

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 22, 2012, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present. 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; receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087, and to 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 5:59 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion – Building Standards Commission – Designation of Members

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Duggan, the Council voted 8-0 to move Chris G. Polito to a regular member position.

Town Hall Update

Director of Public Information Conklin spoke to a proposal to host town hall style meetings offering multiple options for citizen participation including in-person, video streaming or telephone. She advised that topics would be presented for discussion and spoke to capturing the content of the meeting, staff responses and the role of a third party vendor to provide a toll-free number, manage calls and create reports.

Ms. Conklin responded to the Council regarding outreach efforts, responding to inquiries not listed on the agenda and the anticipated level of participation. The Council stated a consensus to hold the first session on November 13.

Discussion and Direction Regarding 2013 Bond Referendum

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley spoke to bond referendums conducted since the 1980's, provided a timeline and advised regarding revocation of authority for the arts hall. She spoke to a preliminary list of projects gathered by Staff, the need for street project funding, and the total proposed (\$153.8 million) resulting in a maximum tax rate impact of 2.60 cents or \$50.37 on an average home. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to providing voters information regarding the impact on capital reserves and operations/maintenance. She spoke to utilization of authority from 2009 for the Police Evidence Building, responded to the Council regarding the timeframe between referendums, and advised that Staff will bring forward several alternatives for the total program with differing tax rate impacts. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley stated that the current interest rate on bonds is 4.65%.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Parks and Recreation Bond Projects

Chief Park Planner Reeves spoke to projects from previous referendum projects that have not been completed to date due to operations/maintenance costs with those for 2005 totaling \$9.6 million (O&M impact - \$728,382) and 2009 totaling \$41.6 million (O&M impact - \$1.3 million). He advised that these projects could take 2-3 years for completion if operating funds were available once constructed and responded to the Council regarding the cost of renovations for Jack Carter Park. Council Member Dunlap spoke to advising citizens of an increased tax rate or service reductions to fund projects. Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley advised that the tax rate impact projected for the proposed 2013 referendum includes operations/maintenance costs for new projects, but not for items from prior elections.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Health Department Ordinance Updates Including Farmers' Markets and Food Trucks

Director of Environmental Health Collins spoke to updates to the City's food ordinances addressing safety and prevention of food-borne illness. He advised that during regular review an initiative for farmers' markets became prominent and Staff determined that development of a regional model may prove beneficial. Environmental Health Manager Heinicke spoke to considering definitions, food safety requirements, mobile food safety and creating guidelines for farmers' markets. He advised regarding food-borne pathogens and concerns including cold holding, temperature control, storage, transportation and sampling. Mr. Heinicke advised that recommendations focus on food safety, utilize Department of Agricultural definitions and provide for an on-site manager. Mr. Collins spoke to mitigating potential issues and tracing incidents back should they occur. Mr. Heinicke responded to the Council, advising that the City of Dallas does not currently have an ordinance related to farmers' markets and Mr. Collins advised that should there be an incident, food safety laws place responsibility on the vendor, market and property owner. Mayor Dyer spoke to holding a public hearing at a future meeting to receive input and Mr. Collins advised that Staff will release the proposed ordinance for review.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Food Truck Parks

Building Inspections Manager Bormann spoke to inquiries received related to food truck parks and advised that current regulations permit trucks on a limited basis and do not address zoning considerations such as distances to residential areas, noise or adjoining uses. He advised that suitable sites may include undeveloped locations or existing shopping centers and spoke to a recent event held at Plano West Senior High School. City Manager Glasscock spoke to the potential impact on existing retail locations and Council Member Davidson spoke to clarifying that the use is related to food services rather than general retail use. The Council stated a consensus requesting Staff bring forward recommendations at a Council meeting other than the one addressing farmers' markets and include receipt of public input.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Mayor Dyer advised that the Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report will be presented on November 12, 2012.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary