

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

James Duggan

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Glasscock, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Paige Mims, Deputy City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m., Monday, September 10, 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 6:17 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were discussed.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Employee Health Insurance Benefits

Director of Human Resources Parrish spoke to the role of benefits in recruiting and retaining employees and provided a history of health insurance claims. He spoke to the categories of spending including hospitalization, physicians, etc. and advised that through network discounts, City has received discounts of 50%+ off the retail rate of services. Mr. Parrish spoke to the uncertainties of healthcare reform including potential leadership changes, federal mandates, changes in the medical industry, requirements by outside entities and a loss of local control of health plans. He spoke regarding the "grandfather" provision allowing the City to maintain flexibility and postpone mandates, its associated costs and the eventual loss of this status. Mr. Parrish reviewed design changes which apply to all plans beginning in 2014 including requirements to offer insurance coverage or pay fees and to offer coverage to all dependents and penalties for failure to comply. Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested information on the possible tiering of dependent coverage for new versus current employees.

Mr. Parrish reviewed the number of dependents on the City's plan and costs and reviewed retiree subsidies. He spoke to anticipated changes in 2014, the lack of guidance and regulations at the current time, making data-driven decisions, communicating information to employees and the potential of a tax in 2018 for those plans outside of current regulations. Mr. Parrish advised that he would provide regular briefings.

Discussion Regarding North Texas Municipal Water District Sewer Rates

Director of Policy and Governmental Relations Israelson spoke to the \$2 million impact to the City's sewer budget discussed at the August Budget Worksession and advised that the increase from the district is a mathematical calculation based on the City's sewer flow rates over the last five years and does not reflect the downward movement of Plano's percentage of use or neighboring cities increase of use. He recommended that any increase in sewer rates be delayed until spring 2013 to allow for review of FY 2011-12 use and winter quarter averaging figures.

Update Regarding MotoMesh

Director of Technology Services Stephens spoke to providing City-wide connectivity for both public safety and non-public safety employees and redundancy to existing land-based networks. He spoke to deployment of hotspots (2007), installation along major arterials (2008), and infill of neighborhoods beginning in 2009. Mr. Stephens advised that of the approximate 1,000 devices for neighborhoods, 174 have no usable asset for installation and stated that in working with Coserv, Staff has developed an acceptable pole design. He advised that Oncor has not approved any designs submitted and recommended in 2009 that the City install separate poles. Mr. Stephens spoke to Staff recommendations: 1) no installations in Oncor service areas (lack of coverage in 6% of Plano); 2) continue working with Oncor toward a solution; 3) install new City-owned poles to provide complete coverage. City Manager Glasscock spoke to the uncertainty of continued discussions with Oncor and Mr. Stephens advised the Council of the services that will be provided by system installation. The Council spoke to the benefits and directed Staff to move forward with placement of City-owned poles.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Intersection Improvements – Custer & Parker – Tree Removal

Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke regarding the impact of intersection improvements at the southeast corner of Custer Road and Parker Road advising that a normal right-turn lane would provide maximum storage and transition length and will handle all right turns, but be unacceptable since almost all trees would need removal and a retail driveway would be in transition. He spoke to Option 2 which includes a 100-foot transition and 200-foot storage providing for maximum storage, handling all right turns, and removing the driveway from transition, but would require removal of almost all the trees and result in a shorter transition distance. Mr. Cosgrove advised that Option 3 would include a 75-foot transition and 140-foot storage which would provide for the best balance between traffic needs and the desire to save trees and handle all right turns, but will require the removal of one or two trees and include shorter storage and transition distances. He stated that Option 4 would be the same as Option 3 without transition but would save trees. He spoke to discussions with property owners, the present service at a Level E with any option offering small level of improvement to Level D and the recommendations for Option 2 to meet traffic needs and Option 3 to balance traffic needs with the desire to save trees.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated concern with the removal of trees in this area, particularly if there is not a significant level of improvement in traffic flow. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to the negative impact should double left-turn lanes be installed and advised that funding is from Regional Toll Revenues. City Manager Glasscock advised that a new developer may remove trees at this location. After discussion, the Council concurred to take no action.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Recycling Campaign

Director of Sustainability and Environmental Services Nevil spoke to the City's plateau at 25% recycling for residential customers and efforts to develop a campaign to increase participation. The Council directed Staff to continue work on its design.

Consideration to Reschedule March 2013 Council Meeting Date

City Manager Glasscock requested consideration of moving the March 5 meeting to March 6 citing a conflict with Collin County Days. The Council stated 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 7:25 p.m.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary