

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
March 8, 2010**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Dyer, Mayor
Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor Pro Tem
Lee Dunlap, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
Ben Harris
Mabrie Jackson (resigned)
Lissa Smith
Jean Callison

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
Bruce Glasscock, Deputy City Manager
Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager
LaShon Ross, Assistant City Manager
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2010, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere arrived at 5:11 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/Litigation, Section 551.071, 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 6:20 p.m.

**Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion: Personnel
Appointments**

North Texas Municipal Water District Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Dyer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere, the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Shep Stahel as an interim member (expires May 2010).

Personnel Appointments

Photographic Traffic Signal Advisory Committee

The Council extended the deadline for application submittal to March 15, 2010 and consideration of appointments on March 22, 2010.

Arts of Collin County Quarterly Report

Executive Director Mike Simpson spoke to the City of Frisco taking no action on a revote for the arts hall and to their discussion of the sale of bonds. He spoke to work towards finalizing the contribution agreement and future consideration of it by the three cities with a total cost for phase one of \$65.7 million representing a decrease from estimates of \$86 million. Mr. Simpson requested discussion between the board and mayors/city managers of Plano, Allen and Frisco prior to finalization of the agreement.

Discussion and Direction re Pecan Hollow Golf Course Renovation

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke to the Pecan Hollow Golf Course as the oldest facility that has not be renovated with irrigation 25 years old, compacted greens and tees, corroded pump house, poor drainage and course safety concerns. She reviewed a proposed timeline with execution of a contract in September 2010, renovations beginning in November 2010 with a reopening of the course in October 2011 and to the bonds approved in 2005 (\$1.8 million) and 2009 (\$7 million). Ms. Fortenberry spoke to the continued decline should renovations be delayed, to closing the course for a year during the process to minimize the impact, to restructuring of staff, and to the loyal player base for the course. She spoke to working with area courses to accommodate players, advised that the course has historically paid for itself other than debt service and spoke to anticipating 60-62,000 rounds played and the timing necessary for improvements. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to selling debt in January 2011 adding .22 to the tax rate. Citizen of the City Jerry Yancey spoke on behalf of the Plano Senior Men's Golf Association in support of the renovations. The Council stated a consensus directing Staff to move forward.

Update of Legacy/Preston Intersection Improvements

Director of Engineering/Public Works Upchurch spoke to project delays, opening of a through lane in the next few weeks with anticipated completion by mid-May. Transportation Engineering Manager Neal advised regarding plans to provide information to the public through message boards, presentations, public service announcements, web-site information, and print media. He responded to Council Member Harris that Staff will look into including information in utility bill mailings.

Board and Commissions Review Committee Report

Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere spoke to meetings held with board/commission members and the request by the Library Advisory Board to increase their membership to which the Council stated consensus. He spoke to sunsetting the Public Art Committee and including representation of the arts on the Parks and Recreation Planning Board as a position comes open without amending membership requirements to which the Council concurred. City Attorney Wetherbee advised that Staff would review the Public Arts Master Plan to determine future needs. Council Member Callison spoke to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board's plans to hold called meetings.

Remaining items were considered during the Regular Session. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary