

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
July 22, 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

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
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 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 22, 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 matters of Litigation, Section 551.071; receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; 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 6:30 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion: Reappointments

Building Standards Commission

Council Member Duggan spoke to possible restructuring of the commission and deferred reappointments at this time.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Gallagher and seconded by Council Member Duggan, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint M. Nathan Barbera and Richard Grady.

DART REPORT

DART Board Member Faye Wilkins advised that the Board will consider the future of the Paid Parking Program (anticipated to end in March 2014) in December 2013. She provided an update on the Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS) which provides limited bus service in the area and advised regarding terms of a new access agreement with DART anticipated to be considered in August 2013. Ms. Wilkins advised that TAPS will take over a portion of the former operations of CCART in Collin County and spoke to a temporary taxi voucher program to cover customers losing CCART access. She spoke to the rise in light rail ridership and decline in bus ridership, the transition of HOV lane maintenance from DART to TxDOT in October 2012, and the Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Program monitoring and providing traveler information regarding all modes of transportation in the US 75 area.

Presentation on Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve Visitors' Center and Parks and Recreation Offices

City Manager Glasscock spoke to evaluation and issues related to updating the Municipal Center South (MCS) and/or relocating Parks and Recreation Administrative Staff. He spoke to the potential to move forward on construction of the Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve Visitors' Center and relocation of staff to reduce the center's potential operations and maintenance costs.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke to bond authority received for the Visitors' Center in the 2005 election, the available proceeds from the sale of (MCS), and park features. She advised that the parking lot and utilities are in place and grade work has been done and addressed reconfiguration of the space to accommodate administrative offices. Ms. Fortenberry advised that construction costs are anticipated to be \$5-6 million, with General Fund expenses of \$170,036 and revenues of \$76,000. She advised that the proposal allows for downtown redevelopment, provides office space for staff, utilizes existing bond authority, leverages the use of spaces and staff, utilizes basic infrastructure, and completes a delayed public project. Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Council Member Miner spoke in support of the recommendation. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris and Council Member Gallagher spoke to careful deliberation of the proposal. Ms. Fortenberry responded to the Council regarding available funding and Deputy City Manager Turner spoke to a potential buyer for MCS. City Manager Glasscock advised that an architectural services contract will be brought forward for Council consideration at the July 24 meeting.

Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the Preliminary Meeting directly into the Regular Session at 7:02 p.m. during which remaining items from the Preliminary Agenda were discussed.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary