

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
February 11, 2013**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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 5:01 p.m., Monday, February 11, 2013, 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 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 6:20 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

Nebraska Furniture Store Traffic Impact

Tod Maurina, Assistant City Manager of Special Projects for The Colony spoke regarding the public/private partnership entered into with Nebraska Furniture Store to develop 435 acres in an area bordering the City of Plano. He advised that the project has been named "Grandscape" and will include multi-use development with retail, entertainment and light office. Mr. Maurina spoke to the city's ownership of the property and responsibility for construction and Nebraska Furniture Store's anchor including a 560,000 square-foot showroom with 2000 jobs. He spoke to the traffic impact, a 200-mile radius traffic study indicating stresses on Spring Creek Parkway and S.H. 121 and plans for intersection improvements. Mr. Maurina spoke regarding the formation of a committee with members of abutting Plano homeowners' associations to keep residents informed of the project's progress. He responded to the Council, that some ancillary uses may open prior to the two-story furniture store. Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke to the cooperation between the cities and advised that Staff will continue to look at the impacts on traffic and Plano residents.

Update Regarding Median Left Turns

Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke to the original plans to convert three intersections to median left turns and completion of the Legacy Drive/Preston Road location. He spoke to potential improvements (additional pavement) for Plano Parkway/Preston Road and Spring Creek Parkway/Coit Road and the outcomes at Legacy Drive/Preston Road including increased traffic flow and reduced backup; but, stated that drivers have not accepted the concept with resulting undesired u-turns and increased violations. He advised that the City can move forward with median left turns at the two additional intersections, or construct the pavement improvements without implementing the left turn process. Mayor Dyer and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris stated concerns regarding the Legacy Drive/Preston Road location and Mr. Cosgrove responded to the Council regarding differing accident rates reported by the Police versus Engineering Staff. He spoke to available funding for construction of additional lanes without conversion to median left-turn lanes to which the Council concurred.

Personnel

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Judy Drotman to an interim term on the commission.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member Duggan, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Ethel Lean Jernigan to an interim term on the committee.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary