

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
April 23, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Dyer, Mayor
Pat Miner, Mayor Pro Tem
Lissa Smith, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Ben Harris
André Davidson
James Duggan (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
Patrick Gallagher
Lee Dunlap

STAFF PRESENT

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

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., Monday, April 23, 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 to 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 6:01 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

Update on Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Program

Director of Planning Jarrell spoke to the establishment of neighborhood empowerment zones to support the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing, promote economic development and/or increase the quality of social services, education, and public safety in a specific area and the creation of Zone No. 1 in 1999 in downtown Plano. She advised that the zone focuses on fee waivers as incentives with most related to building and sign permits for both commercial and single-family new construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation. Ms. Jarrell stated that for new multi-family development, only the park impact fee is waived. She spoke to expansion of the boundaries since 1999, and advised that the proposed amendment would revise the boundaries and expand the waiver list to cover plan review and engineering inspection fees. Ms. Jarrell advised that, since inception of the zone, the City has waived \$555,375 in fees on construction projects valued at \$53 million and advised that effects of the zone are positive in nature.

Update Regarding Plano Stages Concerts/Events at the Courtyard Theater and the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park

Recreation Superintendent/Creative Arts Division Smith spoke to continued efforts toward securing a Live Nation Festival in Plano. He spoke to the two upcoming concerts at the Plano Amphitheater and the Courtyard Theater's Texas Music Series running from March-November. Mr. Smith advised regarding local participation in the programs.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the March 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 \$10 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, ambulance services, and building permits. Ms. Tacke advised that General, Water & Sewer Fund, and Golf Course Fund expenditures are up slightly as a percentage of budget. She advised that the unemployment rate is down slightly to 6.2% and that sales tax collections for the month of March are up by \$726,000. Ms. Tacke advised that actual revenues for the Water & Sewer Fund are down by \$1.9 million compared to the prior year due to drought conditions and water restrictions while expenses are up by \$5 million.

Council Items for discussion/action on future agendas

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested an update on the *Learn 2 Live Green* event.

Council Member Davidson requested a Council discussion regarding in-home daycare regulations.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Staff requested that Consent Agenda Item "C," to approve the purchase in the amount of \$67,937 from Sunbelt Pools for re-plastering the Tom Muehlenbeck Center outdoor pool through an existing contract with BuyBoard be pulled.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary