

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
June 23, 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

Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, 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, June 23, 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071; to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; 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 6:00 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

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

Board of Adjustment

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint James Craft, Joe Milkes, and Chris Polito.

Heritage Commission

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Personnel – Reappointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Miner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Jamey Cantrell, Tammy Miller, Lisa Moore, and Lynn Wolfe.

Civil Service Commission

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith, the Council voted 8-0 to confirm the reappointment of David O'Dens as recommended by City Manager Glasscock.

Community Relations Commission

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member Downs, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Lisa Foster and Ron Taylor.

Library Advisory Board

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Parks and Recreation Planning Board

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Photographic Traffic Signal Advisory Committee

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Plano Housing Authority

Upon a motion made by Mayor LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Frederick Bemenderfer and Jeanine Boehl.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Downs and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to confirm the reappointments of Bob Gehbauer, Myra Conklin, and Robert Smouse as recommended by City Manager Glasscock.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Downs and seconded by Council Member Miner, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Ethel Jernigan.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

The Council deferred consideration of reappointments to the July 28, 2014 meeting.

Library Briefing

Director of Libraries Ziegler briefed the Council regarding the five libraries and the online library, size, collections, and hours of operation. She spoke to the challenges the libraries face, reduced staff and budget, increased circulation and programming, and expanding the online presence of the library. Ms. Ziegler advised in order to accommodate the decrease in budget and staff, existing staff was reorganized. She spoke to the reorganization along with improved technologies, self-checkout for materials, and RFID sorters for automating the check-in process, have allowed the libraries to adapt to the challenges and stated centralized selection of materials and floating collections have aided in the process.

Ms. Ziegler spoke to the programs and services provided by the library including performances by dance groups and musicians, hands-on experiences with animal and science programs, literacy programs, skill improvement training, and programs supporting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) such as robotics and math camps. She stated the library partners with many local groups and colleges to provide the programs. Ms. Ziegler outlined the community outreach programs and participation at Plano ISD schools, area festivals, and Collin County agencies. She spoke to the libraries expanded services, innovative enhancements, online presence, and citizen engagement.

Cemetery Maintenance

Comprehensive Planning Manager Schwarz spoke to the thirteen historic cemeteries located in Plano and the preservation plan. She stated two cemeteries, Leach-Thomas and Old City, are lacking in maintenance and need restoration work. Ms. Schwarz reported Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation has applied for a historic preservation grant to help with the needed maintenance and restoration at Leach-Thomas Cemetery. She spoke to the history of Old City Cemetery, the inability to find a current owner, and the current maintenance status. Ms. Schwarz stated the Parks and Recreation department mows the property at a cost of \$5,000 per year. She spoke to the process for the City or a County non-profit agency to take possession of the cemetery and the maintenance requirements once possession is obtained. Council directed staff to continue the current maintenance level.

US 75 Express Lanes Status Report

Mr. Stephen Endres representing Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District presented a brief overview of the proposed plan for the US 75 Express Lane Project and introduced Brian Swindell of HDR, Inc. of Dallas to provide the project details. Mr. Swindell spoke to the need for improved mobility in the area, connection to the regional mobility plan, and the project goals of addressing travel demand, minimizing negative environmental and economic impacts, providing affordable and effective design, and provide a predictable corridor trip. He stated the project was designed to utilize the existing HOV lane by allowing single occupancy vehicles to use the lane for a toll based on lane occupancy and the time of day.

Mr. Swindell spoke to the project implementation including access points and toll gantry locations. Council Member Miner spoke to his concerns regarding the use, lane barriers, and lack of ingress/egress points for the lane to be utilized. Deputy City Manager Turner spoke to the points made

during TxDOT discussions with staff regarding the project stating the success of the lane is dependent on traffic, aesthetics of the lane remaining the same, excess revenue generated being utilized in Collin County, and the project being tied to a larger area project. Mr. Endres advised TxDOT will be responsible for the maintenance. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris spoke to his concern of citizens being tolled for a lane that was constructed using tax dollars and suggested the lane be opened for general use. Mr. Swindell stated the HOV lane is a part of a regional clean air plan and cannot be eliminated from the plan. Council Members Miner and Downs spoke to their concern regarding accidents in the lane and if tolls would be removed for the inconvenience. Mr. Endres stated the toll rate would be posted prior to entering the lane and could be adjusted if necessary. Mr. Swindell outlined the public outreach schedule and project schedule.

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 meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary