

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 23, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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 PRESENT

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 5:08 p.m., Monday, January 23, 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071; and to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087 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 6:01 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

Water Restriction Update

Director of Policy and Government Relations Israelson spoke regarding the coordinated efforts between Public Works, Public Information, Sustainability and Environmental Waste and Customer and Utility Services in implementing Stage 3 Watering restrictions on November, 1, 2011. He spoke regarding magnetic signage for City vehicles, website updates, meetings with the school district, utility bill information, Plano Television Network videos and courtesy warnings. Mr. Israelson advised that the total cost thus far has been \$31,786 and spoke to patrol efforts and compliance. He reviewed the level of compliance by the City of Plano, reservoir levels/triggers for each stage, and overdraft rights for Lake Lavon. Mr. Israelson responded to the Council, advising that without two negative tests for zebra mussels, water cannot be pumped from Lake Texoma. He advised that water district staff recommends consideration of Stage 4 in May 2012, reviewed further restrictions and spoke to making a request that the water district fund rebates for cities to encourage conservation projects.

City Manager Glasscock responded to the Council regarding the district's options to ensure compliance from municipalities and Plano's projected losses in Stage 4 of \$20 million in revenue, \$9 million in additional expenses plus the cost of district projects and rate increases. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested Staff express concerns to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board regarding those entities that are not doing their part to conserve. Council Member Harris requested information regarding the impact of East Fork Interceptor Project and Mr. Glasscock advised that the water district will be requested to bring additional information forward at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Israelson spoke to the presence of zebra mussels in Lake Lavon and advised that water from this source is directly pumped through filtering without additional transport. Mr. Glasscock spoke to additional liabilities related to the Lacey Act should the district transport the mussels downstream from Lake Texoma. North Texas Municipal Water District Board Member Yancey advised that the board will meet on January 26 and spoke to efforts to purchase raw water from other entities.

DART Report

Dart Board Representative Loretta Ellerbe stated concern regarding the extent of service provided at the Jack Hatchell Park & Ride, advised she would gather information on proposals and spoke to service reductions on bus routes when ridership is down. She responded to Council Member Dunlap, advising that proposed services in non-DART entities will not result in a transfer of equipment and advised regarding the board's position that those outside the system will pay the full, unsubsidized costs. Ms. Ellerbe spoke to the opening of the Northwest Plano Park & Ride in July 2012, anticipation of reverse commuters to Legacy Town Center and implementation of paid parking demonstrations at the Parker Road and N. Carrollton-Frankford Stations. She spoke to potential changes to paratransit services through a new contract reducing subsidies and offering services with smaller vehicles.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the December 2011 report finds General Fund revenues up slightly as a percentage of budget as compared to last year while Water and Sewer revenues are down slightly. She stated that actual General Fund revenues are up \$7.3 million, primarily due to an increase in ad valorem taxes and an increase in sales tax resulting from an audit adjustment. Ms. Tacke advised that General and Water & Sewer Fund expenditures are up slightly as a percent of budget, spoke to increases in both Municipal Drainage revenues and expenses, and advised that the unemployment rate is down to 6.3%.

Personnel: Appointment – Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Gallagher and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Lisa Foster to an interim term.

Car Allowance Update

City Manager Glasscock spoke to car allowances traditionally used to: subsidize employee expenses incurred by using their own personal vehicles while conducting City business; avoid having to increase the City's fleet size; and negotiate for certain executive positions. He spoke to recommendations effective February 13, 2012, which include establishment of three categories of car allowances: 1) Executive/Department Heads; 2) Field Personnel; and 3) Civil Service Management and advised that allowances will be reviewed annually and approved by the City Manager. Mr. Glasscock further stated that employees not falling into one of the above categories will have their current allowance rolled into their base salary (immediate reduction of 36 allowances with an additional 9 upon attrition of current person in the position) and will not be eligible for mileage reimbursement unless they can provide documentation that shows actual mileage exceeds the amount of their annual allowance. He advised that Staff who receives a car allowance will not be eligible for mileage reimbursement unless, when travelling overnight, the cost of driving is less than the cost of an airline ticket; and stated that while there are no expected immediate budget savings from these modifications, over time and through attrition, an annual reduction of \$176,000 from current compensation packages is anticipated. The Council indicated concurrence with the recommendation.

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 6:48 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary