

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
April 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
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member LaRosiliere arrived at 5:14 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 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

The DART Report was not presented.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane advised regarding inclusion of investment information in the report, stated that year-to-date revenues in the General Fund are down slightly and that most expenditures are tracking at the same level as last year.

Mr. McGrane spoke to sales tax revenue being down slightly for the month of March and generally below other cities in the area, a decrease in unemployment rates, and to the Metroplex doing fairly well with regard to housing values and sales. He spoke regarding the decrease in building starts, decrease in water and sewer billing and to hotel/motel taxes staying consistent. He spoke regarding investments and staying with short-term funds due to the uncertainty in the yield curve. Council Member Dunlap spoke to the impacts of public transit and corporations located in the City on the sale of homes.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the use of public transportation and being responsive to the needs of riders, work done by the Public Works Department in response to storm damage in the City, improving the detection rate on red-light cameras by implementing ground loops, and preparing for school zones in the fall. He advised that information regarding senior transportation taxi vouchers will be brought to Council next month and responded to Council Member Dunlap regarding efforts to hold a public meeting related to the interchange at the Dallas North Tollway and S.H. 190. Mr. Neal spoke to consideration of both northbound and southbound traffic, anticipated input from Willow Bend Mall representatives and presenting a final determination to the Council. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to assistance received from the City of Richardson during storm clean-up efforts.

North Texas Municipal Water District Presentation

North Texas Municipal Water District Executive Director Parks briefed the Council on the current status of the water supply system including sources and bringing two additional projects online this summer. He spoke to construction of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir and possible Lake Texoma supply depending on the overturning of a moratorium in Oklahoma on the sale of water. Mr. Parks spoke to the status of treatment capacity and consideration of moving to an ozone disinfection process by 2012. He spoke to wholesale water rate projections and the effect of increased construction, operation/maintenance, and chemical costs and to the possible revision of projections should energy prices decrease. Mr. Parks spoke to the positive effect of Plano as a member city during the recent bond sale, capacity at the Wilson Creek Regional Treatment Plant and expansions at the Rowlett Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant along with the need for a future transfer site.

Council Member Ellerbe spoke to the City of Plano being penalized for conservation efforts and faster growing cities having an interest in obtaining water at lower rates. She spoke to requiring all member cities provide a projection of water use to determine the overall needs of the district for the future. Mr. Parks spoke to an update of the regional water plan and to the inability of the district to force cities to execute a change. Council Member Stahel spoke to encouraging long-term conservation at the district level. Mr. Parks responded to Mayor Evans, advising that it would be a joint effort between the board of directors, mayors and councils to come to a consensus on moving forward. Ms. Ellerbe spoke to development of water use projections as a step towards a consensus.

Mayor Evans spoke to the need for leadership in putting a plan together and determining resources/demands and to a possible “water summit” to address issues. Council Member Dunlap spoke to the district’s role in bringing the cities together and Council Member Ellerbe requested that data gathered regarding water use projects be distributed. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to balancing conservation and satisfying water needs, consideration of the issues on a regional level, and to Plano as the largest consumer of water providing more dollars towards building the system. Council Member Johnson spoke to the need for conservation and alternatives to implement change including agreement by member cities, a court order or through legislation.

Mr. Parks spoke to bringing everyone to a point of equality in the contract and Mayor Evans spoke to the effect of current conditions. Council Member Stahel spoke to the possibility addressing concerns through the legislature.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Council Member Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Items “D,” Bid No. 2008-137-B 2007-2008 Residential Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Zone L7 to Jerusalem Corporation in the amount of \$433,224; and “E,” Bid No. 2008-138-B, 2007-2008 Residential Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Zone Q3 to Jerusalem Corporation in the amount of \$632,215 be removed for individual consideration due to possible conflicts of interest.

Council Member Stahel requested that Consent Agenda Item “L,” a resolution to approve the terms and conditions of a Wayside Horn Agreement between The Kansas City Southern Railway Company and the City of Plano be removed for individual consideration.

Council Reports

Council Member Stahel spoke regarding the Fire Department’s Annual Awards Picnic.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary