

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
October 25, 2010**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
Bruce Glasscock, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Mark Israelson, 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, October 25, 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; to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; and Personnel, Section 551.074; 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 6:50 p.m.

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were brought forward.

Personnel Appointments: Self Sufficiency Committee

The Council deferred the appointment.

Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Update

Director of Environmental Services and Sustainability Nevil spoke to receipt of \$2.5 million in grant funds and work to prioritize and develop projects with long-term savings and positive environmental impact. She advised that the only complete project is the installation of PC Shutdown Software which allows technicians to "wake up" computers for upgrades.

Ms. Nevil reviewed the status of other projects including LED Parking Lot Lighting, Solar Water Heater - Fire Station 11, and Replacement Chillers - Haggard Library and Senior Center. She advised that work has not started on solar projects or charger stations and spoke to bidding for the *Water-to-Fuel Feasibility Study* and demos of dual-arm trash collection trucks.

Sustainability & Environmental Services Manager Smouse spoke to the Energy Audit and Weatherization Grant Program (\$625,000) available for City households and advised that applications include attic insulation, caulking/weather-stripping, water heater jackets, outlet/light switch gaskets, replacement/repair of duct sealing, and solar screen/window films. Mr. Smouse spoke to the Residential Energy Improvement Loan Program (\$750,000) for more complete energy projects and spoke to funding methods and program development for applications including complete weatherization, energy monitoring/management systems, CFL light fixtures, tankless water heaters, HVAC, heat pump, window replacement, solar hot water or photovoltaic arrays and geothermal heating/cooling systems. Ms. Nevil responded to the Council, advising that monies must be spent by September 2012.

Discussion/Direction re Annual Fire Inspection Program

Fire Marshall Kerr spoke to charging for annual business fire inspections and advised that expansions could not be made with existing personnel. He spoke to 3,000 buildings subject to inspections with 1,200 high-risk locations currently inspected annually by certified personnel at a cost of \$355,000 and other locations reviewed through surveys conducted by non-certified Staff. Mr. Kerr advised that expansion could be accomplished through implementation of fees (\$649,000 in revenues) and the addition of two state-certified inspectors with 1,800 businesses inspected annually and 1,200 biennially. He spoke to issues of timing as training is limited to Collin County College with courses beginning in January; recommended that PISD, Collin County government facilities, community college campuses and City buildings be exempt from fees; and advised regarding a proposed education campaign.

Mr. Kerr responded to the Council, advising that current Staff is cross-trained to perform inspections when necessary and spoke to the impact of inspections on ISO ratings, the lack of other training sessions on a regular basis and review of potential fee collection processes. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to this as an ongoing fee and as another cost for the commercial sector. Mr. Kerr further responded to the Council, advising that entities may receive an insurance rate benefit based on an approved inspection, spoke to Staffing while new inspectors are being trained, and stated concern regarding the current conditions of locations that are not being fully inspected. He advised that apartments and hotel/motels are inspected annually and to Property Standards personnel inspections which are uncertified. Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to the importance of the program and Council Member Davidson spoke to consideration of the fee schedule prior to implementation. Mayor Dyer spoke to development of a modest fee to help defray some of the costs/reduce expenses and to moving ahead with hiring/training with implementation and fees to follow to which the Council concurred.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

The Council postponed receipt of the report until the November 8, 2010 meeting.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Item "B," Bid No. 2010-230-B for the 2009-2010 Arterial Concrete Pavement Rehab, Spring Creek Parkway - Preston Road to Custer Road to Jim Bowman Construction Company, L.P. be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary