



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 20, 2011

Councilman Nelson Deploying to Afghanistan

Frisco – City Councilman Tim Nelson, a Captain in the US Army Reserve and a 22 year Army and Iraq war veteran recently received orders for his reserve unit to deploy to Afghanistan on November 1, 2011. It is expected that Councilman Nelson will be deployed for at least nine months.

After receiving the orders, Nelson said “The timing is unfortunate. There is no better way to say it. There is a lot of work to do here in Frisco. That being said, when I am called to serve, whether it be my country or my community, I am 100% committed to the mission at hand. While I cannot participate in council activities while I am on active duty, you can be sure I will be serving Frisco in a different capacity. My focus right now is to complete my mission in Afghanistan, return safely to my wife Candace and our three children, and then re-dedicate myself to serving the citizens of Frisco. I have spoken with my fellow council members, the mayor, and the City Manager, as well as many citizens, and I want to thank them all for their unwavering support.”

“Councilmember Nelson is an integral part of our team and we will miss his contributions and vision in helping shape our community’s future over the next several months,” said Mayor Maher Maso. “We understand he’ll be serving not only Frisco, but our nation, in a much greater capacity. We appreciate his service and wish him a safe return, while keeping the Nelson family in our prayers.”

“The United States military is no longer equipped to carry on its mission without an operational Reserve force,” said Lt. Col. Wyatt A. Lowery, Commander, 980th Engineer Battalion. “Its civilian leaders such as Capt. Nelson that bring a force multiplier to the fight. National Guard and Reserve Soldiers bring additional capabilities and talents to their military role that cannot readily be found within the active component.”

Councilman Nelson currently serves with the 980th Engineer Battalion, Austin, TX, as the Assistant Operations Officer. His unit is responsible for vertical and horizontal construction, route clearance and route reconnaissance missions in support of combat operations.

For more information, please contact Tim Nelson at 214-699-8461 or timhnelson@gmail.com