

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING  
May 9, 2016**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor  
Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ben Harris, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem – arrived at 5:02 p.m.  
Angela Miner  
Rick Grady  
Ron Kelley  
Tom Harrison

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Downs

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager  
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager  
Jim Parrish, Deputy City Manager  
Jack Carr, 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, May 9, 2016, in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present. Mayor LaRosiliere then stated that the Council would retire into Executive Session, in Training Room A, 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 discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072; 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 6:10 p.m. in the Senator Florence Shapiro Council Chambers.

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

No items were discussed.

## **Personnel – Appointment**

### Animal Shelter Advisory Board

After a brief discussion, this item was tabled to the May 23, 2016 meeting.

## **Public Safety Communications Departmental Report**

Director of Public Safety Communications Carr stated the department is the 9-1-1 call center for all public safety divisions. She spoke to the department's employees, mission, accreditations, accomplishments including the new phone system and fully redundant alternate site, and additional services provided. Ms. Carr advised 76% of calls received are from wireless devices and do not come in with an exact address but approximate location. In response to Council, she stated there is a push to improve location data and if calling near another city border, the call may be answered by another city. Ms. Carr reported in 2014-15, the department answered 76,000 traffic stop calls, 78,000 police calls, and 21,000 fire calls and that a significant portion of the calls are for EMS requiring more time on the line for call takers.

She spoke to the departmental challenges of 24-hour staffing, stringent requirements for hiring staff, high stress, lengthy training period, and changing technology. Ms. Carr advised "text to 9-1-1" will be included in a future version software once an appropriate platform is available. In response to Council, she advised the redundant call center is fully operational and peak call times are between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. City Manager Glasscock stated the department is a forgotten element of our first responders, being the first point of contact and a critical function of public safety.

## **Discussion and direction re: Fire Department Training Facility**

Fire Chief Greif provided a brief history of training and added as the City changes, the type of training required changes. He advised improved service benefits the community, live fire training is required to maintain ISO rating, and spoke to call volume, and response time. Chief Greif stated the current facility does not meet live fire requirements and options for training include utilizing outside facilities or building a training facility inside the City.

Chief Greif recommended reconfiguring the current fire station and administration property on Avenue K to utilize it as a training facility as well as its current uses. He stated the current facility is slated for \$5 million in renovation and he has worked with facilities to reconfigure the property to include a new fire station, administration/training building, structures for various types of training, and with land available for future expansion. Chief Greif provided sample drawings of possible facilities and stated the estimated cost was approximately \$22 million. In response to Council, he advised the facility could be used by neighboring entities to recoup some of the cost. City Manager Glasscock stated if the Council expressed concurrence, a \$17 million bond issue would be placed on the ballot for May 2017 and that training and safety of fire personnel is essential. Council Member Grady expressed the importance of the ISO 1 rating and training for tall structure emergencies. Mayor LaRosiliere stated the facility would be an investment for our future. Council expressed concurrence to move forward with the bond issue.

**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 7:16 p.m.

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**Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary