

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING  
May 24, 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  
Alice Snyder, Assistant City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2010, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Harris who arrived at 6:01 p.m. 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, discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072 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 5:58 p.m.

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

No items were considered.

**Discussion and Direction Regarding Library Services**

City Manager Muehlenbeck reviewed the previous proposal of closing the libraries on Sundays, stated that the cuts would result in a savings of \$282,000 this year and \$365,000 next year and spoke to extending hours at Haggard Library to comply with Texas State Library requirements. He spoke to the loss of 26 full-time positions since July 2008, the need for 5.5 positions without closing on Sundays and \$100,000 budgeted for publications. Council Member Smith stated concern regarding Sunday closings.

Director of Libraries Ziegler spoke to the impacts felt when Haggard Library was closed for remodeling and the need for a full contingent of Staff if libraries were to stay open later on Saturdays. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Miner and Council Members Callison and LaRosiliere stated opposition to closing the libraries on Sundays. Council Member Smith spoke to consideration of funding for book purchases and Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to considering other cuts or revenue enhancements. City Manager Muehlenbeck advised that Staff would need to come back with proposals. Council Member Davidson spoke to leaving positions in place and considering reductions in FY 2011-12 and City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to possible resultant layoffs. Mayor Dyer advised that no action would be taken at this time.

### **2010 Complete Count Census Committee Report**

Senior Planner Steve Sims introduced Chair Tom Martin of the 2010 Complete Count Census Committee who reviewed how the census impacts distribution of \$300 billion in federal funds, allocation of legislative districts, and the future of transportation, housing, business and economic development and governmental services in communities. Mr. Martin advised that there were more than 7,000 committees across the nation with over 400 in Texas. He spoke to subcommittees including: business, community networking, institutional and media; twenty people serving on the committee; and recognized Staff efforts. Mr. Sims spoke to the mail return rate of 76% (the same as the 1990 and 2000 censuses), Plano being first among Texas cities over 150,000, and diversity of the 265,000+ residents with 25% born in other nations. He spoke to expenses of \$7,200+ from the \$30,000 appropriated, a grant received, and promotional materials provided by the Census Bureau.

Vice-Chair Mendelson spoke to the success of the committee and recommendations for 2020 including: identify and partner with Hispanic leadership, outreach to young adults, utilize an ad-hoc committee structure, recruitment of faith-based leadership, inclusion of school districts within Plano (i.e. Frisco), diverse subcommittees, and outreach to seniors. She spoke to positive work with Staff and the experience, census takers proceeding to field work, and sunsetting the committee. Mayor Dyer thanked everyone for their efforts.

### **Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report**

Director of Finance Tacke advised that for the month of April 2010, revenue as the percentage of budget for the General, Water and Sewer and Golf Course funds were down slightly as compared to the prior year with Sustainability & Environmental Services revenues up slightly. She advised that actual revenues in the General Fund were down by \$3.9 million due to decreases in sales tax, ad valorem taxes, and franchise fees. She spoke to the large number of protests for property assessments, actual expenditures in the General Fund with personnel costs down by \$1.8 million, stability of the unemployment rate and positive aspects of the housing market including a decrease in the number of days on the market. She spoke to increases in Water and Sewer Fund expenditures including the environmental education building and payments to the North Texas Municipal Water District.

## **Departmental Report – Public Safety Communications**

Director of Public Safety Communications Timmons spoke to the importance of the people in the department, highly integrated operational and coordinated efforts with Fire/Police, and the City of Plano having one of eleven in the country to receive the CALEA's Flagship designation. He spoke to the two major divisions of operation including Dispatch with 81 full-time positions (a average dispatcher handles 4600 incidences per year) handling Police, Fire, EMS & 9-1-1 calls with after hour calls for Animal Control, the public alert system, access to Cable television network and limited reverse telephone notification. Mr. Timmons spoke to the Radio Infrastructure Division responsible for maintenance and operation of a regional voice and data public safety grade system in partnership with other cities and entities. He spoke to major projects including the replacement of the 19-year old regional radio system, preparation for Next Generation of 9-1-1, staff training and quality assurance, and encouraging citizen preparation for major incidents. Mr. Timmons spoke to staffing concerns, waiting for other cities to implement the new 9-1-1 system before moving forward and having a reserve account for funding.

## **Council Items for discussion/action on future agendas**

No items were discussed.

## **Consent and Regular Agendas**

Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Items "B," Bid No. 2010-110-B for Bluebonnet Hike & Bike Trail Extension to Ratliff Hardscape, Ltd. in the amount of \$597,015; "G," Bid No. 2010-120-B for Avenue R Reconstruction project to Jim Bowman Construction Co., L.P. in the amount of \$330,429; and "H," Bid No. 2010-119-B for the 2009-2010 Pavement Maintenance Project, Phase II – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Cross Bend Road, Enterprise Drive, Mission Ridge Road, Silverstone Drive, and Westwood Drive to Jerusalem Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$597,593 be removed for individual consideration due to possible conflicts of interest.

Council Member Davidson requested that Consent Agenda Item "F," RFQ No. 2010-3-C for a 5 year contract for EMS Medical Advisory Services for the Fire Department to Columbia Medical Center of Plano Subsidiary, L.P. d/b/a Medical Center of Plano in the amount of \$420,000 be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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**Phil Dyer, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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Alice Snyder, Assistant City Secretary