

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 28, 2008**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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 City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m., Monday, January 28, 2008, 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 and to discuss Economic Development, Section 551.087 for which a certified agenda will be kept in the office of the City Secretary for a period of two years as required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were brought forward for consideration.

DART Report

No presentation was made.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane advised the Council regarding the report for the month of December 2007, stating that the General and Water/Sewer funds are ahead of where they were last year and that expenditures are up slightly as well. He spoke to the Consumer Price Index being back on track, the decline in the unemployment rate, the rise in sales tax collection and the steadiness of the Solid Waste Account. Mr. McGrane spoke regarding the decline in single-family housing starts, absorption of homes within 90 days and the increase in values. He advised that existing single-family homes are staying on the market a bit longer but receiving close to their asking prices. Mr. McGrane spoke regarding the decline in the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax, the City's investment diversification and its yield exceeding benchmarks.

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding a bond sale scheduled for later in the evening and the City's maintenance of an "AAA" by all three rating companies. He spoke to the Council's adoption and maintenance of strong financial policies and the good job done by the Finance Department on reporting.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal provided an update on the Traffic Safety Program and the 2007-08 goals of being responsive to citizen requests, fostering safe traffic flow and pedestrian/bicycle safety, and fostering emergency services response and senior mobility. He spoke to receipt of information from the Council and citizens regarding traffic concerns and Staff's response. Mr. Neal spoke regarding consideration of red-light timing on signals east/west of U.S. 75, the reduction in broadside collisions by implementation of the redlight camera program and reduction in speed and volumes as a result of the implementation of traffic management devices. He spoke to review of each pedestrian crossing, features on traffic signals, ongoing work with the Parks Department regarding bicycle safety and work with the school district addressing pedestrian traffic. Mr. Neal spoke to Staff response related to operational complaints, design of traffic management devices with emergency operation vehicles in mind and his involvement in serious/fatal accident scenes. He spoke to the goal of providing low-cost and responsive transportation services to seniors and strategies including reimbursement and vouchers. He spoke to including specification of response times in Requests for Proposals related to vouchers. Mr. Neal responded to the Council regarding the low demand for taxi cabs in the outlying suburbs and regarding some locations in the City that did not qualify for traffic management devices due to low speeds or volumes. He further responded regarding a temporary location and plans to remove it or install a permanent device based on specifications. Mr. Neal advised that there has been an increase in collisions with bicycles. Mayor Evans complemented Staff on addressing issues including fuel consumption and Mr. Neal advised that a final report would be forth coming.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

Mayor Evans requested a future item to address concerns related to the tethering of dogs in yards.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Council Member Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Item “E,” Bid No 2008-58-B for construction of Intersection Improvements – Coit Road at Legacy Drive to Jim Bowman Construction Co., L.P. in the amount of \$661,992 be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Member Stahel advised that he would be stepping down on Regular Agenda Item “2,” an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of City of Plano, Texas, Tax Notes, Series 2008 due to a possible conflict of interest.

Mayor Evans advised that she would be stepping down on Regular Agenda Item “3,” an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of City of Plano, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 due to a possible conflict of interest.

Staff requested that Consent Agenda Item “R,” a resolution to approve the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Plano, Texas, the City of Allen, Texas and the City of Wylie, Texas providing terms and conditions for participation in a Communication Consulting Service for a Radio System Replacement/Upgrade Project be removed for revision.

Council Reports

Council Member Ellerbe advised that the City will be receiving an addition \$1.6 million from TxDOT to be used as matching funds for projects.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary