

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING**

January 28, 2002

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeran Akers, Mayor
Rick Neudorff, Mayor Pro tem
Phil Dyer, Deputy Mayor Pro tem
Shep Stahel
Scott Johnson
Steve Stovall
Jim McGee
Ken Lambert

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Executive Director
Bruce Glasscock, Executive Director
Rod Hogan, Executive Director
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Pro tem Neudorff called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m., Monday, January 28, 2002, in the Council Conference Room of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Akers. Council Member Johnson arrived at 5:10 p.m.

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 Pro tem Neudorff reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:29 p.m. in the Council Chambers for which the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were brought forward.

Civic Leader Recognition Area Report

Parks and Recreation Planning Board Chair Guy Wormald reviewed the sites being considered for a recognition area within the City of Plano and stated that the existing Memorial Park is considered to be the preferred location. He spoke to the history of the park and stated that the concept is to have multiple areas of recognition established which could include civic/military/local individuals, and that benefits of the location include the park being centrally located with good visibility, access, and ready parking. Mr. Wormald spoke to scheduled phases, stated there is no funding in place, and that funding would need to come from a future bond referendum or donations from individuals. He spoke to establishing criteria for who should be recognized, what the cost estimate should be, identifying and securing funding, hiring a consultant, and constructing each phase.

Mr. Wormald advised Council Member Lambert that areas could be set up for individual recognition categories, and that qualifying would have to be determined. He further stated that this project can grow and that Oak Point Park could possibly be used for expansion should Memorial Park outgrow the program. Council Member Lambert spoke to concerns regarding expanding the program.

Director of Parks and Recreation Wendell responded to Council Member Lambert that barriers encountered at Memorial Park would be Custer Road to the east and Spring Creek Parkway to the north, but that this site should accommodate the project. Council Member Stovall spoke to parking concerns with school buses. Mr. Wormald stated that there is no other land that can be capitalized upon at this time for use as a memorial park and that this site should be sufficient. Mayor Pro tem Neudorff spoke regarding shared parking possibilities. Council Member McGee stated that parking should not be an issue and that what needs to be looked into is who will be honored and further spoke to determining how and for whom portions will be reserved.

Council Member Stahel spoke in support of the plan and to the suitability of the location being timely, centrally located, visibly well suited, with access and parking not being a problem, and recommended that the project go forward. Deputy Mayor Pro tem Dyer spoke in support of the program and Mayor Pro tem Neudorff stated that the Council concurs with the recommendation and agreed with Mr. Lambert that a report be brought back to the Council within the next sixty days regarding the project status.

Collin County Cultural Arts District Committee Report

Collin County Cultural Arts District Chair Robbie Robinson spoke to the history of the arts project and to the concept of a Collin County wide theater involving four cities with the option of other cities joining at a future time.

Mr. Robinson stated that the concept is a visual and performing arts theater with the flexibility to meet the needs of the various arts groups, that it be centrally located with the flexibility to expand, be attractive and of good quality, and with the focal point being Collin County. He stated that the users are numerous and that the issues are where to locate, how to govern the project internally, identifying legalities, and further spoke to issues of funding and support. Mr. Robinson stated that there is a representative from each city (Allen, Frisco, McKinney, and Plano) with himself being the chair, a Public Relations Committee is being headed up by Jack Bick with members being Jean Godfrey, Bill Kula, Joe Counter, and Senator Florence Shapiro. He stated that the Governance Committee includes Alice Hobbs, Dr. Doug Otto, and Jim Wear and that the Land and Design Committee is chaired by Frank Turner, and includes Dr. Cary Israel, Mike Crawford, Don Jones, and Brad Baker. He stated that the Legal and Finance Committee includes David McCall III, Diane Wetherbee, Phil Dyer (DMPT), and that the Private Funding Committee includes James Muns, John Roach Sr., Jim Boswell and George Wong.

Mr. Robinson spoke to the advantages of the combined effort, and requested Council support and input, stated that Public Hearings will be held once a month in various cities, and spoke to ideas as to who the users should be and to thinking out of the box. He stated that estimated budget numbers are provided in the packet, and that the mayors of the four cities have agreed to share the cost and fund an amount of \$32,500 each per city with Frisco and McKinney having already approved this funding amount. Mr. Robinson stated that an Interlocal Agreement will come forward in the next month or so. The Council spoke in support of the request.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane stated that this report represents the first three months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2001. He stated that revenue funds are behind, licenses and permits are down, and that the Solid Waste fund is up from last year, as is the Golf Course fund. Mr. McGrane stated that the budget contingency plan is in effect, health claims are up and that housing starts are off. He stated that the Hotel/Motel area has been hard hit and advised Council Member Stahel that no delinquent property taxes have been reported as of yet. City Manager Muehlenbeck advised Council Member Lambert that Hotel/Motel revisions are slightly higher than the revised estimates.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Boundary Agreement with the City of Richardson

Director of Planning Jarrell reviewed a request from the City of Richardson to consider disannexing properties in the far southeastern area of the City of Plano, stated that a TXU Electric utility line forms the boundary in most of the area, and stated that the two areas being considered are a 5.3 acre tract owned by the City of Richardson and a 3.2 acre tract owned by a church. She spoke to the assessed value and to refunding taxes and fees to those who have paid these fees to the City minus the cost of providing services.

Ms. Jarrell spoke to a 5.1 acre tract of land in the City of Richardson that might be given Plano by Richardson as a possible exchange. She requested direction from the Council as to proceeding forward and advised that this request would be pending any agreement with the City of Richardson acquiring any additional property that would come into the City of Plano. The Council concurred to go forward.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Adding the Christopher Parr Library as an Election Day Polling Location in the West City Limits for the May 4, 2002 Election

City Secretary Bealke advised that Council Members Stovall and Johnson have asked that the possibility be looked into of utilizing the Christopher Parr Library in the May, 2002 General Election. She advised that cost estimates have been provided by the County for including a site for either election day or early voting, spoke to the map included in the packet identifying the western area of the City in question and to the Presbyterian Hospital site as the current early voting site and to the Brinker Elementary School as the current site for election day. Ms. Bealke stated that word is still pending from the college and the school as to what their feelings are regarding use of this site. She spoke to the information in the packet regarding the City of Plano/Denton County voters and to voter confusion on election day in this area and further advised that it has been recommended that a mailer be sent out to the Denton County/City of Plano voters to identify voting locations.

Council Member Stovall spoke to the Denton County voters and to those remaining Collin County/City of Plano voters who are also west of the Tollroad and to problems of crossing a Tollroad to vote, the numbers being large at Brinker Elementary School and to problems with parking at this facility, growth at Presbyterian Hospital and parking problems there as well, and to consideration of the Parr Library being a new facility used for early voting. He stated that either Presbyterian Hospital or Parr Library could be used for early voting. Ms. Bealke advised the Council regarding concerns of Library Director Baumbach relating to the inadequacies of the Parr Library to contain early voting. City Manager Muehlenbeck advised that this is a timely decision as the election order is being drawn up. Ms. Bealke advised that the election order will come before the Council February 11 and that the school and college must agree on this site as well.

Council Member Stovall spoke to the confusing issues surrounding the voting location west of the Tollroad, and the rapid growth of the area. Mayor Pro tem Neudorff spoke to this issue being a joint decision to be made by the entities and recommended affirming if the school and college are interested in using the Parr Library. He recommended receiving input from the library director, doing further research and coming back on the February 4 meeting with this information. The City Manager spoke to concerns regarding parking on a Saturday at the Parr Library.

Discussion and Direction re Rescheduling the March 11, 2002, Council Meeting Due to PISD Spring Break

After discussion, the Council concurred to reschedule the March 11 Council meeting to Tuesday, March 19.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

Council Member Johnson requested that reconsideration of auto lease tax be brought back for discussion and a vote.

Council Member Lambert spoke to the Property Standards Spotlight scheduled for review in September and to revitalization problems and recommended that this issue be addressed sooner. He spoke to looking at the eastern area of Plano and to addressing properties that are 30 years of age and older. Mr. Lambert recommended placing this item on the February 25 agenda.

Council Member Stahel recommended receiving feedback as to how well the Neighborhood Police Patrol is working in conjunction with the Property Standards report during the February 25 briefing.

Consent and Regular Agenda

No items were discussed.

Council Reports

Council Member Lambert advised that he attended the TXDOT meeting regarding frontage roads and formally presented the resolution of opposition from the City of Plano on this policy and stated that Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition Executive Director James McCarley has also presented this resolution at other meetings on behalf of the City. He stated that the City was in the vast majority voicing opposition to the frontage road proposal and further stated that he will continue to report on this issue and that opposition needs to continue being voiced.

Council Member Stahel spoke to the upcoming May 27 City Memorial Day program.

Council Member Stovall spoke to attending the local and state government advisory committee for the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) with Executive Director Glasscock. He stated that heavy emphasis on homeland security was stressed, spoke to discussions of right-of-way, broadband/cable modem/DSL, and to talk of taking right-of-way control away from the cities and leaving it with the FCC.

Mayor Pro tem Neudorff spoke to Council Member Lambert's appointment to the National League of City's Transportation Steering Committee.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Pro tem Neudorff recessed the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Rick Neudorff, **MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, **City Secretary**