

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
July 28, 2008**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Jean Callison, Mayor Pro Tem
Harry LaRosiliere, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
Scott Johnson
Mabrie Jackson
Sally Magnuson
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 Pro Tem Callison called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m., Monday, July 28, 2008, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Evans. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere arrived at 5:16 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Callison 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071, discuss Personnel, Section 551.074 and also discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072 for which a certified agenda will be kept in the office of the City Secretary for a period of two years as required.

Mayor Pro Tem Callison reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:50 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 Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Donnie Swango, Michael Pirek and Randy Hart as regular members, to move Cam McCall to a regular position and to reappoint Roger Bolin and William Suttle to alternate positions.

Civil Service Commission

This item was deferred.

DART Board of Directors

Upon a motion made by Council Member Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Faye Moses Wilkins.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Craig N. Perry and Michael Coleman.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Mark Israelson, Denise Tacke and Stephen E. Doud.

Personnel Appointments/Reappointments

Reappointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Pylar Pinkston, Dr. Karen Dubrow and Jamey Cantrell.

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Miner the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Michael Booth, Howard S. Garfield and Scott Johnson.

Appointments

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Valis Houston and Melissa Pittana as interim members with terms expiring October 2009.

City Council Appointments to Various Committees and Organizations

This item was deferred.

Dallas Morning News Presentation Regarding Additional Publications for Plano

Dallas Morning News Editor Bob Mong spoke to market, customer and advertiser research supporting the free distribution of a product called *The Briefing* four days per week to non-subscribers. He spoke to providing distilled information, the ability for those receiving the paper to "opt out," interest on the part of advertisers and expectations that The Dallas Morning News will be held to a high standard. Mr. Mong spoke regarding *al dia*, a Spanish language product distributed six days per week.

Dallas Morning News Circulation Director David Morel spoke to technology ensuring quality distribution with GPS systems on delivery vehicles allowing managers to track drivers, the ability to block areas that do not want receipt of the product, verification of distribution, and the ability to stop delivery in an effective manner. Mr. Morel responded to Council Member Magnuson regarding identification of homes displaying a "No Solicitation" sign and to Council Member Dunlap regarding staffing levels and the possibility that both *The Briefing* and *al dia* could be delivered by the same driver.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineer Neal spoke to the increase in DART ridership, implementation of travel demand management in efforts to alter commuter patterns, the low threshold of ridership on business area bus runs, and implementation of a flex-service wherein busses may come through neighborhoods for passengers at an extra cost. He spoke to town meetings scheduled in August and consideration by DART of recommendations. Mr. Neal responded to City Manager Muehlenbeck regarding removal of sign posts when routes are eliminated and advised that Staff will contact DART regarding locations for benches/shelters. Mr. Muehlenbeck requested information regarding the level of bus service in the City today as compared to its initial implementation. Council Member Dunlap recommended a shelter for riders at two intersections of Park Boulevard and Preston Road and Mr. Neal advised he would bring recommendations forward to DART.

Credit Union Funding Concept

North Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) Director of Transportation Michael Morris spoke to the lack of tracking for revenues collected from tollroads and advised that without this program, there would be no funding for capacity improvements in the region since federal and state gasoline taxes maintain infrastructure. He spoke to off-system projects, a Memorandum of Understanding between COG and the City and reducing the timeframe for projects. Mr. Morris spoke to the growth in the region and ensuring there will be no issue with the legislature sweeping funds for other purposes. Mr. Morris provided background information including the size of the region, its growth and economy; the problems in roadway funding; unreliability on the system with a greater focus on passenger and freight rail; the unique nature of the location and anticipation of more people living outside the service areas. He spoke to impacts on TxDOT's finances including the rate of inflation, federal rescissions, Fund 6 diversions, poor pavement management scores, lack of accurate financial information and flat gas tax receipts. Mr. Morris provided information on identified funding needs in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region and reviewed the management plan.

Mr. Morris spoke to the value of the S.H. 121 Toll Project, allocation of revenue to the region, and funding equity policies to consider location ("Near Neighbor/Near Time Frame") and user base (Home County of the Tolltag User). He spoke to 40-45% of users being based in Collin County, and the selection of projects in the county with local projects based on City design standards.

Mr. Morris spoke regarding financing, reviewed benefits in expediting projects, development of a new financial arrangement for tollroad revenues, new entries into the Public Sector Credit Union Bank, and advised that 70% of projects built in the area come from local/regional funds. He responded to Council Member Jackson, advising that 100% repayment will be made for FAA funds in the construction of S.H. 121 and spoke to possible creation of local option user fees. Mr. Morris responded to Council Member Johnson stating that there would be no double taxation for Plano since they already participate in DART funding, but that it is not possible to establish selective vehicle registration within a county. He responded to Council Member Dunlap stating that funds are not allocated based on geographic location, but on the quality of the project submitted and urged the Council to work with Staff on project review.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Council Member Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Items “B,” Bid No. 2008-180-B for 2007-08 Arterial Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Park Boulevard, Alma Road to Shiloh Road to Jim Bowman Construction Company, L.P. in the amount of \$539,543; “C,” Bid No. 2008-179-B for 2007-08 Arterial & Residential Concrete Pavement Repair Project – various locations to Jim Bowman Construction Company, L.P., in the amount of \$382,458; and “J” Bid No. 2008-177-B for the 2007 Alley Reconstruction project to Jim Bowman Construction Company, L.P., in the amount of \$254,481 be removed for individual consideration due to possible conflicts of interest.

Council Reports

Council Member Johnson spoke regarding attendance at the grand opening of the new Container Store on S.H. 121 in Plano.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Callison adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Jean Callison, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary