

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
May 27, 2014**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor
Ben Harris, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
André Davidson
Jim Duggan
Patrick Gallagher
David Downs

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
Paige Mims, City Attorney
Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary

Mayor LaRosiliere called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 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; 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 – Appointments**

Board of Adjustment

This item was not discussed.

Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Downs and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 6–0 to appoint Karen Bowen as an interim member.

Public Works and Water Restrictions Update

Director of Public Works Cosgrove presented an overview of the Public Works Department. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to the department's areas of responsibility including environmental waste, public works operations and fleet maintenance. He stated the environmental waste division is responsible for the collection of trash, household chemical waste, bulky waste, green waste, and recycling and spoke to the increase in commercial recycling collection. Mr. Cosgrove stated the public works operations division is responsible for streets drainage, traffic signs, utility operations and water distribution. He spoke to the increase in service and accomplishing goals for utility cut repair and curb repair with the additional employees that were included in the FY13/14 budget. Mr. Cosgrove stated the fleet services division is responsible for maintenance of the City's 800 licensed vehicles and equipment.

Mr. Cosgrove spoke to the current water restrictions and drought conditions, stating the City has saved 7.7 billion gallons of water since 2011 and experienced a 22.5% reduction in water usage compared to last year. He reported the City had delivered 8,740 courtesy letters, mailed 10,268 notices, and locked 1,008 irrigation systems for violations, encouraging education instead of enforcement. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to Staff visually inspecting and documenting violations and not using smart meters for enforcement. City Manager Glasscock stated the City would need to see more watering violations and a significant decrease in conservation efforts to start enforcement by using smart meters.

Mr. Cosgrove presented information about the current lake levels and the importance of continuing to conserve water with forecast of persistent drought conditions. He stated citizens have been on an every other week watering schedule since October of 2013 and the North Texas Municipal Water District has requested the City continue the practice through October 2014. He spoke to the other cities in the district not following the same watering schedule and the City may change the water rate schedule for residential water usage above 20,000 gallons per month.

City Manager Glasscock stated the North Texas Municipal Water District will be meeting with cities to encourage the every other week watering schedule. He spoke to the City's education campaign to encourage compliance and the ramifications if the City were to move to Stage 4 restrictions. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris inquired if the watering schedule could be evaluated every month and adjusted accordingly. Mr. Cosgrove stated monthly evaluation would cause an enforcement issue due to the three week time frame it takes to notify all residents.

Council's Role During Emergency Operations Center Activation Presentation

Director of Emergency Management Timmons spoke to the Council's role before a community wide disaster including training, communicating the plan, encouraging family planning of 72 hours of independent sustenance, articulating the value of rapid recovery, approving the policy through budget appropriations and emergency management plan updates. He stated the Council's role during the disaster includes reports from the City Manager, the Mayor reporting to the Emergency Operations Center for briefings, the Mayor considering issuance of a declaration of disaster, action to facilitate a timely recovery, providing an accurate, consistent message to the public, and the Mayor is the visual representation of the City during press briefings. Mr. Timmons spoke to the Emergency Operations Center facilities and equipment for coordination of recovery efforts. He stated the Council's role after the disaster include briefing on recovery efforts, providing policy direction, surveying impacted areas, and coordinating a concise message.

Love Where You Live Update

Comprehensive Planning Manager Schwarz spoke to the Love Where You Live initiative to revitalize aging neighborhoods being in its fourth year, stating the program keeps neighborhoods safe and beautiful, builds a sense of community, and encourages re-establishment of neighborhood associations. She stated the most recent neighborhood, Park Forest, was completed in three phases with 76 homes improved, 45 tons of landscape debris and 22 tons of trash removed, 1,545 volunteers completing 6,688 hours of work with a cost savings value of \$125,400. Ms. Schwarz presented before and after pictures of the projects completed and the block party following completion of the work. She thanked businesses, faith based groups, volunteers, community partners, City Staff and Council for their support. Ms. Schwarz stated over the four years of the program, 216 homes were improved, 68 tons of landscape debris and 37 tons of trash were removed, and 3,751 volunteers completed 17,010 hours of work.

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 6:50 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary