

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
AUGUST 27, 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 5:14 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2007, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071, discuss Personnel, Section 551.074, 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 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

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

Central Appraisal District of Collin County Board of Directors

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to nominate Roy L. Wilshire.

DART Report

DART Board Representative Paulk advised that expansion of parking at the Parker Road station should be complete in September 2008 and that DART has submitted a CDA application of \$10 million for a structured parking facility. She spoke to making a joint request between the City and DART and to the possibility of charging for parking. Ms. Paulk spoke to completion of the feasibility study regarding west side parking and stated that DART has submitted an application for \$8.5 million and to discussion of a joint application with the City. She spoke to the recommendation of double tracking the Cottonbelt/U.S. 75 crossing to allow for two-way operation, consideration of transportation for seniors including on-call services and routes targeted to this population. Ms. Paulk spoke to issues of safety for DART, a portion of the 2008 budget requesting development of a master plan, and the possibility of cameras on busses.

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke regarding the possibility of fees for parking at the Parker Road station. Council Member Stahel stated support for structured parking and working with City Staff regarding possible locations. Mr. Muehlenbeck spoke to regular meetings scheduled between City Staff, DART Board representatives and DART to address issues and the City joining in funding applications.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the congestion at K Avenue and Parker Road and progress made in the area. He spoke regarding the City having full operation of signals along S.H. 121 and to working through issues related to the implementation of school zones. Mr. Neal spoke to the receipt of information from the district.

Discuss Recommendations for Improving Traffic Flow and Safety at the Dallas North Tollway and the Bush Tollway

General Engineering Consultant for the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) Dan Chapman spoke to improving traffic flow and safety on lanes moving from SH 190 to the Dallas North Tollway. He spoke to analysis of alternatives and determination that no appreciable improvement would be made without widening the direct connector ramp. He spoke to tentative approval by NTTA pending final concurrence of the City and to a two-lane connector to the northbound tollway and relocation of the existing Park Boulevard exit ramp to eliminate the merge condition and increase storage. Mr. Chapman spoke to reversing a current entrance ramp between Park Boulevard and Chapel Hill Road and an exit ramp south of Parker Road. He clarified that while an exit will no longer be available at Park Boulevard when coming off SH 190 to the Tollway, one would be available to northbound travelers already on DNT. Traffic Engineering Manager Neal responded to the Council regarding the separation of traffic and preventing it from going through the Parker Road intersection when considering the location of ramps. Mr. Chapman responded to the Council that completion is expected by mid-2010 and that the restriction would apply to those coming both east and west from SH 190. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison stated concern regarding eliminating the exit at Park Boulevard, and spoke to congestion in the area.

Mr. Chapman advised that the NTTA is requesting the City of Plano formally approve the preferred alternative and commit \$5 million to construction and that the NTTA would procure professional services with construction complete in 2010. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to filing a CDA application for funding and making a joint request with the tollway authority. He spoke to community consideration of the proposal and the Council discussed including information at the October 18, 2007, Roundtable.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report for the month of July 2007, advising the Council that the General Fund is ahead of last year, the Water and Sewer Fund is down, and spoke to the decline in sales tax. He spoke to decreases in sales tax revenue across the Metroplex, refuse collection revenues staying steady, the increase in housing starts over May and June, and increases in commercial activity. Mr. McGrane spoke to the downtrend with regard to hotel/motel revenue and reviewed the investment portfolio noting its diversification and concentration in short-term investments.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were discussed

Consent Agenda

Staff requested that Consent Agenda Item "H," a resolution to terminate the contract entered into by and between Garrison Enterprises, Inc., dba Digital Health, Inc., for Bid CSP No. 2006-133-B for the purchase of Inspection Software System in the amount of \$57,900 be pulled and held.

Council Member Stahel requested that Consent Agenda Item "L," a resolution to approve the Plano Public Library System to purchase the EnvisionWare Patron PC and Print Management System from a contract addendum with Polaris Library Systems through the Catalog Information Systems Vendor (CISV) program from Texas Building and Procurement Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 be removed for individual consideration due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Reports

No reports were presented.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary