

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
March 9, 2011**

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

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

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member Callison arrived at 5:16 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, Section 551.071; information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; and Real Estate, Section 552.072 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 6:29 p.m.

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were considered.

Discussion and Direction re Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations for the Research/Technology Center District

Senior Planner Perry reviewed the background of the district, its intent to create a low-density employment center consisting of offices, research and development facilities and limited assembly operations and the recent revisions including planned development designations to allow for commercial/retail uses and the rezoning of 70 acres to residential. She spoke to analysis by Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the boundaries, determine the core of the district and review whether or not existing policies meet the City-stated goals for the area.

Ms. Perry spoke to public input received and advised that the Commission felt the area west of Bradshaw Drive represents the core of the district and should remain intact; the area east of Plano Parkway and south of 14th Street should retain its Planned District zoning; and the area east of Bradshaw Drive, north of the railroad tracks, west of Plano Parkway and south of 14th Street would be an area available for residential zoning. Ms. Perry spoke to the Commission's general recommendations to maintain the character of the district by prohibiting open storage and delivery vehicles, limiting the number of dock doors and the gross floor area for office showroom/warehouse. She spoke to removing the unique provisions for landscaping in the district, replacing them with standards from the Zoning Ordinance; removal of the unique parking requirements; and modification of regulations regarding restaurants to remove the requirement that a freestanding restaurant must be part of a larger development. The Council stated consensus in directing the Commission and Staff to proceed with recommended amendments to the district.

Discussion and Direction re Soccer Support Center at Russell Creek Park

Chip Kruger, representing the Plano Youth Soccer Association spoke to a feasibility study and identifying community need for a support center to serve participants, coaches and referees. He spoke to development of an 11,000 square foot building through cooperative efforts containing a training conference center, restrooms, concession area, and administration area a park support center with multiple equipment bays and administrative area. Mr. Kruger spoke to co-development of the park support center by City of Plano and the soccer support center by Plano Youth Soccer Association. Park Services Manager Fox advised that, with Council approval, Staff would proceed with a request for proposal, gather public input and prepare a lease agreement. He responded to the Council that the anticipated City expenditure would be approximately \$200,000-\$320,000 and that operations/maintenance costs would be reduced to approximately \$25,000 through efficiencies gained by sharing. Mr. Fox advised that with their contribution of \$1 million, PYSA would have use through a land lease. The Council concurred in directing Staff to proceed.

Discussion and Direction re Board and Commission Review Committee

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Miner spoke to the Committee's determination that no review of boards and commissions was needed at this time and to extending the designated timeframe between reviews. He further spoke to receiving input from Council liaisons. The Council concurred with the revisions and requested Staff bring back amendments for adoption.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary