

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 14, 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 5:07 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2009, 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; discuss Personnel, Section 551.074; 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 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session:

Reappointment/Appointment – Central Appraisal District of Collin County Board of Directors

Upon a motion made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Roy L. Wilshire.

H1N1 Update

Environmental Health Director Collins provided a briefing on H1N1 including statistics related to seasonal influenza, progress of the disease thus far and its components.

He spoke to a “pandemic” as a global outbreak of disease based on geography not severity and conditions necessary which include the emergency of a new virus which infects and causes serious illness while spreading easily and maintaining sustainability. Mr. Collins spoke to identification of H1N1 in April 2009, its moderate effects, and spread throughout the world. He spoke to clinical features including the highest infection rate appearing in those ages 5-24, average hospitalization age of 20, and median age of fatalities at 37 and contrasted these figures with those for seasonal influenza which typically affects those over 65 years of age. Mr. Collins spoke to infection, symptoms, prevention, antivirals, vaccination and the anticipated impact on the City. He spoke to departments updating their Continuity of Operations Plans, considering sick leave policies, notification of the Health Department when there is illness and utilizing good hygiene practices. Mr. Collins spoke to the City’s efforts to stay in contact with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), notifying the public and working with other area officials and those in faith-based/school/business communities. He responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap regarding the impact of high absenteeism.

Departmental Briefing – Parks and Recreation/Emergency Management

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke regarding the departmental mission: “Enriching Plano through parks, facilities, programs and resource stewardship,” the high percentage of residential participation, the impact of local parks on the quality of life, real estate values, economic development, business activity and tourism.” She spoke to the high level of park land per resident and current projects including the Plano Aquatic Center Renovation, Pecan Hollow Golf Course Renovation, Carpenter Park Recreation Center Renovation and Expansion and Trail projects – Chisholm, Legacy and Bluebonnet. Ms. Fortenberry spoke to the increase in program revenue and decline in memberships with an increase in daily fee collections. She further spoke regarding reaccreditation of the department, opening of Oak Point Nature Preserve and the Audubon project at Pecan Hollow along with an upcoming performance at the amphitheatre.

Ms. Fortenberry responded to Council Member Smith, advising that space at the natatorium is not available for a high quantity of seating and that while there is temporary space at Oak Point, it has not been rented for competitive swimming meets.

Director of Emergency Management Stovall spoke regarding evolution of the department to its establishment in April 2005. He advised of the mission: “ Serve the citizens of Plano by directing and coordinating comprehensive emergency management and homeland security programs to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.” Mr. Stovall spoke to the four phases of emergency management including hazard mitigation which is an action to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from natural or man-made hazards and completion of the Action Plan and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; preparedness which is a state of readiness for specific unpredictable events or situations; and response in an organized or methodical manner with coordination on local/regional/federal levels. He spoke to work towards compliance with the National Incident Management System and goals to develop a multi-faceted emergency and disaster outreach program, complete the emergency operations center/training facility, develop city-wide exercises and training, monitor grant programs.

Mr. Stovall spoke to recovery following a disaster and assistance provided following the crash of space shuttle Columbia and hurricane Katrina, the importance of communication and the vision to “Continue to develop and maintain a leading edge approach to comprehensive emergency and disaster planning, training and exercise. These programs shall encompass all emergency management stakeholders in the public and private sectors and shall include all-hazards mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.” City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding the impact of recent heavy rains and Staff response to requests for assistance.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap requested Consent Agenda Items “E,” Bid No. 2009-174-B for 2008-2009 Arterial Concrete Pavement Rehab Project – Ohio Drive and Kings Manor Lane to Jim Bowman Construction Co. LP in the amount of \$383,068 and “F,” Bid No. 2009-171-B for 2008-2009 Residential Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Zone G7 and G8 to Jim Bowman Construction Co. LP in the amount of \$454,080 be removed for individual consideration due to possible conflicts of interest.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary