

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
June 22, 2009**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
Bruce Glasscock, Deputy City Manager
Rod Hogan, 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 5:05 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2009, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Harris. Council Member Jackson arrived at 5:06 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; Real Estate, Section 551.072; and 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 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were considered.

Personnel Appointments

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1
Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere as member and chair of TIF No. 1 and Council Member Miner as member and chair of TIF No. 2.

Health Plan Overview

Compensation and Benefits Manager Covey provided the Council an overview of the health plan advising that it is governed by the City through a risk pool, spoke to City absorption of most of the medical cost increases from 2004-2008 and development of a strategic approach and organization philosophy to manage the plan to offer affordable choices, consistent level of cost structure and encouragement for healthy living. Ms. Covey spoke to minor changes in 2007 focusing on communicating the philosophy and future changes and revisions in 2008 moving Medicare eligible retirees to a fully insured supplement, funding of GASB, and modification of the rate structure. She spoke to the contribution philosophy to share more cost with employees over time and plan year 2009 and implementation of the contribution philosophy. Ms. Covey spoke to 2008 experience with a large number of high-cost claimants, increases in medical and prescription costs, and an increase in the City contribution to cover excess claims. She spoke to claims distribution and cost drivers, the high cost of inpatient hospital room/board and the change of stop loss provider in 2009 to reduce the wait time for reimbursement. Ms. Covey spoke to the Wellness Program, implementing contribution philosophy/benefit changes sharing a larger percentage of total cost with employees, exploring additional medical plan offerings, and exploring options for a fully insured product for non-Medicare retirees. Ms. Covey responded to Council Member Jackson that the City has not utilized Health Savings Accounts. Mayor Dyer requested information on the number of spouses on the plan who are eligible for other coverage.

Discussion & Direction: Interim Proposal of Preservation Plan Update

Heritage Preservation Officer Casso spoke to the plan, which contains broad concepts and definitions creating a vision for preservation and to receiving feedback before development of more detailed information. Heritage Commission Chair Brian Chaput spoke to the establishing a basis for decision-making and the need for an update to recognize the difference between new and old historic assets utilizing a blend of economics, zoning, Plano's heritage, and urban planning. He spoke to working in concert with the decisions of tomorrow and reviewed the plan's content. Heritage Commission member Doug Cargo spoke to broadening the vision of heritage preservation to include nonphysical attributes and to future changes.

Ms. Casso spoke to challenges including limited resources, infill/redevelopment, geography, lack of active preservation groups, and limited private investment. She spoke to opportunities including City support through tax exemptions and hotel/motel taxes, ongoing restorations, historic museums, the Heritage Preservation Program and new technology. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke the goal of becoming more self sufficient. Mr. Chaput spoke to tying heritage preservation to zoning as a revitalization tool to spur economic growth and tourism. Council Member Callison spoke to developing a grassroots effort with involvement by non-profit organizations.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to construction delays at Ohio Drive/SH 121, implementation of summer school zones, projects removed from the Safe Streets Program with remainder complete by Spring 2010, construction of SH 121 from Hillcrest Road to Hardin Road with completion by January 2010, US 75 main lanes and HOV work from SH 635 to Exchange Parkway being behind schedule, and completion of the Parker Road/US 75 interchange by October 2010. He spoke to schematic design of Plano Parkway/US 75, application for a US 75 Integrated Corridor Project, work at SH 190/Jupiter Road to relieve congestion, the Dallas North Tollway project being delayed until the electronic toll is complete, Cottonbelt discussions underway, and discussion of a partnership to expand lite rail. Mr. Neal referenced local projects including bicycle routes, median left-turn lanes, DART flex routes, retiming of signals, traffic cameras utilizing motomesh technology.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke spoke to an increase in actual General Revenue and Water/Sewer Funds, although the percentages of budget as compared to last year are down. She spoke to declines in Civic Center and Sustainability revenue and advised that the General Fund expenses are similar to last year with increases in Water/Sewer expenditures. Ms. Tacke spoke to sales tax collection similar to last year with unemployment rates slightly lower than last month. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding an upcoming \$1.4 million adjustment to sales tax figures decreasing their level. Ms. Tacke spoke regarding housing starts, and decreases in residential and business building permits and advised that Staff is working to diversify the portfolio. Mayor Dyer spoke to refining the report and providing more useful information.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary