

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
July 24, 2006**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Scott Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Magnuson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Loretta Ellerbe
Harry LaRosilieri
Jean Callison
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
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2006, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Callison. 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 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 5:54 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

Personnel Reappointments

Arts of Collin County Board of Directors

Mayor Evans advised that consideration of this appointment is held at this time in order to be in sync with the other cities.

Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Michael Pirek, Donnie Swango George Elwell, Chris Polito, and Randy Hart and to further move Joe Milkes from an Alternate member to a Regular member.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint John Weeks, James Carpenter, and Tina Ross, and further voted to move James Carpenter and Arthur Snyder from Alternate members to Regular members.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Lisette Briley and to further reappoint Carolyn Kalchthaler to a one-year term.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to extensive signal construction projects primarily in the northwest section of the City, addressing problems with low lying trees blocking the view, and to following through with the marketing of the Safe Streets Program device options. He responded to the Council that he will provide information regarding the timeline for the widening of Midway Road from Parker Road to Spring Creek Parkway, and further responded that a portion of video traffic tape was accidentally pulled out from the camera by a contractor working on another activity and that it will be restored.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Finance Report for the month of June. He stated that Golf Course revenues are down from last year, and that most funds are ahead of budget from last year with the exception of the Environmental Waste Fund where expenditures are up. Mr. McGrane stated that Sales Tax numbers look good, unemployment rates are slightly ahead, and that single family housing starts and hotel/motel tax numbers are holding steady. Mr. McGrane further spoke to the Treasury Pool Equity and Portfolio diversification.

Personnel Appointments

Civil Service Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Robert Barraclough.

Reappointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this appointment at this time.

Civil Service Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Robert Barraclough.

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Kimberly Brogan and Robert Masengill.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this appointment at this time.

Heritage Commission

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this appointment at this time.

International Relations Advisory Commission

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this appointment at this time.

Keep Plano Beautiful Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Holly Linskie and Paul Pathrose.

Library Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Hilton Kong.

Parks and Recreation Planning Board

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this appointment at this time.

Plano Housing Authority

No reappointments were made.

Plano Transition and Revitalization Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Pat Miner and Robert Masengill.

Public Arts Committee

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this appointment at this time.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon the recommendation of City Manager Muehlenbeck a motion was made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel to reappoint Stephen Doud. The Council voted 7-0.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Diana Axthelm and Gregory Huckaby.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Magnuson, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Mary Jane Ketcham and Sue Barron.

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Scott Johnson and Michael Booth. The Council further voted 7-0 to reappoint Scott Johnson as Chair by a motion from Council Member LaRosiliere and a second from Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson. Mayor Evans requested that residency status and requirements be confirmed for the City Representative position.

Technology Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunalp, the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Dana Johnson. Council Member Stahel amended his motion to also reappoint Michael Becker to which Council Member Ellerbe made a second. The Council voted 7-0.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Mayor Evans concurred to hold consideration of this item at this time.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Recommendations from Plano Centre Study

Director of Parks and Recreation Wendell spoke to recommendations previously presented to the Council which included adoption of business and marketing plan goals, objectives, and timelines for Plano Centre. He spoke to relocation of the Convention and Visitors Bureau offices, improving the first impression of Plano Centre to include replacing trees and landscaping and possibly placing kiosks in high traffic areas around the City. Mr. Wendell stated that recommendations are not all administrative in nature and will require budget consideration and will therefore be brought back in sequence for approval as needed, and further spoke to receiving a general consensus from the Council to move forward.

Mr. Wendell stated that after discussion it is the recommendation of Staff to not relocate Plano Centre and that finding a corporate buyer for the existing building would be difficult. He spoke to focusing on the existing Plano Centre and looking at recommendations to improve and update the facility over the next five years; a fact finding mission to locate a vacant "big box" to utilize for booking events and expand and grow the business of the City; changing the current booking policy to be more revenue focused and evaluate each booking request based on its revenue potential; consider sporting events with a focus on indoor events with concession opportunities and to engaging a consultant to maximize the potential which would be included in next year's budget if approved; an outdoor arena such as for a horse show and to engaging a consultant for ideas on moving forward. The Council concurred with these recommendations.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Recommendations from Public Art Committee on Future Sculpture in the Park

Creative Arts Manager Wear spoke to previous discussions regarding Sculpture in the Park event festivals and to a report coming forward from the Public Art Committee on this type of event.

Public Art Committee Member Janet Shaw spoke to research done on sculpture events and reviewed professional sculpture organizations in Texas, and further spoke to missions to teach/educate and share sculpture visions through exhibitions. She spoke to event participations in various communities.

Public Art Committee Member Bob Drotman stated that most sculpture events in the United States are sponsored by a 501(c)3sculptures are for sale, the price of admission is low or free, most events are being held during the summer or fall, over a single weekend or as long as several months, and are mostly outdoors with an indoor component. He provided a slide presentation of sculpture events around the country and spoke to focusing the event on the family and stated that attendance is usually high.

Ms. Shaw stated that most shows are held in August, September, or October and that it is felt that October would work well here. She stated that recommendations include selecting a location to support a limited, permanent sculpture collection, that there be a commitment to start-up funding support for the first three to five years, and that a Sculpture in the Park Planning Team be organized. Mr. Drotman spoke to forming the committee this fall in order to have an event in the fall of 2008, determining the initial size of the event, opening and closing event functions, how to sell the sculptures and what entrance fees should be. Mayor Evans spoke to obtaining copies of the slides for herself and Council liaisons Callison and Ellerbe in order to review the information and determine questions and suggestions to funnel through to the Committee. Mr. Wear stated that he will work with the Council on forming a planning team.

Mayor Evans convened the Preliminary meeting directly into the Regular Meeting at 7:02 p.m. where remaining Preliminary Items were discussed.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary