

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL  
PRELIMINARY AND REGULAR OPEN MEETING**

**April 7, 2003**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Pat Evans, Mayor  
Phil Dyer, Mayor Pro tem  
Steve Stovall, Deputy Mayor Pro tem  
Shep Stahel  
Scott Johnson  
Sally Magnuson  
John R. Roach, Jr.  
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 5:05 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2003, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Johnson. Council Member Roach arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Evans presented proclamations to Volunteer Coordinator Robin Popik for "Volunteer Month" and to Senior Public Services Librarian Cheryl Smith for "Public Library Month."

**PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING**

**Discussion and Direction Regarding Status of Sister City Hsinchu, Taiwan**

International Relations Advisory Commission Chair George Wong spoke regarding the establishment of the Commission, the hard work and dedication put forth, and identified members. He stated that Taiwan is located close to China, Japan, and Korea and spoke to trading opportunities with the United States. Mr. Wong stated that Taiwan is located in the Pacific Ocean, has a population of 22.5 million, contains a democratic government, and that the capital city is Taipei. He stated that Hsinchu is located on the northwest coast of Taiwan, has a population of 362,000, and a strong coexistence between the hi-tech and traditional industries. Mr. Wong spoke to working population statistics, the importance of having the traditional and hi-tech working side by side, and further stated that Hsinchu is considered the Silicon Valley of Taiwan.

Mr. Wong stated that Hsinchu houses two national universities, is the hometown of the rice noodle, includes traditional industries of glass art, wood carving, kites and lanterns, as well as retail development with multi leveled malls, cultural arts with and concert hall. Mr. Wong further spoke to Hsinchu Mayor Junq-Tzer Lin.

Mr. Wong spoke to Hsinchu as being a good match with the City of Plano and to similarities between the two which included growth patterns, corporations, city government, and an interest in developing a municipal, business, and cultural relationship. He spoke to various timelines and stated that discussions between the two cities began in January, 2002, and a trip was made to Taiwan by Plano Sister City International sub-committee member Ron Lin. Mr. Wong stated that "the members of the International Relations Advisory Commission have come to a consensus to make the recommendation to the City Council to consider a sister city relationship with Hsinchu, with the caveat that Plano Sister City International will administer said relationship."

Council Member Roach asked for clarification of the caveat advised by Mr. Wong that the Plano Sister City International organization would administer the relationship and to how this would work in conjunction with the International Advisory Relations Commission. Mr. Wong spoke to the Sister City organization administering the cultural side of the relationship, and to the business side being engineered by the International Advisory Relations Commission. He spoke to involving the other representing entities of the Commission when applicable. Mr. Wong further advised the Council that he is confident that business relationship opportunities will be cultivated.

Council Member Magnuson spoke to sharing the cultural events communicated between Hsinchu and the Sister City organization with the City Council. Mr. Wong stated that information regarding cultural opportunities will be shared with the Council. Deputy Mayor Pro tem Stovall commended Mr. Wong for his presentation.

Regional Representative of the Republic of China and Taiwan Ed Feng spoke in support of the Sister City relationship with the City of Plano and to benefits to be derived and to further enhancing business trade.

A motion of support was made by Council Member Roach and Council Member Magnuson to approve Hsinchu as a Sister City to the City of Plano to which the Council affirmed by an informal show of hands. Mayor Evans stated that a resolution will be brought back for Council adoption.

Council Member Stahel spoke to Taiwan being an industrious country and to being in support of developing additional business with the City.

Mr. Feng introduced Dr. Keh-Shew Lu to the Council as newly appointed to the Overseas Commission of Chinese Affairs, and spoke to his honorable education credits and appointments.

### **Personnel Appointment/Retirement Security Plan Committee**

Upon a recommendation by City Manager Muehlenbeck, a motion was made by Council Member Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Roach to appoint Bruce Lewin to an interim position and to appoint Director of Budget and Research Karen Rhodes as Chair. The Council voted 7-0.

### **Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas**

Council Member Roach requested that there be consideration of future Council discussion of Council travel policy for possible budget savings. He requested that there be future Council discussion regarding employee paid leave policies. Mr. Roach further requested that there be future discussion regarding employee tuition reimbursement policies to include part-time employees as well.

Mayor Evans requested that there be consideration of future Council discussion regarding various occasions for the purchase of "tables" by the Council and to developing a core list of these occasions. She spoke to determining what level these "tables" are purchased and to possibly dropping back to two Council members attending with Council Members who wish to attend outside the two designees funding the seat from their stipends.

### **Consent and Regular Agenda**

Mayor Evans advised that Consent Item "C," resolution to support transportation funding partnership programs, would be removed for individual consideration in order to receive additional information.

### **Council Committee Reports**

No reports were presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Council Member Lambert and seconded by Mayor Pro tem Dyer, the Council voted 7-0 to approve and adopt all remaining items on the Consent Agenda as recommended and as follows:

**Award, Rejection of Bids/Proposals, Conditional Acceptance of Lowest Responsible Bid/Proposal and Designation of Alternate Lowest Responsible Bid/Proposal when applicable on the following:**

**Bid No. C044-03** for a fixed-price contract for U.S. Highway 75 Median and Right-of-Way Mowing in the estimated annual amount of \$65,544. [Consent Agenda Item (A)] (See Exhibit "A")

**Bid No. C043-03** for Street Sweeping Services in the estimated annual amount of \$148,139. [Consent Agenda Item (B)] (See Exhibit "B")

### **Adoption of Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 2003-4-1(R):** To approve the terms and conditions of a Letter Agreement between the City of Plano and the City of Frisco, Texas regarding the State Farm Safety Study at S.H. 121 and S.H. 289; authorizing its execution by the City Manager; and providing an effective date. [Consent Agenda Item (D)]

### **Adoption of Ordinance**

**Ordinance No. 2003-4-2:** To abandon all right, title and interest of the City, in and to a portion of those certain variable width rights-of-way called K Avenue and L Avenue being situated in the Sanford Beck Survey, Abstract Number 73, which is located within the City limits of Plano, Collin County, Texas; quitclaiming all right, title and interest of the City in such rights-of-way to the abutting property owner, Plano Multi-Family Associates II, Limited Partnership, to the extent of its interest; authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents deemed necessary; and providing an effective date. [Consent Agenda Item (E)]

### **Approval of Expenditure**

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$71,750 for cabling and telecommunications equipment for the Joint Use Facility and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase. [Consent Agenda Item (F)]

### **Purchase Off Existing Contract**

To authorize City participation in the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Inter-local Contract Agreement (Contract No. SC01-02) for the purchase of one (1) catch basin cleaner and one (1) 60,000 GVWR tandem truck cab and chassis (Contract No. HT02-05) and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate these purchases in the amount of \$201,837. [Consent Agenda Item (G)]

**END OF CONSENT**

## **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**Resolution No. 2003-4-3(R):** To support transportation funding partnership programs in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area; and providing an effective date. [Consent Agenda Item (C)]

City Manager Muehlenbeck stated that this resolution has been recommended for adoption by the Regional Transportation Commission and that it concerns needed transportation issues. He stated that this does not call for a gas tax increase but is instead a way to leverage existing funds with the highway department to move projects up for funding such as the State Highway 121 project. Mr. Muehlenbeck stated that this item supports leveraging partnerships with TXDOT. Mayor Evans clarified that this is not a proposal to increase gas tax.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro tem Dyer and seconded by Council Member Lambert, the Council voted 7-0 to support transportation funding partnership programs in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, provide an effective date, and adopt Resolution No. 2003-4-3(R).

**Resolution No. 2003-4-4(R):** To express thanks and gratitude to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served and are currently serving their country; encouraging our citizens to support our troops and their families; and providing an effective date. [Agenda Item (1)]

Council Member Stahel spoke in support of this resolution. Council Member Roach spoke to the military reserve units going on active duty and leaving their families and jobs.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro tem Stovall, the Council voted 7-0 to express thanks and gratitude to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served and are currently serving their country; encouraging our citizens to support our troops and their families; and providing an effective date and further to adopt Resolution No. 2003-4-4(R).

**Resolution No. 2003-4-5(R):** To consent to acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of a health care facility and the issuance of bonds to finance such facility; and authorizing its execution by the City Manager; and providing an effective date. [Agenda Item (2)]

City Manager Muehlenbeck advised that this item speaks to the Tarrant County Health Facilities Development Corporation and the willingness to provide financing issuance of bonds for the continued grade expansion of Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, and stated that these monies will be used to finance their project at no expense to the City. He stated that this request is being made to the City because an outside governmental jurisdiction is requesting that this money be expended within the corporate limits of the City of Plano.

Mr. Muehlenbeck stated that the recommendation of Staff is to approve this resolution. Council Member Stahel spoke to this being connected to the concept of supporting and expanding the business base in the City of Plano.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Lambert and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 7-0 to consent to acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of a health care facility and the issuance of bonds to finance such facility; and authorizing its execution by the City Manager; and providing an effective date and further to adopt Resolution No. 2003-4-5(R).

**Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-4-6 as requested in Zoning Case 2002-72:** To amend SubSection 3-1503 (Review Process) 2. of Section 3-1500 (Residential Adjacency Standards) of Article 3 (Supplementary Regulations) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City, Ordinance No. 86-3-14, as heretofore amended, pertaining to noise, lighting, screening and other standards, and the application of those standards to improve the compatibility between certain non-residential uses and adjacent residential areas; and providing a penalty clause, a repealer clause, a savings clause, a severability clause, and an effective date. Applicant: City of Plano. Tabled 03/18/03. [Agenda Item (3)]

Upon a motion made by Council Member Roach and seconded by Mayor Pro tem Dyer, the Council voted 7-0 to remove Zoning Case 2002-72 from the table.

Director of Planning Jarrell stated that at the request of the Council, residential standards have been rewritten into the proposed ordinance to apply to public elementary schools, and that Staff recommends approval of the item.

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing. No one appeared to speak either for or against the request. The Public Hearing was closed.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Lambert and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 7-0 to adopt an ordinance as requested in Zoning Case 2002-72 – to amend SubSection 3-1503 (Review Process) 2. of Section 3-1500 (Residential Adjacency Standards) of Article 3 (Supplementary Regulations) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City, Ordinance No. 86-3-14, as heretofore amended, pertaining to noise, lighting, screening and other standards, and the application of those standards to improve the compatibility between certain non-residential uses and adjacent residential areas; as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and providing a penalty clause, a repealer clause, a savings clause, a severability clause, and an effective date and further to adopt Ordinance 2003-4-6.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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Pat Evans, **MAYOR**

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Elaine Bealke, **City Secretary**