

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
September 30, 2015**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor
Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Angela Miner
Rick Grady
Ron Kelley
Tom Harrison
David Downs

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ben Harris, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Jim Parrish, Deputy City Manager
Paige Mims, City Attorney
Lisa C. Henderson, City Secretary
Sam Greif, Fire Chief

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Doug Bender, Chair
M. Nathan Barbera, 1st Vice Chair
Kayci Prince, 2nd Vice Chair
Forrest Hicks
Hilton Kong
John Muns
Michael O'Hanlon
Mark Pittman arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Christina Day, Director of Planning
Doug McDonald, Comprehensive Planning
Manager
Eric Hill, Development Review Manager
Steve Sims, Senior Planner
Ken Schmidt, Senior Planner

The joint meeting was called to order on September 30, 2015, at 6:01 p.m. in the Plano ISD Sockwell Center, Dallas Room, 6301 Chapel Hill Boulevard, Plano, Texas. Quorums of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission were present.

Opening Comments

Mayor LaRosiliere thanked everyone for attending and stated this is an opportunity to be visionary and look to the future of Plano. He spoke to the Plano Tomorrow Plan being a guideline or framework for the long range planning of the City. Mayor LaRosiliere advised public comments would be received during the October 12, 2015 City Council meeting.

Introduction and History of Plano Comprehensive Planning

Director of Planning Day spoke to the purpose of a comprehensive plan as a guide for long range development incorporating a 20- to 30- year vision for the City. She stated Plano's first two comprehensive plans were adopted in 1963 and 1986, respectively, and the third plan is the current plan for consideration. Ms. Day provided examples of the focus and the changes since the last plan's adoption in 1986. She spoke to the changing demographics of the City, the emerging challenges of redevelopment, regional issues such as population and job growth as well as mobility challenges.

Creating the Draft Plan

Ms. Prince, 2nd Vice Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, described the public involvement process. She stated the process included surveying the public to identify key issues; work with the Planning and Zoning Commission to develop policies and actions based on public feedback; confirm actions and statements with the public and make necessary changes; and develop a final recommendation for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council's consideration.

Ms. Prince spoke about the outreach programs utilized to gather public input. She reported the programs included "Take the Case" with 36 meetings and 250 participants; online and paper surveys advertised through a utility bill insert, with 1,375 responses; a virtual town hall meeting, where 40,000 households were contacted, with 275 participants; information booths at major community events; and thought bubbles at libraries and recreation centers for citizens to share their ideas.

Ms. Prince stated the Planning and Zoning Commission held 14 public work sessions, received 27 presentations, and conducted 40 hours of discussion on the plan. Draft plans were presented to the public in a series of open house meetings and modified to reflect citizen input. Ms. Prince spoke to the amended plan being presented in public workshops, a meeting with the Plano Independent School District Trustees, and eight Planning and Zoning Commission work sessions and two public hearings. She added during the 26 month process over 4,000 citizens and 40 organizations participated in the process.

The Plan

Mr. Bender, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, spoke to the five pillars of the Plano Tomorrow Plan including the Built Environment, Social Environment, Economic Environment, Natural Environment, and Regionalism. He stated the Built Environment pillar is comprised of Land Use and Community Design, Transportation, and Housing and Neighborhoods. Mr. Bender stated that the Built Environment pillar covers facets of development and redevelopment, neighborhood stabilization, future land use, residential development, undeveloped land as well as growth and change. Council Member Harrison inquired about the key elements of the plan that have changed from the original draft. Director Day stated the original document and edit notes are available on the Plano Tomorrow website and spoke to the timeline of the process.

Mr. Bender spoke to the Social Environment pillar which is comprised of quality of life and sense of community components. He stated working with the school district, public safety matters, community engagement, and reviewing the Master Park plan are facets of the plan.

The Plan (Cont'd.)

Mr. Barbera, 1st Vice Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, reported the Natural Environment pillar consists of building and site efficiency and environmental quality components; covering water conservation, sustainable building design, and open space conservation components. He stated the Regionalism Pillar is designed to strengthen partnership with neighboring communities to address regional issues. Mr. Barbera spoke to the Economic Environment pillar including jobs and workforce development and the diverse and resilient economy components.

The Council and Commission took a brief recess at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Implementation

Comprehensive Planning Manager McDonald spoke to the Plano Tomorrow Plan and key similarities and differences with the current plan. He discussed the manner in which the plan will be implemented. Mr. McDonald stated the web-based plan is innovative and provides an interactive method for public participation and access. The web-based nature of the plan, the visits and downloads can be tracked to determine utilization. Mr. McDonald demonstrated the website and played a video.

Fire Chief Greif spoke to response times in regard to land area and population density. The department is always seeking ways to improve and enhance performance and operations in the future.

Council Member Harrison spoke to the Plano Tomorrow Plan, suggesting slowing down the development of high-density housing, revitalizing neighborhoods, being more transparent, and placing Plano Tomorrow on a referendum to let citizens vote on the matter.

Council Member Downs requested clarification regarding Four-Corner Retail Center revitalization challenges related to ownership. He stated the web-based plan leads the way in innovation and encourages transparency. Mr. Downs inquired to state notification requirements in zoning cases and thanked the staff for their hard work.

City Attorney Mims advised that referendums on zoning matters are barred by state law.

Mayor LaRosiliere stated the City is not the same City it was in 1980, 1990, or 2000 and in 2020, it will be different. He thanked staff for their efforts to garner citizen input over the last 26 months and added the item will be on the October 12th agenda and looks forward to additional input.

Nothing further was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

**Doug Bender, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission**

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY