

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
Preliminary Open Meeting**

February 26, 2001

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeran Akers, Mayor
Rick Neudorff, Mayor Pro tem
Phil Dyer, Deputy Mayor Pro tem
Shep Stahel
Pat Evans
Steve Stovall
John R. Roach, Jr.
Ken Lambert

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Executive Director
Bruce Glasscock, Executive Director/Police Chief
Rod Hogan, Executive Director
John Gilliam, First Assistant City Attorney
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Pro tem Neudorff called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2001, in the Council Conference Room of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. Mayor Akers arrived at 5:25 p.m. All Council Members were present.

Mayor Pro tem Neudorff 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 for which a certified agenda is not required.

Mayor Akers reconvened the Council into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:41 p.m. in the Council Chambers wherein the following matters were discussed.

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

No items were brought forward.

Public Arts Committee Update

Public Arts Committee Chair Janet Miller advised that the committee is in the process of developing a master plan and have written a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to develop this plan. She stated that program policies, art and artist selection guidelines, art maintenance program and funding strategies are items slated for the master plan.

Performing Arts Theater Design Update

Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee member Larry May spoke to the progress made on the multi-purpose arts hall and made a slide presentation of the conceptual designs. He spoke to providing cost estimates in order to stay within the budget, the "form follows function" architectural mantra which requires there be a music hall first and that it be fully convertible to theatre performances. Mr. May stated that a world-class architectural design team has been hired to create a landmark structure which will contribute to the community as a whole and will cost \$35 million or less. He pointed out cross-sectional slide views of the hall, pointed out the different functions, spoke to the efficient and effective use of square footage and spoke to the parking and landscaping outlines. Mr. May stated that this design will express the needs of the community and be a great performance hall, and that preparation of renderings will come next but that they will not move forward with further design details until after the bond election in May.

Mr. May advised Council Member Stovall that discussions were held as to how to convert from one use to another and stated that the original focus of needing the music hall was the constant theme and resulted in innovative design work. He advised that discussions on seating capacity ensued and stated that there are about 1,535 seats in the music configuration and 1,370 in the theater configuration, and further that understated elegance is the theme within the confines of the budget.

State Legislative Update

Executive Director Turner advised that the 77th Session of the Texas State Legislature is one-third through with approximately 3,000 bills filed, bill filing will cease in mid-March, spoke to upcoming redistricting plans and the broad power of home-rule cities. He spoke to topics which include the open meetings law, photographic enforcement, raising the purchasing limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000 without going through the bidding process, transportation bills dealing with major highway funding, graduated automobile licensing privileges, and open alcohol containers in automobiles.

Mr. Turner spoke to opposing land use regulation with the requirement of a taking examination, exempting religious organizations from platting, erosion of control of right-of-way as it relates to the telecommunications industry, diminishing revenues regarding the 911 system, and various tax exemptions.

Crime Watch Voice Mail Notifications System Update

Police Sargeant McElligott spoke to the new Crime Watch System provided by the Frito Lay Corporation and stated that it has improved the service to the City. He reviewed the usage process and stated that this is at no cost to the City.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Finance Report for the month of January. He advised that wet weather has caused a reduction in some fund numbers and spoke to rate fluctuations in the portfolio. Council Member Stahel spoke to the good quality of City compost made available through the City.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Mayor Pro tem Neudorff requested that Consent Agenda Item "M", Ordinance to return \$203,000 to the General Fund Operating Budget, be removed for individual consideration.

Council Member Stahel advised Council Member Lambert regarding Consent Agenda Item "N", Ordinance to transfer \$24,094 from the Community Access TV Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to fund increased operating and maintenance and equipment costs for the televising of public meetings, that this expenditure is necessary and is for replaying meetings. Executive Director Hogan affirmed that this equipment is necessary.

Council Member Evans requested that Consent Agenda Item "G", Resolution to approve the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc. be removed for individual consideration.

Mayor Akers advised that he would be stepping down on Consent Agenda Item "E" Bid for administration of Summer Arts Program due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Roach requested that Consent Agenda Item "I", Resolution to appoint investigators to determine Code of Conduct violations by Council Members, be removed for individual consideration.

Council Reports

No reports were presented.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Akers recessed the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Jeran Akers, MAYOR

Rick Neudorff, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary