

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
October 12, 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 5:10 p.m., Monday, October 12, 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 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session: Appointments

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Miner, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint David L. Downs and Doug Hazelbaker to two-year terms. Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Miner, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint James Duggan as Chair.

Personnel Appointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (Chair)

Upon a motion made by Council Member Miner and seconded by Council Member Jackson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Sunny Ruth as Chair.

Plano Housing Authority

The Council deferred appointments.

Retirement Security Plan Committee (Chair)

Upon a motion made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint John Kortenhaus as Chair as recommended by City Manager Muehlenbeck.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board (Chair)

Upon a motion made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint William E. Gibson as Chair.

Discussion and direction re providing a notice to proceed for Pond Excavation and Tennis Court Lighting Renovations

Parks and Recreation Director Fortenberry spoke to the effect of silt ponds located at Hoblitzelle Park, Russell Creek Park and Prairie Meadow Park and to a request to proceed with silt removal at an estimated cost of \$600,000. She spoke to citizen concerns and to aesthetics and responded to the Council regarding natural efforts to control algae.

Ms. Fortenberry spoke regarding the partnership with the Plano Independent School District to utilize school tennis courts with City-provided lighting. She spoke to failed lights at Bowman and Wilson Middle Schools and renovations of other locations at an estimated cost of \$417,500. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding budget limitations and an opportunity save funds by delaying projects or moving items to the Capital Improvement Program under bonded debt rather than utilizing capital reserve funds. The Council stated a consensus to postpone both projects.

Sign Reduction – Digital Billboard Trade-in Program

Chief Building Official Mata spoke to the concentration of billboard signage along U.S. 75 and a proposal to create a trade-in program allowing for digital billboards in exchange for removal of an existing sign. He spoke to consideration of minimum square footage allowances, sign locations, and a comparison of the products. Mr. Mata advised that there would be no animation on the signs and the presentation would change every eight seconds.

Mr. Mata responded to the Council regarding items to consider including the number of digital billboards that would be installed, possible expansion of the program to include other areas of the City, spacing requirements, and the cost for signs. The Council stated a consensus in directing Staff to move forward.

Departmental Briefing – Public Works/Engineering

Director Public Works/Engineering Upchurch spoke to reorganization which combined two departments and created five major divisions. He reviewed the functions of each group advising that Development Engineering addresses public infrastructure, construction inspection, erosion control during construction, flood plain regulations, drainage problems, easements, utility master planning, street lighting, and utility permitting. Mr. Upchurch spoke to efforts to verify that properties are out of the floodplains in several areas of the City affected by new FEMA maps. He spoke regarding Community Investment Projects including coordination of an annual program, project recommendation for bond referendums, responsibility for consultant selection, design, construction and project administration and spoke to projects included in the 2009-10 CIP budget totaling \$61.8 million. Mr. Upchurch spoke to the Transportation Division providing monthly Council reports on City-related issues, the Facilities group responsible for consultant selection, design, construction and administration of new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, and custodial services for 90 buildings totaling 1.4 million square feet. He spoke to the Public Works Division addressing streets (1,015 miles), drainage, traffic signals (212), signs (45,000 regulatory, 11,770 residential streets) and markings, construction inspection, utility operation (998 miles of sewer lines, 1,300 miles of water lines and 14,109 fire hydrants), backflow/meter services (19,450 prevention devices) and utility pumping (operating 24 hours per day). He advised that the department is going through reaccreditation.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were recommended.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Mayor Dyer requested that Consent Agenda Item “N,” a resolution to review and approve the City’s written Public Funds Investment Policy be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary