

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
April 26, 2010**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Dyer, Mayor
Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor Pro Tem
Lee Dunlap, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
Ben Harris
André Davidson
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
Alice Snyder, Assistant City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2010, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were 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/Litigation, 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 5:40 pm.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion:

No items were considered.

Personnel Appointment

Photographic Traffic Signal Advisory Committee

Council Member Davidson appointed Robert Drotman to a three-year term.

Library Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Denver Tracy to an interim term expiring October, 2010.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Library Services

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the presentation made at the Core Matrix Worksession and Staff's proposal to close libraries on Sunday saving \$282,000 for 2009-10 and \$365,643 in 2010-11. Library Director Ziegler spoke to reductions taken in the last two years with a loss of seventeen full-time and fourteen part-time positions resulting in a savings of over \$1.5 million while the libraries experienced increases in checkouts, holds, internet access and patron counts. She advised that implementation of self-service will allow the department to keep up, but a further personnel reduction would result in the inability to maintain service levels. Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere spoke to closures impacting those without computer access at home and requested discussion of alternatives. Ms. Ziegler stated that if 2.5 positions were cut rather than 5.5, libraries would reduce Thursday evening hours for a total cost savings of \$300,146 and spoke to this closure impacting a different segment of the population.

Council Member Smith spoke to rolling closures (one each on weekdays with all locations open on weekends). Ms. Ziegler advised she would gather information regarding possible savings and advised that to retain accreditation there must be 64 hours of service somewhere in the system. She spoke to Parr Library as having the smallest service area and fewest customers and advised that all locations trend the same with regard to traffic. Council Member Miner spoke to considering an increase in the hours on Saturday to offset Sunday closures.

Ms. Ziegler advised regarding the library's budget; spoke to customers' desire for circulating materials, the daily average of 42,000 holds and costs of pre-processed materials resulting in fewer copies. She spoke to the limit of 20 holds, staff "pulls" of over 1,600 per day and the limit of 50 books checked out per card. Council Member Smith spoke to the possible savings should the number of holds and checkouts be reduced and the Council requested information on the number of citizens with many books checked out. Ms. Ziegler spoke to services provided to non-residents resulting in external funding and to maintaining free services for accreditation. She responded to the Council regarding the impact rolling closures may have on computer access with patrons moving to available locations.

Discussion and direction concerning the funding and administration of grant programs supporting cultural and arts programs, heritage preservation activities, special events, social services and housing programs

Community Services Manager Day spoke to receipt of 29 applications for public service funding which can be addressed through either the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) or Buffington Grants and to the need to provide funding information to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by mid-June. She spoke regarding a recommendation that the Commission review criteria in preparation for the 2011 cycle. City Manager Muehlenbeck reviewed a recommendation to reduce the level of Buffington Grant funds to \$250,000 from \$2 per capita. Ms. Day spoke to the fairly constant level of CDBG funding and presentations advising groups that funding may be reduced. Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere and Council Member Miner spoke in support of \$250,000, and Council Member Davidson stated concern regarding agency expectations and clarifying standards. The Council concurred in directing Staff to move forward with \$1 per capita in funding and utilizing the current Council of Governments population figure as the reference point.

Presentation and Demonstration of City Online Check Register

Director of Finance Tacke provided a briefing of the online system and navigation tools.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the General and Golf Course funds are down slightly as a percentage of budget compared to the prior year and that the Water/Sewer and Sustainability funds are up slightly. She spoke to the General Fund actual revenue being lower for the first six months of this year due to decreasing sales taxes and declines in franchise fees. Ms. Tacke spoke to the slight downturn in unemployment and the Water/Sewer fund offset by sewer revenue.

Council Items for discussion/action on future agendas

Mayor Dyer requested a presentation from the North Texas Municipal Water District regarding future rates and billings.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary