

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
February 28, 2011**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Dyer, Mayor
Lee Dunlap, Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Ben Harris
André Davidson
Lissa Smith
Harry LaRosiliere
Jean Callison

STAFF

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2011, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member LaRosiliere. 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; information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; and Personnel, Section 551.074 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 6:22 p.m.

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were considered.

DART Report

DART Board Member Faye Wilkins spoke to progress along the Cottonbelt Corridor, consideration of a 12th Street station, possible stations at the George Bush Turnpike and/or Shiloh Road and DFW Airport access. She provided information regarding the development of a "Regionalism Business Plan" to address DART's role in the area.

Update on Ice Storm Response

Director of Emergency Management Stovall reviewed early February weather events including sleet, freezing rain, snow and freezing temperatures. He advised that the storms resulted in an estimated \$223,769 of costs for labor, materials and equipment. Deputy Director of Public Works and Engineering Cosgrove spoke to the current policy of sanding signalized intersections, bridges, overpasses and box culverts as well as "hot spots." He advised that sanding does not include residential streets and reviewed similar policies in neighboring communities. Mr. Cosgrove advised that, with current resources (8 trucks), one pass across the City requires 11 hours and spoke to the resources necessary to cover all major thoroughfares (12 hours with 61 trucks). He recommended establishing another stockpile of sanding material (\$60,000), enlarging current stockpiles (\$25,000), and purchasing 12 spreaders to equip available trucks, thus reducing the time for one pass to 6 hours (\$124,000). City Manager Glasscock spoke to possible use of emergency or red-light funding. Police Chief Rushin spoke to the increase in traffic accidents during the storm and police response and Mr. Stovall advised that costs provided are estimated figures. The Council concurred in directing Staff to move forward with recommendations.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Tacke advised that for the month of January 2011, General Fund, Water/Sewer, Civic Center and Golf Course revenues were up as a percentage of budget when compared to last year. She advised that actual figures indicate General Fund revenues were down due to decreases in ad valorem taxes and a decrease in court fine revenues and stated that expenditures were down slightly as a percentage of budget. Ms. Tacke advised that actual expenditures were down \$2 million due to the timing of the September 2010 payroll and a reduction in the annual contribution to the 115 Trust. Ms. Tacke advised that the unemployment rate is down slightly to 6.7% and sales tax collections for January are up by 2.4%. She spoke to increases in actual water/sewer revenue due to the lack of rain and rate increases and expenditures down \$971,000. Ms. Tacke spoke to increases in municipal drainage revenues and a decline in expenses based on contract costs for street cleaning services.

Discussion and Direction regarding scheduling additional meetings for departmental budget reviews

Council Member Smith spoke to scheduling a worksession to accommodate further discussion of the budget. Council Member Harris spoke to expanding the session to include additional topics. The Council concurred in directing Staff to schedule a worksession.

Personnel Appointments - Civil Service Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap, the Council voted 7-0 to approve the recommendation of City Manager Glasscock and appoint Robert Hill as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Mayor Dyer requested that Consent Agenda Item "F," to approve of a 90-day contract extension with LegacyTexas Bank for the City's Treasury Department, for the limited purpose of depository services for Utility Billing funds that are currently direct deposited into LegacyTexas Bank and will be transitioned to direct deposit with Frost Bank be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Member Smith requested that Consent Agenda Item "G," a resolution to authorize the purchase of additional XpressCheck™ patron self-checkout stations in an amount not to exceed \$124,589 from Integrated Technology Group be removed for individual consideration.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary