

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE
DISTRICT TWO
November 18, 2010**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Dyer, Mayor
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Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:07 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2010, at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 West Parker Road, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Callison. Council Member LaRosiliere arrived at 7:14 p.m. 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

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes-Whitley spoke to the budget passed in September with no tax increase. She advised regarding the \$15 million deficit projected in March 2010; \$14 million deducted by Council during worksessions; and use of monies from the Disaster Relief and Equipment Reserve Funds. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to budget reductions of 30% over the last three years and elimination of 129 full-time and 17 part-time positions. She spoke regarding \$6 million in savings reducing the deficit for 2011-12 to \$11 million and work started on the budget forecast.

Economic Development Progress Report

Plano Economic Development Board Director Bane spoke to creating job opportunities, diversifying the economic base to cushion against economic shock, and increasing the tax base. She spoke to contributions made by companies and efforts of the Economic Development Board through outreach and recruitment; retention and expansion; and marketing and redevelopment. Ms. Bane reviewed recent projects, industry targets, utilization of the web site, challenges and opportunities. She spoke to the number of employee positions impacted, disbursing grants among companies of different sizes, and timeframes for projects.

Fire Station #13 Update

Chief Esparza spoke to the station's location at 6901 Corporate Drive, plans for a single-story, one company structure with three bays and capacity to house three trucks. He advised that the cost of construction is \$3.25 million, completion is anticipated in July 2011, and move-in during August. Chief Esparza provided an overview of District #2, which last year handled 7,196 calls for assistance with 133 for fire and 4,375 for emergency medical services. He responded to citizen questions regarding other stations located in the district.

Installation of Wireless Mesh Poles

Technology Services Director Stephens spoke to the project which will provide WiFi services citywide for City services including Public Safety and other departments. He spoke to the selected technology and installation of 1,632 devices using existing assets whenever possible, challenges in areas serviced by underground utilities and where Oncor has deemed poles not usable for the mesh system. Mr. Stephens spoke to the need for 180 new poles, their locations, project timeframe and costs.

DART Facility Update

Deputy Director of Public Works and Engineering Cosgrove advised that construction of the DART Park and Ride facility west of the Dallas North Tollway, east of Communications Parkway, north of Spring Creek Parkway and south of Tennyson Parkway will begin in July 2011, taking eight to twelve months and providing 560 spaces. He responded to questions advising that it will only service busses and will concentrate on commuter trips to Dallas. Director of Public Works and Engineering Upchurch advised that there may be circulation to area corporate campuses in the future.

Community Investment Projects (CIP) in District 2 - Street Repairs/Improvements/Resurfacing

Deputy Director of Public Works and Engineering Cosgrove advised that completed projects in the area include Plano Parkway (Midway Road to the west City limits), Communications Parkway (Parker Road to Spring Creek Parkway), Rasor Road (Ohio Drive to SH 121), and the intersection of Preston Road and Ohio Drive. He spoke to near completion of McDermott Road (Coit Road to Ohio Drive) and future plans for Marsh Lane/Parker Road, Communications Parkway (Spring Creek Parkway to Tennyson Parkway), Windhaven Parkway (Spring Creek Parkway to the west City Limits) and the Preston Road Corridor. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to facility projects including Fire Station #13 and Carpenter Park and advised regarding Public Works projects along Spring Creek Parkway (Preston Road to Coit Road), Coit Road (Parker Road to McDermott Road), and Zone G7 (bounded by Spring Creek Parkway, Ohio Drive, Legacy Drive and Coit Road). He spoke to a second median left turn project with construction beginning in 2015 at Plano Parkway and Preston Road. Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap spoke to regional toll revenue providing funds for road projects in the City. Director of Public Works and Engineering Upchurch responded to a citizen, advising that construction of SH 121 would have been delayed until 2030 without toll road designation.

Open Questions and Answers

Mayor Dyer advised that school issues are the purview of the Board of Trustees and spoke to the ratio of ad valorem taxes for homeowners with the City receiving 20%, county 11.5%, community college 6% and school district 64%. He spoke regarding sales tax collection where 6.25 cents is provided to the state, 1 cent to DART and 1 cent to the City.

Police Chief Rushin spoke to the City's low crime rate, listing in Forbes as the safest city in the United States with a population over 250,000 and provided statistics on District 2 crimes advising that car break-ins are an issue. Mayor Dyer spoke to pressing issues in the City including the budget, building the tax base, aging infrastructure, and the challenges of an aging, diverse population and hiring a new city manager. Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry spoke to future expansion of the Senior Center, administration of the Senior Transportation Program, and Carpenter Park Recreation Center renovations aimed at keeping seniors involved. Mayor Dyer spoke to the City as senior friendly offering a tax freeze for those 65 and older. Director of Health Collins spoke to issues of wild animals, mosquito control and monitoring creeks for storm water permits. Council Member Davidson spoke regarding Comprehensive Plan meetings.

Mayor Dyer spoke to volunteer opportunities and thanked those in attendance. The session was closed at 8:23 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary