

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
December 16, 2003**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Steve Stovall, Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Johnson
Phil Dyer
Sally Magnuson
Jean Callison
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 Evans called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2003, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Mayor Evans 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071, for which a certified agenda is not required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:55 p.m. in the Council Chambers for which the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion:

No items were brought forward.

Presentation Recognizing Plano's Flood Plain Protection Program

City Engineer Upchurch advised the Council that Earl Watts with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security is hear to recognize the City of Plano's efforts in flood plain protection.

Mr. Watts reviewed program policies, losses realized in the City, and stated that little flooding occurs in Plano. He stated that the City currently has a Community Rating System Class 6 ranking in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Watts stated that this new rating will result in reduced premiums for residents who participate in the flood insurance program.

Presentation Regarding Winter Quarter Averaging

Director of Customer and Utility Services Keylon advised the Council that the Winter Quarter Average Program will allow the City to reduce sewer rates by 10% beginning in April. She stated that in order to determine a fixed rate for the customer, the program determines an average by calculating the lowest water usage for three out of four winter months. Ms. Keylon stated that winter months are months with the least irrigation used and the highest percentage of water returned to the system for treatment. She further stated that Utility Operations Water Conservation Coordinator Lorrie Reeves is here to provide additional information to the Council on the Water Conservation Program.

Ms. Reeves reviewed residential water usage from 1999 through 2003, gallons per capita information and water use data for a typical family. She spoke to programs to educate and inform the residents of the City which include utility bill inserts, hotline, website, personal letters and phone calls all used to explain the Winter Quarter Average Program. Ms. Reeves stated that the program includes identifying household replacement items, indoor/outdoor conservation strategies, information on installing a second water meter, and education and information. She spoke to shower conservation and faucet aerators, and other conservation devices and stated that certain water saving devices may be obtained at the Customer and Utility Services front desk when available. Ms. Reeves responded to the Council that the winter months are primarily December, January, February, and March.

Personnel Appointment – Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board – Appointment of Chair

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dyer and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stahel, the Council voted 8-0 to name Chuck O'Reilly as Chair.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward.

Consent and Regular Agenda

At the request of Staff, Consent Item "J," resolution to approve the settlement of a claim, was pulled and held at this time.

Council Reports

Council Member Lambert spoke to attending the National League of Cities conference and stated that Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stahel was elected to the Board of Directors for the next two years. Council Member Magnuson spoke to the opportunity of meeting other elected officials and exchanging ideas at the conference. Mr. Lambert spoke to discussions on storm water management at the conference. Mayor Pro Tem Stovall spoke to the extraordinary work done in the City of Plano.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Pat Evans, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary