

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING  
December 7, 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., Tuesday, December 7, 2010, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member Callison arrived at 5:11 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, 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 5:55 p.m.

**Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session**

No items were brought forward.

**DART Report**

DART Board Member Ellerbe spoke to plans for paid parking at the Parker Road Station, advised that 65% of the design of the Northwest Park and Ride is complete with plans to open by spring of 2012 and spoke to shuttle service from the Legacy area. Ms. Ellerbe spoke to cost savings and reworking of DART's budget resulting in funds to complete the last section of the orange line in 2014, but advised that they do not expect to have funds for a second alignment. She advised regarding the opening of the green line ahead of schedule and below cost and connection to the Denton County Transit Authority.

Ms. Ellerbe advised that the DART Board approved a \$10 regional fare between the Denton County system and DART and stated her opposition to the proposal as there was no discussion or agreement regarding cost recovery or an access fee. Mayor Dyer requested information regarding the impact of regional fares on revenues. Ms. Ellerbe spoke regarding possible changes to paratransit services utilizing different types of vehicles.

**Discussion/Direction re 2011 Plano MLK Celebration One Time Funding Support Request in the amount of \$9,550**

Spokesperson for the 2011 MLK Celebration Steering Committee Earnest Burke requested approval of a funding request, spoke to the 25-year history of the event, its inclusiveness, diversity, participation by the school district and clubs and the legacy of Dr. King. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the number of police officers required for this event and costs. He spoke to recovering costs for the use of the Municipal Center and Plano Centre which had been absorbed in the past. Mr. Muehlenbeck advised that due to timing, this is a one-time contribution and that future requests will come through the Cultural Affairs Commission for consideration. He responded to Council Member Smith, advising that the City has not contacted the Plano Independent School District regarding participation costs.

Mayor Dyer and Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to approving the request and consideration of future funding by the Cultural Affairs Commission. Council Members Davidson and Smith stated concern regarding providing funding for one group. Deputy City Manager Glasscock advised traffic on streets must be regulated by sworn officers rather than volunteers. Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to providing funding during transition as was done for others and Council Member Callison agreed. The Council stated a consensus to approve the one time funding support request.

**Discussion/Direction re 2011 G.O. Bond Issuance – CIP Projects**

Budget and Research Director Rhodes-Whitley spoke to Council direction to provide additional information regarding the operation/maintenance costs related to the requested projects advising that for 2011-12 costs would be \$51,149 (\$46,149 at Fire Station #13 and \$5,000 for trail connections) with costs of \$1.9 million in 2012-13. She advised that there will be \$892,000 of principle and interest falling off the debt payment.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fortenberry advised regarding voter approval of bond items including the renovation of the Aquatic Center (\$1.5 million) where no additional operation/maintenance monies would be incurred and Parks Projects with \$7 million contractually obligated to the Pecan Hollow Golf Course and \$1 million to the land acquisition of the Hall Tract. She spoke to the remaining \$2.75 million including further land acquisition, athletic field renovations, and trail connections. Ms. Fortenberry spoke to the Preston Ridge Trail south connection along Ohio Drive to the City of Dallas and the Bluebonnet Trail connection to the City of Allen. She spoke to possible delay of the Arbor Hills parking lot design and to delaying Chase Oaks Trail Connection funding (\$450,000 in design costs) until the City of Allen moves forward with golf course renovations. Council Member Harris thanked Staff for providing clarification.

Ms. Fortenberry advised that if bonds were issued for the Chase Oaks Trail Connection, the City would be in a position to move forward simultaneously with the City of Allen when renovations occur and responded to Council that there may be some savings in joining with Allen's contract. Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to approval of this bond issuance resulting in a .46 increase to the debt side of the tax rate.

Deputy City Engineer and Director of Public Works Cosgrove spoke to citizen opposition to the widening of Windhaven Parkway from the City Limits to Spring Creek Parkway and advised that based on projections, four lanes should be sufficient for 20 years. City Manager Muehlenbeck advised that if TxDOT funding is removed with delay of the project, Staff will bring the item back for Council consideration.

Upon a motion made Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere, the Council voted 8-0 to approve the 2011 G.O. Bond Issuance as recommended by Staff and to issue debt for the design/building of the Chase Oaks Golf Course trail connection, but delay the project until the City of Allen's course renovation. Citizen of the City Warren Casteel thanked the Council for their consideration.

### **Departmental Briefing - Budget**

Budget and Research Director Rhodes-Whitley spoke to the department's mission statement, "The Budget & Research Department develops, coordinates, and monitors the City's spending plans including the annual operating budget and the Community Investment Program." She spoke to performing program evaluations to determine the effectiveness and efficiencies of departmental service levels and preparation of regular analyses of the City's revenues and expenditures, as well as special studies addressing financial management issues. Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to the core functions: Develop, prepare and monitor \$400 million operating budget and \$77 million Community Investment Program, Three-year Financial Forecast and Core Business Matrix; handle property tax functions including effective and rollback tax rate calculation; maintain J.D. Edwards budget module; develop revenue models including sales tax and water/sewer rates; monitor the Performance Measurement Process; and oversee bond referendums. She spoke to additional functions: monitoring the non-departmental budget; providing projections for all salary and benefits; providing administration for grant funding; providing projections and budget for the Health Insurance Fund; overseeing the carry forward process; maintaining the capital reserve funding matrix; monitoring the Budget Contingency Plan and Budget Reduction Plan; providing legislative analysis for budget items including all revenues, property tax and sales tax; overseeing the Citizen Survey process; completing any special projects as directed by management and City Council; compiling operational analysis studies; and conducting public and citizen relations for budget, CIP and bond referendums.

Ms. Rhodes-Whitley spoke to current projects: finalizing the budget and Community Investment Program documents; developing a prioritization system for the Core Business Matrix process; preparing models for the Three-year Financial Forecast process; preparing the Budget Preparation Manual for FY 2011-12; starting the ICMA Performance Management Process; and developing a charge back system for the Plano Television Network. She spoke to Staff education, memberships in national, state and regional associations and certificates/awards received.

**Personnel Appointment - Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable**

Upon a motion made by Council Member Davidson and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Sally Magnuson as member and Chair.

**Reconsideration of March 2011 City Council Meeting Date**

The Council stated a consensus to move the first meeting of the month to Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

**Council items for discussion/action on future agendas**

No items were discussed.

**Consent and Regular Agendas**

No items were discussed.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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**Phil Dyer, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary