

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING  
August 8, 2011**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Phil Dyer, Mayor  
Pat Miner, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lissa Smith, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
Ben Harris  
André Davidson  
James Duggan  
Patrick Gallagher  
Lee Dunlap

**STAFF**

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager  
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager  
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager  
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney  
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2011, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Duggan. 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; and 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 6:15 p.m.

**Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion**

No items were considered.

**Discussion and Direction Regarding Michigan U-Turn for Legacy Drive/Preston Road; Plano Parkway/Preston Road; and Springcreek Parkway/Coit Road**

Police Chief Rushin spoke to the change in the number of crashes at Legacy Drive/Preston Road following installation of the Michigan U-Turn, efforts to educate drivers regarding the change, the increase in warnings/citations, and increased normalization as awareness rises. Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke to the decision to remove plans for overpasses at these locations and evaluation of alternative methods of addressing traffic concerns. He advised that congestion and traffic backup has been reduced since the installation at Legacy Drive/Preston Road and spoke to current issues including U-turn violations.

Mr. Cosgrove spoke to possible alternatives at other locations and advised the Council that Staff will continue to gather data on the Michigan U-Turn since Texas Department of Transportation funding for other locations will not be available until 2015. Mayor Dyer spoke to traffic movement during off-peak times and consideration of alternatives. Mr. Cosgrove responded to Council Member Harris, advising that the costs to return the Legacy Drive/Preston Road intersection to normalized operations would be minimal. City Manager Glasscock advised that Staff would proceed with design for the other locations and return with additional information early in 2012 for Council consideration.

### **Presentation Regarding Police Vehicle Idle Reduction Program**

Police Chief Rushin spoke to police vehicles being left idling to power emergency lights, in-car cameras and computers while officers work on major calls and the need to reboot if there is a power failure. He spoke to the increased draw on the vehicle battery and the benefits of idle reduction equipment. Chief Rushin spoke to using Local Initiative Project funds to assist in the purchase of 123 idle reduction units with 29 data collection units and covering the match with in-line services for the cost of installation and a partial cash match on data collection units. He advised that policies will be developed regarding usage/compliance and that mileage/maintenance/emissions data will be collected. Chief Rushin advised that the equipment does not power the air conditioning or heating and spoke to its location inside vehicles.

### **Update Regarding North Texas Municipal Water District Restrictions**

Director of Customer Utility Services/Assistant City Manager Israelson spoke to the cooperative effort among departments to implement watering restriction stages in the City. He advised that stages are initiated at the direction of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors and spoke to criteria for the City detailed in the *Water Management Plan* adopted in 2009. Mr. Israelson advised that stages may terminate when circumstances causing their implementation no longer prevail, spoke to conditions triggering implementation of stages, and advised that the current concern is pumping capacity rather than lake levels. He advised that Stage 1 is educational and voluntary in nature and achieves 2% reduction in the overall volume; Stage 2 is a 5% reduction with two-day a week watering based on the design and capacity of the City's water system; Stage 3 is a 10% reduction with watering one day per week; and Stage 4 implements whatever reduction goals are necessary and limits watering to one day per week for two hours.

Mr. Israelson spoke to prohibited actions in each of the stages, implementation by August 19 and providing notification. He spoke to the use of courtesy door hangars and letters followed by enforcement for repeat complaints through the Public Works Department. Mr. Israelson spoke to consideration of variances and responded to the Council that scheduled watering ensures the viability of the system for regular and emergency use. Mr. Israelson advised that Staff has been working with other cities to coordinate programs and spoke to maintenance of City assets through a variance for athletic fields while complying with a 5% reduction. He responded to the Council, advising that citizens may hand water if they ensure there is no runoff and stated that there is no penalty to cities for non-compliance, but that they have made a financial and operational commitment. Director of Public Works and Engineering Cosgrove stated that the district's pump conversion will be complete in 2013-14.

Mr. Israelson responded to the Council regarding the potential loss of revenue as a result of reductions and City Manager Glasscock advised that an additional \$15 million has been paid since the City reached its take-or-pay maximum in 2001. Mr. Glasscock spoke to continued efforts to restructure the agreement.

**Personnel Appointments – Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board**

The Council concurred that Mayor Dyer would serve as a member of the Board.

**Council items for discussion/action on future agendas**

No items were discussed.

**Consent and Regular Agendas**

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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**Phil Dyer, Mayor**

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary