

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
April 14, 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 5:08 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2008, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member LaRosiliere arrived at 5:17 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, Section 551.071, discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072 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 6:30 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.

Personnel Appointments

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Louis Heck as an interim member with a term expiring October 2008.

Global Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Esau Liu as a member.

Housing Reinvestment Incentive Program

Director of Planning Jarrell advised the Council that the Housing Reinvestment (HRI) and Employer Assisted Housing (EAH) programs are part of an effort to implement the recommendations of the Workforce Housing Study adopted by the Council. She spoke to the EAH being on hold at the present time. Ms. Jarrell spoke to the Council's request to target specific neighborhoods to create a focused effort and to combining the efforts of the Property Standards Department and Neighborhood Planning Division. She spoke to targeting homes valued at \$175,000 or less, rebates on improvements in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000 and emphasis on improvements that promote the long-term sustainability of neighborhoods and homes. Ms. Jarrell spoke to proposed guidelines including consideration of homes 20 years of age or older which are located within the boundaries of a targeted geographic area, and have no current property tax delinquencies. She spoke to a tiered approach including a 20% refund for improvements related to structural integrity, energy efficiency or accessibility with a 10% refund for livability improvements including painting, remodeling or fence replacement. Ms. Jarrell spoke to considering neighborhoods where homes are affordable, may have Property Standards violations, are owner occupied, have a number of recent building permits issued and are part of a completed Neighborhood Action Plan. She spoke to realigning departmental staff to address program needs and to possible delay in implementation.

Long Range Planning Manager Zimmerman responded to the Council that income "area" is defined as the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan Area as established by the Federal Government. Ms. Jarrell spoke to consideration of whether or not owners reinvest in their neighborhoods without a rebate program and to the \$1.00 per capita expenditure of \$254,000 for both programs. She responded to Council Member Stahel, advising that generally households under this program would not be eligible for federal grant programs.

Council Member Ellerbe spoke to implementation when the City can afford it and Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to the level of budgetary impact. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding anticipated budget cuts, Staff work in development of the concepts and to putting the programs on hold for development of the budget. Council Member Stahel recommended working out plans to merge staff and to bringing back the proposal in six to nine months for review. Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson spoke to review during the budget process.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

Mayor Evans requested a future agenda item for discussion regarding deployment of warning sirens.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Council Member Stahel requested that Consent Agenda Item "F," to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$235,000 with Software House International (SHI) for Microsoft Enterprise Licensing and true-up costs for additional server and desktop products be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Mayor Evans advised that due to possible conflicts of interest, she would be stepping down on portions of Regular Agenda Item "2," a resolution to adopt the 2008-09 Action Plan, including the Final Statement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program Objectives, and Regular Agenda Item "4," a resolution to approve the terms and conditions of Agreements between the City of Plano and various Community Organizations, providing for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$363,084 and HOME Funds in the amount of \$371,097.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson spoke regarding the Annual Police Awards Banquet and the importance of the work done by officers. She spoke regarding attendance and participation levels at the Live Green Expo.

Council Member Ellerbe advised that no decision has been made with regard to the building of S.H. 161, and spoke regarding transit funding proposals including a county-wide tax increase or an increase in the car registration fees. She stated concern that the City of Plano would be paying sales tax monies toward DART along with the bulk of car registration and fuel taxes. Council Member Johnson spoke to the benefits received by other cities and to Plano receiving credit for monies paid. Ms. Ellerbe spoke regarding issues related to tolls and roadway funding.

Council Member Dunlap spoke to the National League of Cities Steering Committee meetings to be held in Plano during September 2008. He requested discussion during neighborhood roundtables about the effect of the Digital TV Transition scheduled for February 2009 and spoke to the efforts of the Keep Plano Beautiful Commission.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary