

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 11, 2010**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Dyer, Mayor
Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor Pro Tem
Lee Dunlap, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
Ben Harris
Mabrie Jackson (resigned)
Lissa Smith
Jean Callison

STAFF

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

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2010, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere. 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/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 5:25 p.m. in Training Room A where the following matter was discussed:

Council Briefing on Paperless Agenda Packet

Technology Services Director Stephens provided a briefing on accessing the paperless agenda packet.

Mayor Dyer recessed the meeting at 5:50 p.m. and it was reconvened in Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m.

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

Departmental Briefing - Planning

Director of Planning Jarrell advised the Council of reorganization creating three divisions: Planning, GIS and Community Services. She spoke to the work of the Planning Division in review of site plans for additions to existing buildings, boundary adjustments with other cities and participation in the Planning in School Program. Ms. Jarrell advised that the Heritage Preservation Division is working on an update to the Preservation Plan, maintains oversight of designated areas and individual locations, manages the tax exempt program and administers the hotel/motel tax grant program. She spoke to Long Range Planning efforts including maintaining and updating the Comprehensive Plan, monitoring demographic information and managing special studies. Ms. Jarrell advised regarding projects such as the development of a design book for remodeling older homes, redesign of the Comprehensive Plan, preparations for the 2010 Census and inventory of vacant residential lots/undeveloped property.

Ms. Jarrell advised that the Geographic Information System (GIS) manages a computer data base which creates maps, assigns addresses for new development, and maintains the land management system that drives Building Inspections, Property Standards and Customer Utility Services Department operations. She spoke to support of 911 dispatch, maintenance of stormwater sewer maps and support provided to other departments. Ms. Jarrell spoke to the Community Services Division's primary role in administering federal grants for housing and social services, the Buffington Community Services Grants consisting of City monies for social service agencies, management of the Day Labor Center, and work with neighborhoods and homeowners' association.

Ms. Jarrell responded to the Council regarding cooperation with the appraisal district in matching parcels through GIS and exchange of information and to information provided citizens regarding property that may be located in flood plains.

Discussion and Direction regarding content of 2010 Bond Sale, Tax Note Sale, Refinancing General Obligation Bonds, and Drainage Improvement Bonds

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to authority received from voters in 2005 for improvement/enlargement to the Carpenter Park Recreation Center and not including authorization from 2009 (warm-water pool at \$6 million) advising regarding the anticipated impact on operations/maintenance. He spoke to the need for upgrades to the Plano Aquatic Center and to moving ahead with design work from 2009 authority. Mr. Muehlenbeck advised that design of a new technology services center would result in a more efficient facility and monies are included in the 2009 authority. He spoke to street improvements authorized in 2005 and Director of Public Works/Engineering Upchurch spoke to the recommendation to sell bonds in order to provide a cash flow while awaiting reimbursements from other entities.

Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to approval of authority in 2009 for construction of Fire Station #13, bids coming in lower than anticipated and to removing \$1 million in issuance as the full amount may not be needed. He advised that the City may borrow internally for any funds necessary then reimbursement through a bond sale in 2011. Mr. Muehlenbeck advised that the remaining item for tax notes in the amount of \$10,035 would cover the balance of the shared public safety improvements.

Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to General Obligation bonds as 20-year debt issued through authority granted by citizens for streets/parks, etc. and rated by bond agencies. He spoke to tax notes as a vehicle not approved by the public, being shorter in term and based on consideration of the longevity of the asset. Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to refinancing some General Obligation authority and to drainage bonds being funded through utility bill surcharges and Ms. Tacke advised that savings for refinancing would be \$887,000. Mr. Muehlenbeck responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap, advising that the first obligation is to pay for debt which will increase 1.5 cents, these items reflect results of the 2005 and 2009 elections and citizen expectations, that there is authority remaining from both elections and to public sale of bonds. He spoke to last year's AAA rating of the City's drainage bonds and the Council concurred to proceed with the bond sale with removal of \$1 million in public safety improvements.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

City Manager Muehlenbeck requested that Consent Agenda Item "E," a resolution to approve the terms and conditions of a Professional Services Agreement by and between Alternative Service Concepts, LLC, and the City of Plano be pulled and held until the January 25, 2010 meeting.

City Manager Muehlenbeck requested that Consent Agenda Item "F," a resolution to accept the findings and opinions of the Annual Audit be removed for individual consideration.

Mayor Dyer advised that he would be stepping down on Regular Agenda Items "2," Public Hearing and an ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City, so as to rezone 9.3± acres located at the southeast corner of Spring Creek Parkway and Communications Parkway from Agricultural to Regional Employment and "3," Public Hearing and an ordinance as requested in Zoning Case 2009-22 to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City, granting Specific Use Permit No. 603 so as to allow the additional use of Long-term Care Facility on 6.1± acres of land located on the east side of Communications Parkway, 290± feet south of Spring Creek Parkway.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary