

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
May 11, 2015**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor
Ben Harris, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
Jim Duggan
Patrick Gallagher
David Downs

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
André Davidson

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 5:01 p.m., Monday, May 11, 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, 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 6:00 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion-

a) Personnel

North Texas Municipal Water District Board – Consideration of Plano's two Board Member positions; Appointment of one member to fill position resulting from expired term and removal and replacement of second member

Personnel – Appointments (Cont’d.)

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner, the Council voted 6–0 to appoint Phil Dyer as a member for the term expiring May 31, 2017.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris and seconded by Council Member Gallagher, the Council voted 5–1, with Council Member Miner voting in opposition, to replace Shep Stahel with James “Rod” Hogan as a member for a term expiring May 31, 2016.

Discussion and Direction regarding the Collinwood House

M’Lou Hyttinen, Executive Director of the Heritage Farmstead Museum, thanked the Council for the opportunity and stated the legacy families would be making the presentation. She introduced Mary Ann Wells. Ms. Wells spoke to her mother’s documenting of Plano’s history and stated the Collinwood house was the last site of Anglo settlement. She provided information of some of the features of the home and added moving the home would destroy its historical significance. Ms. Wells reported to date over \$500,000 has been raised to support the project and that the group needed additional time to raise additional funds. She encouraged the City to partner with the group and preserve the property.

Craig Melde with Architexas, a Historical Preservation consultant, outlined a preservation plan for the property, stating using photographs of the Carpenter house for reference, the property could be restored to its original design. Mr. Melde provided an alternative location for the pavilion to accommodate leaving the house in its current location. Ginger Harrington-Ellis spoke to the history of Plano and the property stating her great-great grandfather built the Collinwood house and requested the Council to respect the past and preserve the property as a part of history.

Jamie Schell spoke to the value of the property and that the legacy families made Plano what it is today. He stated the property was built in 1861, predating the incorporation of the City of Plano. Mr. Schell added the property needs a lot of TLC but is worthy of preservation. He advised the group has a business plan but did not provide details. Mr. Schell stated the Mesa Plan from 2012, indicates the home should remain on the property. He encouraged Council to be a hero for Plano and allow the group more time.

The Council discussed their concerns about the property. Council Member Miner is concerned about the cost to the City and would like to see it moved but not dismantled. Council Member Gallagher stated he thought the cost would be greater than the original million dollar estimate. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris expressed general discomfort with the project but cited security and financial obligation as concerns and supports moving forward with the park project. Council Member Downs stated the project should not be a financial burden for the City and questioned the cost of providing more time for the group to raise funds. Council Member Duggan advised he does not want to tear down history but questioned, is the structure in its current remodeled condition, just partially historic. Mayor LaRosiliere spoke to the value and the respect the City has for history and the financial component being of concern. He questioned if in three to five years the group would be back asking for additional financial support.

Mayor LaRosiliere asked Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry if there was additional information regarding a plan beyond the preservation of the house. Ms. Fortenberry stated the proposal spoke to the use of the barns on the property for event venues and that the use would not be permitted due to the barns location in the flood plain and proximity to residential properties. She discussed the additional 3½ years of time required if the park plan were to be restarted to include the house and that timeframe would include master planning, the RFP process and the construction. Ms. Fortenberry stated the original thought was to memorialize the house by having the pavilion on the site with historical information about the property.

City Manager Glasscock stated it is an extremely difficult situation but it is the Council's decision to keep the house in the park or move on with the current park plan and that providing the group with more time is essentially keeping the house in the park. He advised the project would not be eligible for Hotel/Motel tax funds and would be funded by the general fund unless the Council determines otherwise. Mr. Glasscock added if the Council decides to keep the house in place, it will be treated like any other City of Excellence project by Staff. In response to Council Member Downs, Mr. Schell stated the value of the property would be lost if it was moved, but an individual has property where the house can be stored if moved by the City. The Council expressed a desire to move forward with the park plan as is, with a vote of 4 – 2, with Council Members Miner and Downs in opposition.

Discussion and Direction re Great Update Rebate & Neighborhood Grant Program

This item was presented during the regular council meeting.

Consent and Regular Agendas

This item was presented during the regular council meeting.

Council Items for Future Discussion

This item was presented during the regular council meeting.

Nothing further was discussed. Remaining items were presented during the Regular meeting. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary