

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
March 2, 2004**

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 Pat Evans called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Members Lambert and Johnson. 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, Section 551.071 for which a certified agenda is not required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:38 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.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the extensive use of opticon devices at traffic signals (emergency vehicle preemption systems) in place in the City and to being interviewed by the Federal Highway Administration representatives regarding use of these systems. He further spoke to signal upgrades at Custer and Cross Bend Roads and also at Hedgcoxe and Robinson Roads.

Report Regarding Solid Waste Schedule Change

Environmental Waste Services Manager Nevil spoke to a change in solid waste collection service and going from a five day to a four day week. She reviewed the route changes in the City and spoke to the need to no longer buy new vehicles due to growth slow down. Ms. Nevil spoke to route configurations and to removing Saturday as a collection day. She stated that customers will be notified in the standard format and advised that the new route schedule is effective June 1, 2004. Ms. Nevil responded to the Council that no negative impact will be realized by the recycling center as a result of a four day work week.

Report from the Transportation Advisory Committee Regarding Consideration of Plano East Senior High Traffic Concerns

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the affected neighborhood near Plano East Senior High School (PESH) and to problems associated with parked vehicles blocking mail boxes and fire hydrants, speeding cars, limited visibility from the alleys, illegal parking, fire and refuse truck accessibility, and decreased property values. He spoke to various traffic levels at intersections in the problem areas, speeding, and to parking restrictions imposed. Mr. Neal stated that the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) recommends retaining current traffic controls with periodic traffic Police enforcement. He stated that TAC does encourage the Plano Independent School District (PISD) to look at geometric access modifications to ease up some of the concerns and to look also at possible cost sharing in some areas. Mr. Neal stated that TAC requested that a neighborhood parking permit program not be developed due to resulting negative impacts in certain aspects of the current program. He spoke to meeting with PISD regarding access designs, stated that speed, volume, and parking will be monitored in the neighborhood, and that findings will be reported to the TAC and the Council.

Mr. Neal requested that the Council provide direction as to a time restricted parking program for one hour each in the morning and afternoon on school days only on Karen Drive and spoke to the requirement of posting additional signs should the Council determine to go forward with this program. He responded to Mayor Evans that police officers feel that hourly parking restrictions could be enforced and would not take away from other needs in the community. Mr. Neal stated that during TAC discussions a clear sense of support for permit programs was not provided.

Creekside North Homeowners Association representative Alan Smith spoke to traffic scenarios associated with enforcement, stated that neighborhood safety has been improved, identified other possible traffic scenarios to consider, and spoke to parking still being the greatest remaining problem. He stated that meetings continue with PISD and spoke to proposals to remove the parking fee for the remainder of the school year, standard fee approaches allowing for a range in fee costs based on the proximity to the school, and to just looking again at other options. Mr. Smith responded to the Council that the neighborhood is minimally considering a pilot program for a one-hour each parking block in the morning and again in the afternoon as a short term test for a small period of time.

Mr. Smith stated that mail delivery is a concern due to bumper-to-bumper parking and spoke to a possible ordinance requiring a stated distance be observed to allow for mail delivery. Mayor Pro Tem Stovall spoke to consideration of alternative parking guidelines. City Attorney Wetherbee spoke to state law and to red striping the street, and stated that an ordinance would need to be enacted for mail box restrictions and be made consistent throughout the City along with necessary signage at key exits.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stahel spoke to going forward with meetings with the PISD staff and board and to waiving the parking fee for the balance of the school year.

Mr. Smith stated that until the parking permit was instituted by PISD, there were no parking problems in the neighborhood. He also spoke to parking space reductions at PESH due to new building construction.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stahel recommended that with no other solution available that a brief trial period of 8 – 10 weeks be implemented on Karen Court. City Attorney Wetherbee spoke to having a sunset ordinance in place on the day school lets out. Mr. Neal spoke to surveying the neighborhood to ascertain a 2/3 vote in support of this action. Mayor Evans recommended that a neighborhood survey be done and that support or no-support be indicated in writing by the residents for a one hour restriction in the morning and again in the afternoon. Mr. Neal stated that Staff would expedite the survey going forward.

Personnel Appointments

Plano Housing Authority

Upon a motion made by Mayor Evans and seconded by Council Member Dyer, the Council voted 6-0 to appoint Jaime Brown.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Stovall and seconded by Council Member Dyer, the Council voted 6-0 to appoint Joseph Celso. The Council further voted 6-0 with a motion by Council Member Magnuson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Stovall to name Cynthia Hooper as Chair.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward.

Consent and Regular Agenda

City Manager Muehlenbeck advised that Consent Item “A,” Bid for construction of Premier Drive is pulled and held at this time.

Council Reports

Seek Council Direction on Technology Commission Working with Convention and Visitors Bureau to Facilitate a Home and SOHO Security Convention (Stovall)

Mayor Pro Tem Stovall spoke to putting together a convention targeting small and home businesses to address the topic of internet security and stated that the effort falls under the Technology Commission charter and should cost less than \$25,000 with expenses incurred mostly at Plano Centre. He spoke to revenues from sponsors and exhibitors absorbing the cost and to partnering with North Texas Global Telecommunications Society (NTGTS), an international society who conducts this type of conference. Mr. Stovall spoke to admission charges to be assessed, May 18, 2004 as the event date with a September date as a second choice.

Technology Commission Member Jim Ryan stated that internet security does impact the citizenry and has been dealt with by the Technology Commission. He stated that internet security is a risk and spoke to this being an opportunity to bring assistance to the citizens. Mr. Ryan stated that the NTGTS partnership has been positive with their expertise brought to the table. He stated that this could be a significant endeavor and become an annual event. Mr. Stovall stated that it is his hope to work closely with the Plano Economic Development Board and the Plano Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ryan responded to the Council that the NTGTS would assist with publicizing the event in a short turn-around time and spoke to possible cable advertisement. He stated that the audience would be regional. Mr. Stovall spoke to in-kind financial assistance from Plano Centre and stated that exhibitors and sponsors would help provide funding. Mr. Ryan spoke to community college students as a target audience and stated that actual cost could end up being less.

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to the need for discussion of this request with Plano Centre Staff, identifying a budget, and stated that Plano Centre must break even.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Pat Evans, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary