to the Plano Housing Authority as an interim member with a term expiring September 30, 2014.

Cost of Risk Briefing

Interim Risk Manager Haynes provided an overview of the Risk Management program to the Council. He stated the City, as a self-insured governmental entity, is considered an insurance carrier and is required to comply with all state regulations. He spoke to the responsibilities of the department of handling workers compensation and auto accident claims, working closely with the legal department in resolving law suits, analyzing risk of City facilities, coordinating training, subrogation and recovery for damages to City property by external sources, and acting as risk consultants for departments throughout the city.

Mr. Haynes provided performance measures showing a 31% reduction from last year in lost days and a 32% reduction in injury accident workers compensation claims. He stated the cost of risk for the City of Plano, calculated on a per citizen basis, is \$13.12, well below the external benchmark of \$21.65 and National average of \$28.00 to \$28.50. Mr. Haynes spoke to the City's 2012-2013 worker compensation claim average of \$6,345, below the benchmark of \$9,849 and best practice average of \$7,879, placing Plano in the top 3% in the United States for workers compensation program success.

McCall Plaza Presentation

Deputy City Manager Turner spoke to the history of McCall Plaza and its importance to the downtown area. Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke to the renovation project and introduced staff and consultants. Billy Vicec of David C. Baldwin, Inc. and Jeff Bulla of Pro Forma Architecture, Inc. presented the details of the plan to renovate the Plaza. Mr. Vicec spoke to the access points, revised parking including 80 spaces and areas large enough to accommodate food trucks, maximizing open space, and signage designed to be a focal point to welcome visitors downtown. He stated the materials used for the plaza would be bronze, brick and limestone to correlate to the downtown area. Mr. Bulla outlined the plan for the 24' by 32' stage designed to be a flexible space to encourage pedestrian activity and provide a venue for events of all sizes. He spoke to the stage components of a 17' high ceiling with permanent equipment for rigging, the awning designed to create a foliage effect, and the LED back-lit top that could be customized by event. Mr. Bulla stated seating would be provided by existing benches and seat height planter boxes.

Deputy City Manager Turner stated the City will partner with the Historic Downtown Plano Association for major festivals and this small urban space will encourage people to visit downtown. Mr. Turner spoke to equipment storage availability and restrooms would be addressed as needed depending on the event. The Council directed staff to move forward with construction documents.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Remaining items were presented during the Regular meeting. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary