

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
June 8, 2015**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor
Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Ben Harris, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Angela Miner
Rick Grady
Ron Kelley
Tom Harrison
David Downs

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Glasscock, 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 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 8, 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; 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 5:46 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion-

- a) Personnel Appointment
Planning and Zoning Commission Member – Interim Member

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and seconded by Council Member Downs, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint John Muns as Interim Member.

Consideration of 2016 City Council Meeting Dates

City Manager Glasscock spoke to the need to change two Council Meeting dates in 2016 due to scheduling conflicts. He stated with Council concurrence, the June 27, 2016 meeting will be moved to June 28, 2016 and the December 26, 2016 meeting will be moved to December 20, 2016. The Council expressed concurrence.

DART Report

DART Board of Directors Member Faye Wilkins provided an update on DART services and various projects. She stated overall ridership is down 4.5% in comparison to the same quarter in 2014 with bus ridership down 7 % and light rail ridership down 2.5%. Ms. Wilkins spoke to the relocation of the signal equipment on 15th street, noting the project is a partnership between DART and the City of Plano, to alleviate limited access and should be complete in November, 2015. She advised DART is looking at Bus/Rapid Transit systems for the Cotton Belt and continues to work on the project. Ms. Wilkins reported DART subsidizes the Plano Senior Rides \$50,000 per year in taxi vouchers and that participants can purchase \$100 of vouchers for \$25. She stated Yellow Taxi is the service provider and DART will be converting from a paper voucher system to a debit card system in October 2015. In response to Council, Ms. Wilkins advised the decrease in ridership may be due to decrease in gas prices.

Flood Damage Report

Park Services Manager Fox provided information on the impact of the rain to the park system, especially on the east side of town. He stated at Pecan Hollow Golf Course, damage to the sand traps is estimated at \$50,000 and that irrigation water will be used to flush the silt. Mr. Fox reported although the rain has impacted services, the City, overall, sustained limited damage due to good planning and floodplain management, stringent regulations, parks designed with floodplains in mind, and the floodplains functioning as intended. He spoke to the pier damage at Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve and loss at parks included site amenities missing, playground mulch, signage, erosion accelerated, and minor tree issues, but no major structural damage at any of the facilities. Mayor Pro Tem Smith inquired about if there was a mosquito issue. Mr. Fox stated he is working with the Health Department to alleviate any issues. He advised the service impact included a loss of 3,173 games, 395 practices cancelled, only 13 of 33 tournaments played, and some special events were cancelled or delayed, all due to the rain.

Mr. Fox spoke to the median maintenance delays taking several cycles to get back on track and that large equipment will damage soft surfaces if used too soon. He stated 150 service requests have been received in the last 6 weeks, and that cleaning should be complete in 2 weeks, with amenity replacement, addressing erosion issues, and mowing taking several months to return to normal. Mr. Fox advised the estimated damage cost was approximately \$60,000, and 1,110 labor hours with a cost of \$35,000, including lost time on normal activities. He added mitigating hazards was a top priority. City Manager Glasscock spoke to citizen impact, citizen expectations, and recovery time to return the parks and medians to optimal conditions.

Parks and Recreation Departmental Report

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry provided the department's mission statement, National recognitions, a brief history of the park system, and stated it is a balancing act to ensure quality amenities. She spoke to communication with citizens to provide information about the amenities and programs and the benefits of parks and recreation to the City. Ms. Fortenberry reported CIP Projects that had been delayed and are now moving forward include: Oak Point Recreation Center improvements to the fitness room and locker rooms; Carpenter Park Natatorium which is geared toward senior exercise and leisure activities; Windhaven Meadow Park, a passive use park, improvements include playgrounds, trail, and pavilion; McCall Plaza improvements to the performance venue for small and large events with a completion date of October, 2015 and additional amenities for the plaza were included in a budget decision package; and at Jack Carter Park, the Master Plan is completed, the redesign of the current pool location includes a fully accessible playground and picnic area, and the new pool and amenities are in the construction document phase. In response to Council, Ms. Fortenberry stated during the rain event, the water reached the deck, fenced area, and the pool edge, but did not flow into the pool.

Ms. Fortenberry advised future projects include Senior Recreation Center renovation, athletic sites and sport field renovations, Liberty Recreation Center renovation, Moore Park improvements, and a dog park at Bob Woodruff on the east side of Plano. She spoke to membership offsetting a portion of the recreation center operation costs and provided information on upcoming events.

Emergency Management Departmental Report

Director of Emergency Management Little stated the Emergency Management Plan equates to insurance, the plan is important to have in place in case it needs to be utilized. She stated Emergency Management has four phases, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

Ms. Little reported the City's Mitigation phase includes a Hazard mitigation action plan and a grant program for Tornado Safe Rooms with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. She advised the Preparedness phase includes the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Disaster Debris Management Plan, Continuity of Operation Plan, Special Events Planning, administration of homeland security grants of \$3.5 million, and Community Outreach program with a social media presence, Community Response program and Boy Scout program. Ms. Little spoke to the Response phase including the Emergency Operation Center, severe weather monitoring and sounding of sirens, sheltering by partnering with faith based community, and evacuations. She stated the Recovery phase includes a Disaster Debris Management program, Restoration and Rebuilding program, and a liaison to State and Federal Partners.

Emergency Management Departmental Report (Cont'd.)

Ms. Little spoke to current priority projects of updating the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, implementing a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, a “Departmental Road Show” to highlight the interconnectedness between departments and responsibilities during disaster, a Debris Management Plan, and training and exercises. She added future efforts include private sector partnerships, leveraging technology in emergency management, Emergency Management Accreditation, and a continued Community Outreach Plan. In response to Council, Ms. Little advised Fire Station One is the back-up location for the Emergency Operations Center. Council Member Downs stated he would like to participate in training exercises.

Research/Technology District Briefing

Director of Planning Day provided a brief history of the Research/Technology District stating the district was developed sixteen years ago to complement the technology district in Richardson and to attract high technology private sector jobs and that the original 1,163 acre area has been amended four times to make modification to the district. She detailed the specific design criteria for the district includes limit and screen loading areas, increased landscaping requirements, monument signs, eliminate outside storage, reduce the amount of floor space for retail sales and restaurants, vesting rights, limited office-showroom/warehouse square footage, and warehouse/distribution as an accessory usage.

Ms. Day spoke to the district’s boundary changes and current district boundaries. She stated 20% of the original district land has been removed, 74 % of the land has been developed and 26% of the land is undeveloped based on current district boundaries. Ms. Day provided information on the districts vacant land trends, employment estimates and number of employees, the increase of 2.9 million square feet of building area, vacancy rate, and rental. She provided an overview of active projects in the area. Ms. Day stated the CityLine development in Richardson will have a positive impact on the district.

City Manager Glasscock stated from an economic development standpoint the district challenges are a lack of amenities (i.e. restaurants and services) and parking limitations, due to lack of available space and zoning requirements. He advised CityLine will be a plus and provide needed amenities.

The Council discussed the district. Mayor LaRosiliere discussed the number of high tech jobs and if the district was successful fulfilling that goal and expressed concern regarding the restrictions. Council Member Grady spoke to the change in technology businesses since the recession. Council Member Downs would like to see the impact of the CityLine development to the area before changes are made to regulations.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed.

Council Items for Future Discussion

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary