

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE  
DISTRICT TWO  
December 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

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2011, at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 West Parker Road, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Dyer and Council Member Duggan. Mayor Pro Tem Miner 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.

**FY 2011-2012 Budget Update**

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley advised that the total combined operating budget adopted in September totals \$410 million with the Community Investment Project Budget totaling \$89 million and maintains the tax rate at 48.86 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley stated that of that rate, two cents is dedicated to providing funding for economic development. She stated that due to the economic downturn, a total of \$7 million in budget reductions were implemented in order to provide a balanced budget and included the elimination of 17 full-time and 5 part-time positions. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley advised that the City has estimated a General Fund budget deficit in 2012-13 of \$5 million and spoke to the importance and volatility of sales tax revenues. She responded to citizen questions, advising that the City of Plano tax rate is lower than neighboring communities.

## **Economic Development Progress Report**

Director of Economic Development 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 Economic Development through outreach and recruitment; retention and expansion; and marketing and redevelopment. Ms. Bane reviewed recent projects, utilization of the web site, challenges and opportunities. City Manager Glasscock spoke to Plano's limited role in a new development planned for the city of The Colony.

## **Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures**

Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke regarding implementation of Stage 3 which includes watering one day every other week from November-March and once per week from April-October. He spoke to the success of conservation efforts, forecasts calling for a continuation of drought conditions and the low level of area lakes. Mr. Cosgrove responded to questions from attendees, advising that the program may be expanded in the future to include proactive conservation efforts. He spoke to citizen efforts to recycle water through rain barrels and advised that the City has no means for effective capture at its facilities. Mr. Cosgrove advised that water is provided by the North Texas Municipal Water District and spoke to the time necessary to identify/develop additional water sources. He responded to citizens regarding continued development in the City bringing in additional consumers and revenues.

## **Community Investment Projects (CIP)/Street Repairs/Improvements – District 2**

Director of Public Works Cosgrove reviewed recently completed projects in the district including McDermott Road from Coit Road to Ohio Drive, the Carpenter Park Recreation Center and Fire Station #13. He spoke to projects under construction including Marsh Lane from Parker Road south, Communications Parkway from Spring Creek Parkway to Tennyson Drive, and Coit Road rehabilitation. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to future projects including Windhaven Parkway from Spring Creek Parkway to the west City limits, Preston Corridor intersection improvements, Park Boulevard rehabilitation and the DART Northwest Plano Park and Ride Facility. He responded to citizens, advising that the Michigan Left-Turn at Preston/Legacy will be evaluated before construction of another at Plano Parkway/Preston Road. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to large businesses that may have a variance from watering restrictions, reviewed the process of reporting those in violation of restrictions and advised that those who oversee will not be permitted to increase watering.

### **Fix it Plano Program**

Director of Public Information Conklin spoke to the City’s “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. Ms. Conklin advised that Staff also provides information regarding issues.

### **Parks and Recreation Center Updates – New Recreation Membership Fees/Carpenter Recreation Center Reopening**

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke to the opening of the first stand-alone facility in 1990 – Carpenter Park Recreation Center, its recent renovation, and future plans. She spoke regarding additional options for memberships including month-to-month registration and family rates. Ms. Fortenberry responded to audience members regarding the challenges of recycling on park properties, plans for a community park at White Rock Creek and the potential for utilization of a farmhouse on that property. Director of Planning Jarrell spoke to cooperation with school districts when developing residential areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Miner opened the floor for general questions. Mr. Cosgrove responded to attendees regarding sidewalk repair and Police Chief Rushin spoke to crime report information available on the City’s web site. Nothing further was discussed and Mayor Pro Tem Miner adjourned the session at 8:27 pm.

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**Pat Miner, Mayor Pro Tem**

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary