

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE
DISTRICT ONE
February 10, 2011**

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The Plano City Council met informally at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, February 10, 2011, at the Plano Centre – Windhaven Room, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present. Mayor Dyer welcomed those in attendance and introduced Council and Staff. He spoke regarding the structure of the Council where all members represent citizens across the City.

Budget Update

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley spoke to the status of the budget process, development of the three-year forecast to be presented in March and advised that the current budget is \$396 million with \$75 million in Capital Improvement Projects. She spoke to the estimated deficit for 2011-12 of \$10-13 million, departmental cutbacks and work on prioritization of services. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to increases in sales tax revenue, potentially flat residential property values in 2011 with declines of 2-3% for commercial properties.

Economic Development Progress Report

Plano Economic Development Board Director of Business Retention and Expansion Hamm spoke to creating job opportunities, diversifying the economic base to cushion against economic shock, and increasing the tax base. She spoke to contributions made by companies and efforts of the Economic Development Board through outreach and recruitment; retention and expansion; and marketing and redevelopment. Ms. Hamm reviewed recent projects, industry targets, utilization of the web site, challenges and opportunities. Mayor Dyer spoke to commercial land yet to be developed.

Community Development Update
Downtown residential/commercial leasing activity - Downtown Development Update -
Research Technology District Update - 12th Street Station Initiative Update

Planning Director Jarrell spoke to new businesses in Downtown Plano, renovations, and construction. She advised that DART is considering a new station along the area where the Cotton Belt Line crosses lite rail and potential for a 12th Street Station which would increase ridership, connection, real estate investments, and provide a catalyst for development opportunities in the area. Ms. Jarrell spoke regarding Council's direction to the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the Research Technology District's boundaries and regulations. She responded to citizen questions regarding the City of Richardson's recommendation for a rail station, DART ownership of land near the Parker Station, the addition of commuter trains to the Cotton Belt Line using new technologies, and the need for parking at the 12th Street Station.

Parks and Recreation Projects Update

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke to the Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve's 801 acres tying into Bob Woodruff Park and including a 16 acre lane, meadow, hard/soft trails, and pavilion. She spoke to future trail connections into the City of Allen via the Bluebonnet trail and a planned visitors/education building. Ms. Fortenberry spoke regarding Pecan Hollow Golf Course renovations including a new cart barn and updated greens and tees to be completed by November 2011. She reviewed the Hall tract at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Alma Road which is 52 acres in size and will be developed as a community park. Ms. Fortenberry responded to citizens, advising that the City is monitoring property at Haggard Park for future acquisition. She also advised that structures planned at Oak Point Park are a visitor's center and retreat building and spoke to current regulations in place prohibiting alcoholic consumption on park properties (with the exceptions of Oak Point Amphitheater and Pecan Hollow).

Community Investment Program (CIP) & Street Improvements – District 1
14th Street Construction Status

Deputy Director of Public Works and Engineering Cosgrove spoke to recently completed projects including the single point urban interchange at US 75 and Parker Road, railroad quiet zones, and the Shiloh pump station. He advised that areas under construction are 14th Street (Avenue K to Ridgewood) and Chaparral (K Avenue to the east City limits), and spoke to repainting of the southeast industrial water tank. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to future projects including Split Trail (K Avenue to Spring Creek Parkway), Park Boulevard pedestrian crossing, and various intersection improvements and pavement repairs. He responded to citizen questions regarding lane configuration on 14th Street and the status of lighting, sidewalks and medians on 15th Street (Avenue G to US 75). Transportation Engineering Manager Neal responded to citizen questions, advising that Staff is monitoring conditions at the US 75/Parker Road interchange.

Code Enforcement/Property Standards Update - Apartment Inspection Program Update

Director of Property Standards O'Banner spoke to Code Enforcement regulating compliance with zoning ordinances and property maintenance codes and spoke to City-wide inspections, educational, and enforcement efforts to sustain housing and business communities. Ms. O'Banner spoke to voluntary compliance and enforcement measures which include penalties/fees, civil/criminal remedies, or abatement measures. She advised regarding recent changes to fees and criminal penalties and spoke to Community Service Projects, the *Love Where You Live Program*, and *Helping Partners*. Ms. O'Banner reviewed cases handled in the last year and spoke to the progress of the Apartment Inspection Program which reviewed 27,531 units in FY 2009-10. Ms. O'Banner responded to citizens, advising that trash pickup along creeks is a cooperative effort between the City and private owners, and spoke regarding rental inspection program procedures, and policies related to occupancy limits. She advised that the residential rental inspection program is currently on hold.

Open Questions and Answers

Mayor Dyer spoke to the selection process for the City Manager and responded to citizens regarding consideration of formats for the roundtables. He spoke to volunteer opportunities and thanked those in attendance. The session was closed at 8:23 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary