

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
JOINT RETREAT
August 27, 2003**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Steve Stovall, Mayor Pro Tem
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Scott Johnson, Council Member
Phil Dyer, Council Member
Sally Magnuson, Council Member
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Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Bruce D. Glasscock, Executive Director
Frank Turner, Executive Director
Rod Hogan, Executive Director
Diane Wetherbee, City Attorney
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Evans and President King convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m., following lunch on Wednesday, August 27, 2003, at Sockwell Professional Development Center, 6301 Chapel Hill Boulevard. All Council Members were present.

Staff Report and Discussion Regarding Downtown City of Plano TIF #2/Cox Building

Plano Independent School District (PISD) Deputy Superintendent Danny Modisete spoke to the lease extension of the Cox Building lease agreement and to shared usage between the school district and the City of Plano. He spoke to the Courtyard Theater, office buildings, and training and meeting spaces and to the importance of maintaining the historic aspect of the building.

Executive Director Turner reviewed the layout of the Courtyard Theater, surrounding building area, parking spaces, and proposed new building location. He spoke to adding space to the existing building and use of current space. Mr. Modisete spoke further regarding use of the office space to include risk management, social services, historic classrooms, and training and meeting spaces.

Mr. Turner spoke to the Courtyard Theater and arts education and further stated that TIF 2 has performed well in the past three years. He stated that more restaurants and activities have located in the downtown area.

Staff Report and Discussion Regarding HB 1200 – Texas Economic Development Act, Authorizing Certain Ad Valorem Tax Incentives for Economic Development, Including Authorizing School Districts to Provide Tax Relief for Certain Corporations and Limited Liability Companies That Make Large Investments That Create Jobs in Texas; Authorizing the Imposition of Certain Impact Fees; and Continuing the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

Associate Superintendent for Business Services Richard Matkin spoke regarding House Bill 1200 also known as the Texas Economic Development Act. He stated that it is an optional school district abatement program which works to provide an incentive to shelter value from school finance formulas. He stated it is applicable to school districts only, spoke to a ten-year tax relief program, and to full taxation value for two years followed by an eight-year abatement.

Joint Traffic Safety Committee Report and Discussion/Crossing Guards

Director of Safety and Security Mark Henshaw spoke to the Joint Traffic Safety Committee comprising various departments with the school district and the City to address traffic safety issues. He stated that the committee reviews issues such as speed bumps and speeding in school parking lots.

Staff Report and Discussion Regarding Budget Status Reports

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the City budget scenario, stated that things have been and will be flat for awhile, spoke to departmental decreases, removal of positions, and stated that there will be no tax increase. He spoke to the decrease in property values and exemptions given property owners.

Mr. Matkin stated that the budget for the school district is in place and spoke to local and state revenues, salaries, recapture and total appropriations. He spoke to operating appropriations, recapture numbers, and administrative cost ratios. Secretary Stow spoke to looking to the state for fewer things.

Staff Report and Discussion Regarding Bond Elections

Superintendent Otto stated that the school bond election passed, spoke to the numbers, and stated that the philosophy is to address critical needs only for now and come back later when the economy is better. He spoke to a possible bond election in the fall of 2004. City Manager Muehlenbeck stated that the City will not conduct a bond election this year and will most likely conduct an election in May 2005.

Staff Report and Discussion Regarding School Liaison Officer Program Changes and LETS Program

Executive Director Glasscock spoke to problems with the DARE Program associated with budget and restrictive program issues. He spoke to the Student Liaison Officer (SLO) Program and stated that these officers provide instruction to the students and that there is one SLO in each of the three senior high schools. Mr. Glasscock spoke to the Law Enforcement Teaching Students (LETS) Program and stated that it is less restrictive and that it is skill based and addresses conflict issues. Mr. Glasscock stated that it can be introduced at the fifth grade level.

Staff Report and Discussion Regarding Layout and Ownership of Land and Roads Around Clark Stadium

Mr. Turner presented an overview of the street system around Clark Stadium and right-of-way for Seabrook Drive. Mr. Matkin stated that issues at this location involve capacity crowds at Clark Stadium, school busses, and school maintenance vehicles. He stated that extending Seabrook Drive would provide better access. Mr. Modesette responded to Council Member Dyer that the position of the school is to address the congestion issues at this location with regard to letters sent to the City. Board President Mary Beth King spoke to doing what is in the best interests of the City.

Joint Report Regarding Mutual Promotional Opportunities

Special Assistant to the Superintendent Carole Greisdorf and Director of Public Information Beckley spoke to the joint effort between the school and the City to promote one another. Ms. Greisdorf spoke to information packets being made available to the general public. Ms. Beckley spoke to website links to promote the entities. Ms. Greisdorf stated that the City of Plano should be the community of choice in Collin County.

Review Current Council/School District Pairing of Officials “Buddies” and Make any Necessary Reassignments

President King identified the following “Buddies:”

President King
Vice-President Webb
Secretary Stow
Trustee Bird
Trustee Carpenter
Trustee Timinsky
Trustee Jenkins

Mayor Evans and Council Member Dyer
Mayor Pro Tem Stovall
Council Member Callison
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stahel
Council Member Johnson
Council Member Lambert
Council Member Magnuson

Nothing further was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

Elaine Bealke, CITY SECRETARY