

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 26, 2011**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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 5:05 p.m., Monday, September 26, 2011, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith arrived at 5:30 p.m. 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; to discuss Personnel, Section 551.074; and to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; 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 5:54 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion – Personnel – Appointments/Nominations of Members/Chairs:

Arts of Collin County Commission Board of Directors

Upon a motion made by Mayor Dyer and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Bill Shaddock as a joint at-large member.

Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion made by Council Member Gallagher and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Mark Richard Godfrey as an alternate member, move Steven D. Patten to a regular position and appoint Michael Pirek as Chair.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to move Sylvia Reid to a regular position and reappoint Arthur Stone as Chair. The Council deferred appointment of an alternate member.

Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Mayor Dyer stated that the Council would not bring forward a nomination for the board.

Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Gary James Graley as a member and reappoint Anne Quaintance-Howard as Chair.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Miner and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Douglas Bruce Cargo as a member and reappoint Christopher J. Caso as Chair.

Personnel – Appointments/Reappointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Miner and seconded by Council Member Gallagher, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Kevin Michael Kimbrell as a member and reappoint Sunny Ruth as Chair.

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Amanda (Mandy) Lea Tschoepe and Cynthia Thomas as members and to reappoint Richard Grady as Chair.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member Gallagher, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Marion L. Brochette and Mark Greer as members and to appoint Marilyn Mahoney as Chair.

Library Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Miner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint John Graham Pillow as a member and Gary Graham as Chair.

Parks and Recreation Planning Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Miner and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Pamela Godkin Weaver as a member and to reappoint Kayci Brooks Prince as Chair.

Photographic Traffic Signal Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Dyer and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Doug A. Bender as Chair and to appoint Robert B. Drotman as Vice Chair.

Plano Housing Authority

Upon a motion made by Mayor Dyer and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Linda Karen Prindiville as Resident Member.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Gallagher, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Casey Srader and appoint him as Chair and to appoint Sean Martin Sullivan as member thus confirming City Manager Glasscock's recommendation.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member Duggan, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Stephen E. Vitasek as Chair.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Nancy Catherine Jensen, Barbara Johnson and Ralph J. Steckel as members and to appoint Jane Sackett as Chair.

DART Report

DART Board Member Faye Wilkins advised the Council regarding implementation of non-resident paid parking for the Parker Road Station beginning in November/December. She spoke regarding completion of the Northwest Plano Park & Ride in June 2012 and to "Right Sizing the DART Bus Fleet" with conversion of 20% of the fleet to 30-foot buses. Ms. Wilkins spoke to service changes coming on line in 2012, ridership levels and Texas State Fair services. She addressed continued discussions regarding the Cottonbelt line and station locations and responded to the Council regarding efforts toward greater fare collection rates. Council Member Dunlap spoke regarding utilization of the Park Boulevard/Parker Road bus route.

IV. Update Regarding Plano Partners Program

Director of Public Information Conklin provided examples of signage that would be utilized for the program and advised that implementation would require an amendment of the sign ordinance. She responded to the Council, advising that signs would include text only and no logo; revenues may not be directly tied to the facilities; and that information on banners would be negotiated with partners. Council Member Dunlap stated concern that the program may be misinterpreted as advertising and City Manager Glasscock clarified that the program will develop public/private partnerships but is not intended to provide advertising and further that requests will come to the Council for approval. Ms. Conklin spoke to the proposal's goal of five partnerships.

V. Discussion and Direction re Live Green Expo

Sustainability and Environmental Services Director Nevil spoke to attendance at the Expo, featured environmental topics, children's activities, entertainment and programs. She advised regarding plans to relocate the program to the Shops at Legacy which offers benefits of a conference center, a variety of restaurants, residents within walking distance, convenient and ample parking, co-marketing potential and economic development opportunities. Ms. Nevil spoke to outstanding issues including negotiations for conference center space and budget considerations. She advised regarding in-kind contributions and Staff time. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested tracking the number of visitors attending from outside of the City and Ms. Nevil responded to the Council regarding expanding the role of volunteers.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the August 2011 report finds General Fund and Water & Sewer revenues up slightly as a percentage of budget as compared to last year. She stated that actual General Fund revenues are down for the first eleven months of the year, primarily due to a decrease in ad valorem taxes offset by an increase in sales tax. Ms. Tacke advised that General Fund expenditures are slightly higher as a percent of budget for the first eleven months of the fiscal year and that Water & Sewer expenditures are down slightly. She spoke to reductions in personnel services with a large portion due to the reduction in the annual required contribution for the 115 Trust. She advised that the unemployment rate is down to 7.4%, sales tax collections are up by 8.93% and spoke regarding housing trends. Ms. Tacke advised that the Water & Sewer fund actual revenues are up by \$10 million due to decreased rainfall and a 6% rate increase.

Discussion and Direction re General Obligation Bonds and Refunding

Director of Finance Tacke spoke to the decrease in interest rates for tax-exempt bonds and the potential to lower the City's debt service payments through utilization of a *Parameter Bond Ordinance* which delegates the final pricing authority to Staff and allows for pricing at any time to take advantage of an interest rate rather than locking prices on the date of a Council meeting. City Manager Glasscock advised that an agenda item would be brought forward on October 10 for Council's consideration

Council Items on Future Agendas

Council Member Davidson spoke to future discussion regarding additional membership requirements for applicants to the Community Relations Commission to consider their service on affected agency boards prior to their appointment as is the case for Cultural Affairs Commission members.

Consent and Regular

Mayor Dyer requested that Consent Agenda Item "V," consideration of an ordinance to rezone 13.9± acres located at the northwest corner of Kathryn Lane and Rowlett Cemetery Road from Regional Commercial to Single-Family Residence-6 be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

City Manager Glasscock requested that Consent Agenda Item "U," consideration of an ordinance to revise the Stage 3 water reduction actions be pulled.

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

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary