

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
JULY 23, 2007**

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 5:11 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2007, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison and Council Member Johnson. Council Member LaRosiliere arrived at 5:16 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 Economic Development, Section 551.087 and to discuss Personnel, Section 551.074 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 6:12 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

**Consideration and Action Resulting from Executive Session Discussion:
Personnel Reappointments**

Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Cameron McCall, Chris Caso and Joe Wolens Milkes.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint James M. Degnan, Brian Eisenrich and Arthur Reed Snyder, Jr.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint James Duggan, Maggie Armstrong and Jim Norton.

Personnel - Appointments

Global Advisory Committee Member/Chair

Upon a motion made by Mayor Evans and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson, the Council voted 6-0 to appoint Jim Falk as member and chair.

Reappointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint John Carver DVM and Amanda Earl.

Civil Service Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint R. James Akers.

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Richard Shlakman, Pamela S. Harvey and Betty Monday Mahan.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Christopher Griffith.

Heritage Commission

The Council concurred to defer consideration of reappointment at this time.

Keep Plano Beautiful Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Kelly Marie Carlson and John R. Caldwell.

Library Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint R. James Akers and Gregory J. Myer.

Parks and Recreation Planning Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint M. Nathan Barbera.

Plano Housing Authority

Mayor Evans requested consideration of reappointment be deferred at this time.

Public Arts Committee

The Council concurred to defer consideration of reappointments at this time.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Ron Timmons.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Marci Lynn Holloway, Prissy Wisnewski, Dollie V. Thomas and Cathie Stanford Alexander.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Annette S. Vineyard, Kevin A. J. Yarrow and Sonja Hammar.

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board

The Council concurred to defer consideration of reappointments at this time.

Technology Commission

The Council concurred to defer consideration of reappointments.

Transition & Revitalization Commission

The Council concurred to defer consideration of reappointments at this time.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 6-0 to reappoint Regina M. Richardson and Candace T. Noble.

DART Report

DART Board Representative Paulk spoke to objectives established for the board including the build-out schedule and budget, safety and security, ridership, equity and establishing accountability measures and advised that DART has been asked to look at establishing new revenue streams so that service continues to improve. She provided an update on the Parker Road Station including plans for additional parking and spoke to discussion regarding fee-paid parking. Ms. Paulk advised that there are currently no plans regarding use of City of Plano property at Park Boulevard and K Avenue. She spoke to the west side "Park and Ride" being back in discussions, a feasibility assessment for development, and stated she will keep Council apprised as the project moves forward. Ms. Paulk spoke to Cottonbelt Corridor implementation in 2025-2030 and long-term feasibility studies and analysis focusing on connectivity and technology choice. She spoke to CCart demand-responsive service being costly and not very efficient and looking at other options.

Ms. Paul spoke to DART reviewing possible modifications to their On-Call Program to be more attractive as an alternative to senior citizens. She spoke to discussions on how to best approach the Regional Transit Initiative in the next legislative session. Ms. Paulk responded to the Council, stating that meetings are scheduled to discuss the west side transit center and that she may look for input from the Council in the future. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to property purchased by DART and removal of construction costs from their budget. He spoke to a possible agreement with DART to utilize a portion of the City's CDA funds for the facility.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report for the month of June 2007 advising the Council that the General Fund is doing well. He stated that the Water and Sewer Fund is low primarily due to the limitation on watering and significant amount of rain received. Mr. McGrane spoke to the expenditure side where things are tracking as they should. Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to the latest sales tax received being down by 9.2% and the City returning \$2 million as a result of a comptroller's audit. Mr. McGrane advised that the unemployment rate is still down and spoke to other cities where sales tax revenues are down.

Mr. McGrane advised that housing starts are down from June of 2006, but that inventory is moving quickly. He spoke to the increase in commercial permits, the solid trend in hotel/motel occupancy and the performance and diversity of the portfolio. Mr. McGrane responded to the Council, advising that a report has not yet been received for the new hotel on Coit Road.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal advised that activities involving a mid-block crossing on Pebble Creek are moving forward, spoke to a consensus reached regarding alley bumps on Meadow Hills Lane and recent speed zone changes on SH 190 and US 75 frontages. He spoke to removal of the school speed zone on Parker Road at Barron Early Childhood School. Mr. Neal spoke to the school becoming an early-childhood development center where 98% of attendees are brought in by vehicle versus walking and to retaining speed zones in the neighborhood.

Presentation, Discussion and Direction Regarding Proposed CDA Projects

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the goal of maximizing intersection safety by upgrading/lengthening left-turn pockets, installing additional through lanes, retiming signals, etc. He spoke to completing build-out of major arterial roads and reconstruction, seeking funding for the west DART transit facility and addressing highway bottleneck areas.

Mr. Neal spoke to projects including intersection improvements in the amount of \$14 million, roadway widening at \$32.8 million and thoroughfare reconstruction at \$176 million. He advised that reconstruction will not be a part of the CDA submittal, but information will be included in hopes of program expansion to include these projects in the near future. Mr. Neal spoke to proposals for the west side transit center, homeland security and improvement of bottleneck operations. He spoke to "double" submitting items to CDA and COG to receive the best funding available with the goal to leverage funding sources maximizing mobility and safety in Plano.

Mr. Neal spoke to the CDA not recognizing concerns related to reconstruction of major thoroughfares and to working with the legislature for revision. Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to the importance of moving traffic through the City. Mr. Neal spoke to reconstruction and rehabilitation becoming a larger portion of cities' budgets and work to acknowledge the problem and find solutions.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding the August 23 meeting being required if there is any increase in property taxes.

Consent Agenda

No items were discussed.

Council Reports - Report from Board and Commission Review Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson spoke to review by the committee and stated that boards provided information regarding their missions, plans and members. She spoke to the exception being the Technology Commission whose Chair and Staff liaison advised that the board had fulfilled its mandate and would not be necessary as a stand-alone commission. City Attorney Wetherbee stated that Staff would prepare an ordinance to disband the committee for Council consideration at the August 13 meeting.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary