

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE
DISTRICT 3
MAY 20, 2010**

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

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
Bruce Glasscock, Deputy City Manager
Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager
LaShon Ross, Assistant City Manager
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:12 p.m., Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Miner and Council Members Smith, LaRosiliere and Callison. Mayor Dyer welcomed those in attendance and introduced Council and Staff. He spoke regarding the structure of the Council where all members represent citizens across the City.

FY 2010-2011 Budget Forecast

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley spoke to preparations for Fiscal Year 2010-11 and the impact of sales tax declines, decreased property values, operational debt and declining revenues from franchise fees. She spoke to proactive measures including Core Business Matrix meetings, appointment of the Budget Reduction Committee and Council worksessions identifying \$17.9 million in city-wide reductions for possible inclusion. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to increases in fees from the North Texas Municipal Water District passed through to consumers and reviewed the budget calendar. She responded to a citizen question, advising that the City is on a take-or-pay contract with the water district and will incur price increases regardless of the amount of rain received. She responded to citizen questions, advising that no tax rate has yet been set for FY 2010-11. Mayor Dyer responded to a citizen, advising that some of the increases from the water district are for implementation of a water ionization process and encouraged citizens to *Shop in Plano*. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to maintenance needs of the City's infrastructure.

Economic Development Progress Report

Plano Economic Development Board Director of Technology, Marketing and Redevelopment Ellis reviewed 2010 projects including Denbury Resources, VuCOMP, Atmos Energy, and Wyndam Jade. He spoke to the number of jobs brought to the City, value of improvements and history of the economic development fund. Mr. Ellis spoke to advertising Plano as a business-friendly community with low costs and a top city for working families. He spoke to the challenges of a maturing city, the impact of competition from other cities and Plano's opportunities for redevelopment and infill with retention as an important element. Mr. Ellis spoke to companies utilizing the internet for site selection and stressed the need to shop in Plano as other cities use sales tax dollars for economic development.

Community Investment Projects (CIP) – District 3: Coit/Legacy Intersection Improvements; Spring Creek/Custer–Independence–Coit Intersection Improvements; Street/Alley/Screening Wall projects - Street Repairs/Improvements/Resurfacing – District 3

Director of Public Works/Engineering Upchurch advised regarding projects in the area including the Coit Road/Legacy Drive intersection; Spring Creek Parkway/Coit Road median left-turn; Hedgcoxe Drive/Coit Road left turn lanes; Spring Creek Parkway/Custer Road–Independence Parkway–Coit Road Intersection Improvements; and various Street/Alley/Screening Wall projects. He spoke to major improvements on Spring Creek Parkway from Alma Drive to Coit Road and both Custer Road and Independence Parkway from S.H. 190 to S.H. 121. Mr. Upchurch spoke to stimulus monies provided for the Legacy Drive/Preston Road intersection and funding from Collin County for improvements. He advised that “walk” signs will be included at Coit Road/Legacy Drive and spoke to the process of determining concrete failure on roadways. Mr. Upchurch spoke to removal of grade separated intersections throughout the City and responded to a citizen's concerns regarding the median of Independence Parkway north of McDermott Road.

Median Left Turn video

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the installation of countdown pedestrian signals throughout the City and the use of technology in reducing collisions. He spoke to Council direction in 2004 to explore at-grade level improvements and reviewed the median left-turn design which has a high benefit-to-cost ratio, utilizes minimal additional right-of-way, provides minimal disruption, offers long-term results, retains the Texas U-turn and is increasing in use across the country. He advised that other installations include Plano Parkway at Preston Road and Spring Creek Parkway at Coit Road. Mr. Neal responded to citizen questions, advising that the location at Legacy Drive/Preston Road will be evaluated before moving to other locations and that information will be provided to the public through homeowner associations and professional groups. He spoke to the coordination of signals, uniformity of signage, the need for a different design should all four directions be changed, and movement of emergency vehicles through the intersection.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap opened the floor for general questions. Mayor Dyer responded to a citizen's question, advising that the DART rail line will not move further north until other cities join the system. Mr. Dunlap spoke to review of DART parking access by non-city residents and the use of large vehicles on fixed routes with small ones on variable routes. Director of Planning Jarrell spoke to delays in development of a Downtown mixed-use project due to economic conditions. Mr. Dunlap responded to a citizen regarding the Arts of Collin County, advising that the City of Frisco is currently at the forefront and that the three cities will meet within the next 30-45 days. Director of Sustainability Nevil spoke to the City's energy-use policy conserving costs and Assistant City Manager Israelson spoke to the water rate structure. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the water district's "take-or-pay" contract, the need for a unanimous vote by all member cities for revision, and advised that the cost of another lake/reservoir may impact water rates. Mr. Neal advised that the City's portion of the median left-turn lane is \$250,000 with the remaining funding from federal, state and regional monies. Mr. Dunlap spoke to efforts at the state level to encourage conservation.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap thanked those in attendance. Nothing further was discussed and the meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary