

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE  
DISTRICT FOUR  
August 18, 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

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2011, at Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present. Mayor Dyer welcomed those in attendance and introduced Council and Staff. He spoke regarding the structure of the Council where all members represent citizens across the City.

**Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures**

Public Works Director Cosgrove advised that the City implements stages of the Drought Contingency Program following action by the North Texas Municipal Water District Board and is currently in Stage 1 which is a voluntary reduction with a 2% goal. He spoke to moving to Stage 2 as a result of the impact of invasive zebra mussels and the temporary loss of Lake Texoma raw water; the lowered capacity of Lake Chapman due to the drought and lack of rain run-off; and the peak water usage on August 3, 2011. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to Stage 2 implementation including increased educational efforts, twice-a-week watering and enforcement for non-compliance. He spoke to the potential to move to Stage 3 which includes once-a-week watering and advised that recreation areas are watered out of cycle since they are being utilized during the assigned watering periods. He spoke to the loss of assets during the last drought and the need for irrigation, advised that citizens may hand-water if they have a hose nozzle, and spoke to the potential of using Lake Texoma as a source during cooler months to reduce transmission of the zebra mussels.

## **FY 2010-11 Budget and Proposed FY 2011-12 Budget Reports**

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley advised that the City Manager presented his proposed budget on July 27, 2011 and that it includes combined expenditures of \$408 million with the greatest proportions going for Public Safety, Water/Sewer, General Government, and Debt Service. She spoke to the recommended budget being balanced with 30 days of operation in accordance with financial policies, a tax rate remaining at 48.86 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation, two cents of property tax dedicated to the Economic Development Fund, a transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund of \$10.5 million, and provides for a 2% across-the-board salary increase for both non-civil and civil service employees. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to the reductions taken by Staff including a one-time savings of \$3.6 million and on-going savings of \$3.3 million and advised that since 2008-09 the total savings has been \$39.5 million and includes the elimination of 142 full-time and 22 part-time positions. She spoke to the increase of .66% in property values with \$182 million in new growth, compared the City of Plano's tax rate with that of other area cities, and spoke to the increase in sales tax receipts. She advised that the City will not be passing along to the citizens any increases in water/sewer costs; spoke to the Community Investment Program (\$89 million); and reviewed dates on the calendar for budget adoption. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley responded to questions, advising that the City loses approximately \$120,000 - \$150,000 on the sales tax holiday weekend, the General Fund is made up of sales and property tax and fees, and the City purchases water from the North Texas Municipal Water District and keeping 70 days of working capital in reserves.

## **Economic Development Progress Report**

Plano Economic Development Board Director Bane spoke to creating job opportunities, diversifying the economic base to cushion against economic shock, and increasing the tax base. She spoke to contributions made by companies and efforts of the Economic Development Board through outreach and recruitment; retention and expansion; and marketing and redevelopment. Ms. Bane reviewed recent projects, utilization of the web site, challenges and opportunities.

## **Community Investment Projects (CIP) – District 4**

- **Street Repairs/Improvements**

Director of Public Works Cosgrove reviewed recently completed projects in the district including Carpenter Park Recreation Center, Fire Station #13 and Spring Creek Parkway rehabilitation. He advised that projects under construction include Custer Road rehabilitation, University Estates Water rehabilitation, Pittman Creek erosion control and screening wall repair at Parker Road/Independence Parkway. He reviewed future projects including the Custer Pump Station rehabilitation, Park Estates Water rehabilitation, Canyon Valley rehabilitation, and various intersection improvements and pavement repairs. He responded to questions from citizens, advising that there are no plans to construct new screening walls and that the City does not maintain living screening walls. He advised that there are 73 miles of walls owned by the City which are replaced when structurally unsound and further that the renovation of the wall along Spring Creek Parkway east of Alma Road was done due to issues with alignment and leaning.

### **Carpenter Park Recreation Center Reopening**

Parks and Recreation Director Fortenberry reviewed the improvements made at Carpenter Park Recreation Center, spoke to new drought-resistant plantings, and advised regarding future plans. She responded to citizens, advising that there should be no closure at Liberty Recreation Center for renovations, memberships cost recovery is 75%, and the Big Lake Park project is scheduled for next year.

### **Fire Station #4 Renovations**

Fire Chief Esparza spoke to the opening of Fire Station #4 in 1978, its expanded role and use for apparatus/vehicle storage, bonds approved by voters in 2005, reduced construction costs and future needs in the area. Chief Esparza spoke to the 9-11 Memorial to be held at Fire Station #1 and responded to a citizen, stating that there are currently 321 firefighters.

### **Fix it Plano Program**

Director of Public Information Conklin spoke to the City's new "Fix-It" program allowing citizens a broadened opportunity to report concerns, track work requests and review maps for current conditions. She spoke to access via the internet, telephone, or text with a smart phone application, and the ability to forward photos to the system.

Mayor Dyer opened the floor for general questions. Senior Planner Perry advised that a zoning application for the northeast corner of Custer Road and Park Boulevard is being reviewed and will come to the Planning and Zoning Commission in September. Mayor Dyer advised that the Arts of Collin County project is still viable and Deputy City Manager Turner spoke to the move of retail centers to other municipalities and the process of redevelopment. Mayor Dyer advised that the Council and Staff will respond to other citizen inquiries and thanked those in attendance. The session was closed at 8:34 p.m.

---

**Phil Dyer, Mayor**

ATTEST:

---

Diane Zucco, City Secretary