

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
December 22, 2009**

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
Paige Mims, Assistant City Attorney III
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2009, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. 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 5:52 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and action resulting from Executive Session discussion

No items were brought forward.

Personnel Appointments

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Harris, the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere as Chair.

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap, the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Council Member Miner as Chair.

Arts of Collin County Quarterly Report

Executive Director Mike Simpson presented a virtual-tour video of the Arts of Collin County and spoke to recent activity including \$2.9 million in new donations, an expanded donation program, online donation capability, and brick paver/seat programs. He spoke to over 110 presentations made, the promotion planned for January 2010 through April 2010, and the new website. Mr. Simpson reviewed recent donations, spoke to the "Businesses for the Arts Project" and the level of private funds to date. He provided project status, advising that the master plan and site standards, theater design, construction documents, and surrounding roads are complete. Mr. Simpson spoke to funding over 80% complete and bidding the job in a timely manner to keep costs down. He spoke to the bid opening on December 9, with 265 bidders on more than 30 projects, low pricing, presentations made to cities January-March and a final award by April 2010 with an opening early-summer of 2012.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke spoke to the General, Water/Sewer and Golf Course funds being down year-to-date as a percentage of the budget. She advised that actual General Fund revenue is down approximately \$1 million overall primarily due to the decrease in sales tax and lower franchise fees. Ms. Tacke spoke to expenditures in the General Fund experiencing increases in contractual and professional services and expenses related to the *Lights at Legacy*. She advised that overall personnel expenses are down due to open positions and are offset by payment of post-retirement benefits. Ms. Tacke spoke to low sales tax receipts in area cities and lowered revenues for the Water/Sewer fund related to increased rains.

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to monies deposited into a reserve (\$6 million per year) to fund and pre-fund health care benefits for retirees and possible consideration of future levels of participation. Ms. Tacke spoke to the unknown future of the health care industry, Plano being proactive as related to other communities, and monies impacting the General Fund. Mayor Dyer requested a presentation to the Council regarding reserve funds. Ms. Tacke responded to Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere regarding building the fund based on future estimates.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap spoke to the Public Utility Commission's decision regarding franchise fees and the impact on cities. Ms. Tacke advised that the monies collected to date are \$300,000 lower than last year and that collections are based on electrical billings. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the funding of state agencies through fees collected by municipalities such as those for water sampling. Ms. Tacke responded to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap regarding the General Fund being made up of ad valorem and sales taxes with other funds (water/sewer and municipal drainage) enterprise funds operating as businesses and able to make a profit.

Paperless Agenda Process

City Secretary Zucco reviewed the development of a paperless agenda, benefits for Council, citizens and Staff in delivery, access and downloading. She advised regarding the savings in resources and more effective routing and creation of packets. Ms. Zucco spoke to introduction to Staff with parallel packets on January 11, 2010 and full conversion on January 25, 2010. Director of Technology Services Stephens provided the Council an overview to the packet highlighting access and the availability of all items related to a Council meeting. He responded to Council Member Harris, advising that the packet will be searchable and Ms. Zucco spoke to cost savings.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Phil Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary