

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 9, 2006**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Ken Lambert, Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Johnson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Loretta Ellerbe
Sally Magnuson
Harry LaRosiliere
Jean Callison

STAFF

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

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2006, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member LaRosiliere arrived at 5:07 p.m. and Council Member Stahel arrived at 5:45 p.m. 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 551.07, and discuss matters of Personnel, Section 551.074, for which a certified agenda is required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 6:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion:

Personnel Appointment – Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and a second made by Mayor Pro Tem Lambert the Council voted 8-0 to appoint John Weeks as an alternate member and move Tina Ross to a regular member.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Reallocation of Arts Funding

Creative Arts Manager Wear spoke to the balance of the arts funding budget, re-estimated lost and projected lost revenues, and the balance of funds available for reallocation. He spoke to the Arts Center of Plano's request for \$38,000 in emergency funding, and to \$28,974 funds remaining for reallocation by the Cultural Affairs Commission. Mr. Wear responded to the Council regarding the Plano Repertory Theater and other groups coming in and to guidelines for major grant qualifying. Council Members Stahel and Ellerbe spoke in favor of the Arts Center of Plano's request. Mr. Stahel spoke to consideration by the Commission of four groups (Plano Art Association, Plano Children's Theater, Plano Community Band, and The Classics) that might benefit the most and what groups took major funding reductions this year. Council Members LaRosiliere and Callison concurred and recommended that this be brought to the attention of the Commission with regard to the \$28,974 and spoke to looking at where a significant impact can be made. Council Member Magnuson spoke to ensuring that there be funds kept in reserve. Mr. Wear identified the direction of the Council to proceed with the request of allocating \$38,000 to the Art Centre of Plano and to working with the Cultural Affairs Commission in allocating the remaining \$28,974 fund balance with consideration given to need as stated.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Traffic Analysis, Spring Creek/Coit Intersection Improvements

Traffic Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the Spring Creek Parkway at Coit Road design elements and to the proposed Michigan Left Turn (MLT). He spoke to the consistency of the overall level of service, total annual benefits, planning level construction costs, and the benefits to cost ratio when using the MLT. Mr. Neal spoke to quality of traffic flow, fuel usage, and air quality all supporting moving forward with the recommendation at the intersection of Spring Creek Parkway and Coit Road.

Turner Collie and Braden, Inc. Engineer Donald Szczesny responded to questions of the Council and spoke to additional emission ratings with the MLT and variances with a.m. and p.m. hours. Mr. Neal spoke to the a.m. commute being identified with a heavier traffic volume. Mr. Neal responded to the Council that Legacy Drive and Preston Road, Preston Road and Plano Parkway, and Spring Creek Parkway and Coit Road are proposed intersections identified in the future for the MLT. The Council concurred to move forward with the Michigan Left Turn at Spring Creek Parkway and Coit Road.

SH 121 Briefing

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson reviewed the alternatives for SH 121 and stated that the best alternative to build the road and keep tolls as low as possible is to move forward with the recommendation of the North Texas Tollroad Authority (NTTA) proposal.

Mr. Johnson stated that the other alternative is for the state to develop a proposal with a private company. He stated that a decision will be based on what TxDOT recommends and what the Texas Transportation Commission approves and that a decision will most likely be made in February. Mr. Johnson stated that it is the desire of the City that excess toll revenues be spent in Collin County. He stated that a third alternative exists which leaves the road as a freeway and that with this alternative the road may not be built for 15 to 25 years depending on available funding. Mr. Johnson further responded that the NTTA may charge different toll rates on different extensions being planned for the future due to costs involved.

Collin County Commissioner Jack Hatchel spoke to a 12 cents per mile toll rate to be assessed on SH 121, doing system funding, and to a memorandum of understanding to Collin County and the four cities. He spoke to the NTTA as a positive alternative and recommended that the impacted cities pass a resolution to support the proposal.

Personnel Appointments – Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Brian Chaput.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report - November

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report for the month of November. He stated that revenues are doing well, water and sewer is ahead and that expenditures are good. Mr. McGrane stated that sales tax has done well and that work is being done on a sales tax projection model for the City. He stated that single family housing starts are down and that commercial and residential building permits are up.

The Council convened directly into the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. where remaining Preliminary Items were discussed. No recess was taken.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary