

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 27, 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
LaShon Ross, Deputy City Manager
Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m., Monday, September 27, 2010, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member Callison arrived at 5:16 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; to receive information regarding Economic Development, Section 551.087; and 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 6:26 p.m.

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session: Personnel Appointments

Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Miner, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint William Edward Gibson and Jacqueline Scott Hager as alternates for two-year terms and appoint Joe Wolens Milkes as Chair.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Chris G. Polito as an alternate for a two-year term and appoint Arthur Stone as Chair.

Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Smith, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Michael Victor Bassett to a two-year term and to appoint Anne Quaintance-Howard as Chair.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Council deferred appointments.

Personnel Appointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

The Council deferred the appointment of Chair.

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Council Member Smith, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Ira Sheldon Barash, Jean Dormier and Andrew T. Pham to two-year terms and to defer the appointment of Chair.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Gregory Robert Huckaby and Mary Elizabeth Haywood to two-year terms and to reappoint Andrea Stroh as Chair.

Library Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 8-0 to reappoint Deborah Conway Benton as Chair.

Parks and Recreation Planning Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Son Giep and Joan Ann Strobel-McLean to two-year terms and to defer appointment of Chair.

Photographic Traffic Signal Advisory Committee

The Council deferred the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to accept the recommendations of City Manager Muehlenbeck and appoint Myra Kay Conklin and Robert Hadley Smouse to two-year terms and to appoint Casey Srader as Chair.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member Smith, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Janet Vada Denney, Casey Mueller and Emmanuel I Umoh as members. The Council deferred the appointment of an additional member and the Chair as well as determination of term lengths.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Council Member Davidson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Stuart Blend, Doris H. Reynolds, and Steven L. Russell to two-year terms and further to defer appointment of Chair.

12th Street Station Workshop Report

Deputy City Manager Turner spoke to the workshop held on September 8, 2010 to begin dialogue regarding how development might occur within walking distance of a proposed 12th Street Station at the intersection of the Cottonbelt and DART Red lines. Steve Stamos of the Urban Land Institute, North Texas Council, presented a summary of the workshop and spoke to Plano's vision and strategy for the area. He advised that stakeholders would support both redevelopment and new development while respecting the City's history and prefer residential rental properties and retail/restaurant establishments with greater lot coverage, shared parking, multi-story buildings and pedestrian connectivity.

Mr. Stamos further advised that support is strong even if the station is not forthcoming. He reviewed observations of the Urban Land Institute including Plano's success in transit-oriented development and its impact on the community. He spoke to the future being determined by private sector investments and increased success with a transit station. Mr. Stamos spoke to recommended next steps including the City remaining committed to the 12th Street Station as the best alternative, seeking input from all stakeholders and providing them updated information, conducting a web-based survey to determine preferences, and remain involved in real estate related activities.

Mr. Stamos responded to Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap, advising that the proposed Cottonbelt would move through Wylie along an area owned by DART, includes a grade separation at the intersection of the lines, particulars are in place with the exception of the station, area to the east is an old rail yard. Mr. Dunlap spoke to interest on the part of the City of Greenville and future transportation from the area to DFW Airport, Arlington, etc. Mr. Turner advised that the services of the ULI were donated, advised that staff would come back with additional information and to engaging property owners and businesses and would include another station at Shiloh Road.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Tacke advised that for the month of August 2010, Water/Sewer and Sustainability Fund Revenues are up slightly. She advised that actual figures indicate the General Fund is down \$1 million as compared to last year due to reductions in ad valorem taxes and franchise fees. Ms. Tacke spoke the level of sales tax being up as compared to the prior year and lower General Fund expenses due to decreases in personnel services. Ms. Tacke advised that the unemployment rate declined slightly to 7.4%, provided a recap of the real estate market, and expenditures of the Water/Sewer Fund including contractual payments.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

Council Member Smith requested an update on zero based budgeting.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Council Member Smith advised that she would be stepping down on Regular Agenda Item "1," a resolution to approve a real estate contract between Emajeon Haggard Hall and the City for property at the intersection of Park Boulevard and Alma Drive due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Member Davidson requested that Consent Agenda Item "F," a second modification of a contract between the City and Columbia Medical Center of Plano for Wellness and Safety Program be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary