

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING  
April 27, 2015**

**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 (arrived at 5:18 p.m.)  
David Downs

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager  
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager  
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager  
Jim Parrish, Deputy City Manager  
Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager  
Paige Mims, City Attorney  
Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary

Mayor LaRosiliere called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2015, 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 Litigation, Section 551.071; to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; to discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072; and 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 6:01 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

**Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion-**

- a) Personnel – Appointments

North Texas Municipal Water District Board

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

## **Personnel Appointments/Reappointments**

### **Parks and Recreation Planning Board**

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8–0 to appoint Brian Bascom as an interim member.

## **Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report – March 2015**

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the March 2015 report finds General Fund revenues as a percentage of the budget are up .8 percent compared to last year while Water and Sewer revenues are up 3 percent. She stated that actual General Fund revenues are up \$14.6 million, primarily due to an increase in collection of ad valorem taxes of \$10,300,000 and sales tax increase of \$2.8 million. She spoke to the improvement in sales tax is due to business to business sales. She advised that General Fund expenditures are down slightly from last year's expenditures and Water and Sewer expenditures are equal to last year's expenditures. General Fund expenditures are up due to a 3% non-civil and civil service pay increase. She advised that the unemployment rate is at 3.6% and sales tax collections were up \$547,000 for the month including a positive audit adjustment. Ms. Tacke spoke to the real estate recap stating properties were on the market an average of 34 days and sold at 100 percent of asking price. Ms. Tacke advised the Water and Sewer revenues and hotel/motel taxes were up for the month.

## **ArtCentre Saigling House Fund Raising Presentation**

Deputy City Manager Turner spoke to the history of the Saigling House project and provided a summary of the improvements to the home and grounds. He discussed the \$3,000,000 approximate cost of restoration and funding sources. Mr. Turner stated the ArtCentre will raise a minimum of \$300,000 for capital costs and seeks an additional \$700,000 for operations. He spoke to City approval of procedures for fiduciary responsibility to donors, authorizing naming rights, and a bridge loan from the TIF. Howard Greisdorf of the ArtCentre provided more detailed information regarding the ArtCentre's fund raising activities. He stated the additional \$700,000 for operations include hiring an event coordinator/planner and allowing the ArtCentre to be self-sustaining within 5 years. Mr. Greisdorf advised the group will be soliciting pledges to be paid in a lump sum or over time and to date insider gifts are over \$100,000 at this time. He reported the fund raising campaign kicks off later this week with face to face requests, dinner parties, and other events. Mr. Turner discussed the importance of the Saigling House to the downtown area and stated the Council will have a resolution for approval during the regular meeting for the fund raising campaign and authorizing the naming rights.

## **North Texas Municipal Water District Updates**

Tom Kula, Executive Director of the North Texas Municipal Water District, discussed the District, the lifting of water restrictions in May and continued conservation. He spoke to reservoir elevations, Lake Lavon elevations, 2014 Water Conservation Plan details, status of additional water supplies, and the dredging of Lake Lavon and Lake Chapman, causing a review the depths and updated trigger points for water restrictions. Mr. Kula stated the Lower Bois d'Arc reservoir is progressing with the processing of two permits, working with Corps of Engineers and EPA, and completing the land acquisition and design components. He discussed the Main Stem Pump Station, maximizing the Wetlands (East Fork Raw Water Supply) and wastewater partnering. Mr. Kula stated District educational programs include Water for Otter and the Water My Yard campaign which encourages conservation.

Mr. Kula addressed questions from Council. He discussed the three stages of the 2014 Water Conservation Plan. Mr. Kula spoke to the contract stating the water restrictions are a supplement and that the contract does encourage conservation due to the take or pay aspect setting the minimum based on the highest usage values. He added take or pay is required to ensure the infrastructure is in place to accommodate required water demand by the cities. Mr. Kula verified the last contract modification was in 1988 due to lake level changes and clarified to make a change in the contract a unanimous vote is required by all member cities to ensure modifications are for what is best for the region. He advised although the contract does not cap the amount of water that can be used, excessive usage will increase the take or pay minimum. Mr. Kula discussed maintaining the conservation plan during the release of excess water from Lake Lavon is needed and helps with the permitting process for the Lower Bois d'Arc reservoir. He added although the City only used 18 billion of the 26 billion required gallons, the District did provide rebates of \$21 million over the last 25 years. Mayor LaRosiliere stated this is an emotional issue as the City paid \$13 million, before the rebate, for water they did not use and that conservation is new norm.

## **Water Restriction Update**

This item was presented during the regular council meeting.

## **Consent and Regular Agendas**

No items were discussed.

## **Council Items for Future Discussion**

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.

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**Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary