

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2012**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager  
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager  
Diane Wetherbee, City Attorney  
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 27, 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 Real Estate, Section 551.072 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 5:44 p.m.

**Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion.**

No items were discussed.

**Discussion and Direction Regarding Preston at Legacy – Median Left Turn**

Police Chief Rushin spoke to the opening of the Preston Road/Legacy Road intersection on July 27, 2010 with full construction completed on September 1, 2010 and review of statistics related to turning movements before and after completion. He advised that there was a 15% decrease in crashes, noted the changes in the pattern of accidents, and the increase in the number of injury collisions. Chief Rushin reviewed the causes of accidents before/after implementation and the level of incidents at other area intersections following construction, advising that of the four reviewed, two saw increases and two decreases. He responded to the Council, advising that while there were some severe crashes during the construction phase, there have been none since its completion. Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke to implementation of the median left turn providing better movement on Preston Road and improvement as the public becomes more familiar with the intersection. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris spoke to the lack of data on the impact to collector streets and in opposition to the design. The Council stated a general consensus to retain the design at this intersection, continue review and delay implementation at other locations.

## **Discussion and Direction Regarding Planning and Zoning Commission Training**

Director of Planning Jarrell advised regarding training and educational opportunities provided for the Planning & Zoning Commission including Staff sessions with those newly appointed to review topics such as zoning, comprehensive planning, legal considerations and site plan and plat regulation. She spoke to additional training in the form of special work sessions with the Planning and Legal Departments and available programs from other organizations. Ms. Jarrell spoke to utilizing a mix of in-house and outside opportunities to provide a balanced perspective. Mayor Pro Tem Smith spoke to requiring training of newly appointed members whether it is in-house or outside. Council Member Dunlap spoke to the Council's final authority for zoning cases, the experience of those applying for the board and utilizing in-house resources including worksessions. Mayor Pro Tem Smith spoke to sessions being geared toward orientation.

## **Report on 2012 Point-in-Time Homeless Count**

Collin County Homeless Coalition Chair Cara Mendelsohn spoke to the increase in participation beginning in 2011 and the survey required by HUD, utilized for resource allocation and increasing awareness. She spoke to increases in the County and a 12% increase in the City of Plano with a total of 291 (199 adults and 92 children). Ms. Mendelsohn spoke to factors impacting the count including the number of surveyors and weather and advised regarding ethnicity, family composition, educational level, and the significant increase in those who are chronically homeless. She spoke to the needs of the homeless and the school district's differing methods of tracking. Ms. Mendelsohn responded to the Council, advising that those staying overnight in Dallas are not included in the Plano count and challenges of providing services for differing needs.

## **Update Regarding West Nile Virus**

Director of Environmental Health Collins advised that the West Nile Virus was first detected in the United States in 1999 and in Texas in 2002 and spoke to transmission from mosquitos after they have bitten an infected bird. He spoke to the two forms of the virus being a "fever" which is mild in nature and the neuroinvasive which is more severe in nature. Mr. Collins advised regarding the City's sampling/monitoring and utilization of an integrated program including education, larvacide and land-based fogging. He spoke to notification provided to spray areas and the relatively low level of cases city and county-wide as compared to other regions. Mr. Collins advised regarding the evening fogging program, products utilized and stated that the risks of west nile virus may be present through October. Council Member Dunlap thanked Staff for pro-active education and information provided.

## **Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report**

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the July 2012 report finds General Fund revenues up as a percentage of budget as compared to last year while Water and Sewer revenues are up slightly. She stated that actual General Fund revenues are up \$11.4 million, primarily due to an increase in ad valorem taxes and an increase in sales tax resulting from an audit adjustment. Ms. Tacke also stated revenues were up in court fines, cable franchises, and ambulance services. She advised that General, Water & Sewer Fund, and Golf Course Fund expenditures are up as a percentage of budget and personnel services are up due to the large number of retirees this fiscal year. She advised that the unemployment rate is at 6.7% and that sales tax collections for the month of July are up by \$294,000.

Ms. Tacke advised that actual revenues for the Water & Sewer Fund are down by \$6.2 million compared to the prior year due to drought conditions and water restrictions while expenses are up by \$6.7 million. She responded to Council Member Gallagher, advising that ambulance billings are up due to a change in the billing company.

**Council items for discussion/action on future agendas**

No items were discussed.

**Consent and Regular Agendas**

Council Member Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Item "B," Bid No. 2012-269-B for the 2011-2012 Residential Concrete Pavement Project Zone I10 & J9, Project No. 6211 to Jerusalem Corporation in the amount of \$1,370,742, be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Mayor Dyer requested that Consent Agenda Item "K," repealing Ordinance No. 2011-9-31 and approving the updated classification, including the number of positions and compensation plan, for the Fire Department sworn personnel for fiscal year 2011-2012 be removed for individual consideration.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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**Phil Dyer, MAYOR**

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary