

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
March 26, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Dyer, Mayor
Pat Miner, Mayor Pro Tem
Lissa Smith, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Ben Harris
André Davidson
Patrick Gallagher
Lee Dunlap

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

James Duggan

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2012, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present. Mayor Dyer 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; 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 Dyer reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

DART Report

DART Vice President of Planning and Development Todd Plesko spoke to the surge in ridership in 2008 beyond the capacity of some park and ride lots and resultant expansions. He spoke to the impact of non-resident customers and evaluation of methods to address concerns. Mr. Plesko advised that DART has authorized a paid parking demonstration project. He spoke to the contract with a private vendor, reviewed rates and provided information regarding registration and monitoring. Council Member Dunlap stated concern regarding the fees for resident reserve parking as compared to those of non-residents. Mr. Plesko responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith regarding possible prioritization for member city residents. City Manager Glasscock and Deputy City Manager Turner advised the Council that Staff would work to monitor and evaluate any possible impacts on the Downtown Plano Station.

DART Board Representative Faye Wilkins responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith advising that a “smart card” is part of future plans and to Council Member Dunlap that she will review the resident versus non-resident parking rates.

Discussion and Direction re Water Restrictions Update

City Manager Glasscock spoke to revision of models from the North Texas Municipal Water District after increased rain in the region. He spoke to the success of conservation efforts and his recommendation to continue in Stage 3 with watering permitted one day per week. Mr. Glasscock spoke to continued education/monitoring, water release from Lake Lavon required for flood control, and the lack of access to water from Lake Texoma. He requested future consideration of a modification to the ordinance providing the City Manager authority to implement emergency measures for a short term (45-90 days). Council Member Harris stated concern that citizens are conserving when water is being released downstream. Mr. Glasscock advised that Staff will request further information from the district and request the district provide incentives for conservation. Director of Policy and Government Relations Israelson advised that Staff will review providing credits for commercial properties similar to those issued for residences. Council Member Dunlap spoke regarding the presence of zebra mussels in Lake Texoma impacting the water supply.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Proposal for Electric Charging Stations

Sustainability and Environmental Services Manager Smouse spoke regarding the Resource Conservation Committee whose goal is to create a culture within the organization that values resource conservation and incorporates sustainable practices into all City operations and programs and the *Clean Fleet Program* utilizing right-size and alternative vehicles and evaluating fuel alternatives. He spoke to the proposed plan: partnering with ECotality to provide up to 20 charging stations at eight City sites by April 30 at no cost to the City. He responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith regarding the locations selected based on evaluation of electrical connections, parking and availability of the main power box. Mr. Smouse advised that future access may be provided in the central portion of the City by a commercial location. He reviewed benefits of the program: service to the community, providing educational outreach, supporting the Electric Vehicle Project and advancing internal and external use of the vehicles. Mr. Smouse spoke regarding consideration of ADA locations and advised that base rates may be revised to ensure costs are covered.

Update Regarding Parker Road Corridor

Director of Engineering/Public Works Cosgrove reviewed intersection improvements at Parker Road and Coit Road, Custer Road and Alma Drive. He advised that trees will be impacted at Custer Road/Parker Road. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested consideration of saving or replanting some of the trees at this location.

Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Criteria

Director of Emergency Management & Public Safety Communications Timmons provided a briefing on the Outdoor Warning System, advising that Plano activates the sirens when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or severe thunderstorm warning. He spoke to a recent Integrated Warning Team Workshop which included discussion of criteria utilized by area agencies in initiating warnings. Mr. Timmons spoke to having a family plan in place and utilization of a weather radio. He responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith, advising that an override of the cable system is no longer available, but that information will be provided on Plano Television Network. Ms. Smith spoke to citizens receiving information via the Blackboard system in the future.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the February 2012 report finds General Fund revenues up slightly as a percentage of budget as compared to last year while Water and Sewer revenues are down slightly. She stated that actual General Fund revenues are up \$8.7 million, primarily due to an increase in ad valorem taxes and an increase in sales tax resulting from an audit adjustment. Ms. Tacke also stated revenues were up in court fines, electric and cable franchises and ambulance services. She spoke to sponsorship revenue resulting from an agreement with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital. Ms. Tacke advised that General and Water & Sewer Fund expenditures are up slightly as a percentage of budget, as well as Golf Course Fund expenditures. She advised that the unemployment rate is up slightly to 6.5%. Ms. Tacke stated sales tax collections for the month of March are down by \$180,000.

Council Items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Council Member Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Items "C," Bid No. 2012-92-B for the Technology/Industrial Sidewalk and Barrier Free Ramp Project, Project No. 6200 to Jim Bowman Construction Company, L.P., in the amount of \$296,060 and "E," Bid No. 2012-93-B for the 2011-2012 Arterial Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation, K Avenue – SH 190 to Chaparral Road, Project No. 6183 to Jerusalem Corporation in the amount of \$592,625 be removed for individual consideration due to possible conflicts of interest.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary