

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
November 9, 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
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Jim Parrish, Deputy City Manager
Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager
Jack Carr, 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, November 9, 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; Real Estate, Section 552.072 and 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 5:49 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

**Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion
Personnel – Appointments**

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Downs and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Susan Plonka an interim member.

DART Report

DART Board of Directors Member Paul Wageman updated the Council on DART matters affecting the City. Mr. Wageman spoke to the changes to DART Policy 111.07 related to non-service area cities and ongoing discussions with non-rail cities. He discussed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the US 75 Rail Corridor, the status of the Cotton Belt project, D-2 Second Alignment project, and the Plano Senior Rides program. Mr. Wageman spoke to the Legacy Express ridership growth, Plano Light Rail ridership, and the 38% increase in rail ridership during the 2015 State Fair of Texas.

TDHCA Housing Tax Credit Process

Director of Neighborhood Services Schwarz spoke to the Housing Tax Credit program providing background on the purpose, funding sources, and allocation. She detailed the support requirements, housing de-concentration requirements, and municipality specific requirements. Ms. Schwarz stated the City's process is not connected to the zoning process and the zoning matters are vetted separately. She discussed the application process and locations of Housing Tax Credit Funded developments within the city, adding the majority of the projects in Plano at this time are senior/elderly developments. The Council stated concurrence with the proposed process. City Manager Glasscock advised a resolution will be brought back to Council for final approval of the process.

High Speed Rail

Travis Kelly with Texas Central presented the plan to bring high speed rail to North Texas allowing a ninety minute trip between North Texas and Houston. He provided details regarding the easements, rail designs, and potential alignments. Mr. Kelly spoke to the privately funded project and its estimated direct economic impact of \$36 billion in the next 40 years. He stated approximately 10,000 jobs will be created each year of the construction and 1,000 direct jobs once the rail line is complete. Mr. Kelly advised the high speed rail will prevent future traffic congestion and create a safe and convenient experience for riders.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Kelly stated the fare structure will be similar to and competitive with airline pricing, and the train will travel at speeds of 186-205 miles per hour, the locations of the stations will be in close proximity to other mass transit stations for ease of use, and safety screening processes will be in place to ensure rider safety.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor LaRosiliere adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary