

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
November 9, 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, November 9, 2009, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member Callison arrived at 5:12 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/Litigation, Section 551.071; Economic Development, Section 551.087; and discuss 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 6:14 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session: Appointments

Personnel Appointments

Upon a motion made by Council Member Miner and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Mayor Dyer, Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap as Directors to the Plano Health Facilities Development Corporation.

Personnel Appointments

Upon a motion made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint John J. Pfister to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Margaret S.C. Tsai as the ex-officio member of the Public Arts Committee.

Departmental Briefing – Property Standards

Director of Property Standards O'Banner spoke to the wide range of properties reviewed by Staff utilizing guidelines to protect health, safety and welfare; preserve property; prevent blight; and promote voluntary compliance. She spoke to utilizing effective communication, documentation, observation, and safety while having a familiarity with legal/courtroom aspects of code compliance. Ms. O'Banner spoke to education, engagement, empathy and enforcement, and reviewed the compliance process. She advised that the use of technology has increased inspector time in the field and provided for more efficiency. Ms. O'Banner spoke to the most common violations, range of inspections, reviewed the growth of the Rental Registration & Inspection (RRIP) Program, and advised the Council of departmental activities and collaborative efforts. She responded to the Council regarding consideration of properties approaching the heritage category, coordination with other departments and notification of lien holders.

Discussion and Direction Regarding the City Council - Preliminary Open Meeting Agenda Content

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to reports included on the Preliminary Open Meeting Agenda and Council consideration of their frequency. He advised regarding circumstances related to the DART report and proposed moving it to a quarterly presentation. Council Member Smith spoke to receiving written materials including minutes. The Council concurred to receive the DART report on a quarterly basis. Mr. Muehlenbeck recommended continuing the monthly written Mobility Reports and making presentations when new activity arises and the Council concurred with these recommendations. Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to quarterly receipt of the Arts of Collin County Report, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap requested more frequent updates as the project progresses and the Council concurred with these recommendations. Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to continuing monthly Comprehensive Monthly Financial Reports to advise the Council regarding budget and economic conditions to which the Council concurred. Mr. Muehlenbeck recommended continuing the monthly departmental briefings. Mayor Dyer recommended increasing their frequency in order to receive information from every department within one year to which the Council concurred.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Council Member Jackson requested Consent Agenda Item “C,” approving a Premier Support Services contract in the amount of \$68,310 from Microsoft Corporation be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap requested Consent Agenda Item “D,” to Jim Bowman Construction Company, LP, increasing the contract by \$39,207 for Alley Reconstruction – Prairie Creek, be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Member Smith requested Consent Agenda Item “F,” to adopt the City Council Strategic Plan for 2009-2024 be removed for individual consideration.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary