

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 26, 2005**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Ken Lambert, Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Johnson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Loretta Ellerbe
Sally Magnuson
Harry LaRosiliere
Jean Callison

STAFF

Thomas H. Muehlenbeck, City Manager
Frank Turner, Executive Director
Bruce Glasscock, Executive Director
Rod Hogan, Executive Director
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
John Gilliam, First Assistant Attorney
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 26, 2005, in the Building Inspections Training Room 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, Section 551.071 and to discuss Personnel, Section 551.074, for which a certified agenda is required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion:

Personnel Appointments

Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lambert the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Joyce Malamis as an alternate.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Joe Milkes as an alternate.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lambert the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Brian Eisenrich as an alternate.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Arthur Snyder as an alternate.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Stahel the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Jeff Bulla as Chair.

DART Status Report

No report was given.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to recent legislation allowing the posting of 25 MPH speed limits (without engineering study). He stated that the City of Frisco has elected to retain the 30 MPH streets and that Staff is still looking at this matter. Mr. Neal further stated that the resident only parking plan is moving forward for the Haggard Park neighborhood in an effort to end parking problems resulting from DART patrons. Mayor Evans thanked Staff for the completion of construction and design at Coit Road and State Highway 121 and Ohio Road and State Highway 121. Mr. Neal responded to the Council that the City has an excellent relationship with other cities where intersections are shared.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Plano Parkway/Preston Traffic Study

Mr. Neal spoke regarding Plano Parkway and Preston Road Intersection traffic flow, and to having looked at left-turn scenarios to include at-grade options, adding lanes, Continuous Flow Intersections (CFI), and Michigan Left Turn (MLT). He spoke to existing condition alternatives and to the intent of the new designs to increase intersection flow. He spoke to advantages and disadvantages of CFI and responded to questions of the Council regarding the configuration of the lanes using CFI. Mr. Neal spoke to the MLT being somewhat non-intuitive, and to its successful use in Michigan and stated that once motorists are used to the operation that the benefits are good and that adequate signage would be placed to instruct motorists. He spoke to benefit to cost ratios of the uses and recommended that a modified MLT be the design concept used and further requested direction from the Council.

Mr. Neal responded to the Council regarding the Highway 75 and Parker Road Interchange and stated that Council of Governments representatives will be available to make a presentation if there is interest.

Mr. Neal responded to the Council regarding strategy for addressing double left turn lane traffic flow problems and stated that the intent is to make pavement markings and signage clear along with an enforcement effort. Mayor Evans spoke to preferring that street signage be changed out to stack one sign on top of the other rather than side by side in an effort to make the street signs more visibly accessible.

Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade, and Douglas, Inc. Engineers Larry Cervenka and Richard Grice spoke to a design schedule provided, a construction letting date of July, 2007, and stated that the MLT design was less disruptive to traffic. The engineers responded to the Council that preliminary drawings of the Plano Parkway/Preston Road intersection can be provided to better show the detail of the lanes, signal location, etc. Mr. Neal stated that and that all designs presented would require approval from TXDOT.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson recommended that representatives from the Public Works and Traffic/Engineering Departments travel to where these types of usages exist to experience them personally. Mr. Neal responded to the Council that Staff will return with a footprint of existing uses, and will travel to Michigan to view the uses. Mayor Evans stated that the Council concurs that something must be done.

Personnel Appointments

Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Douglas Cargo.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Stahel the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Jim Hiegel.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Janice Cline.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Pat Warren as Chair.

Keep Plano Beautiful Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Council Member Stahel the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Timothy Valis to a regular term.

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Council Member Stahel the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Melva Comer to an interim appointment.

Plano Housing Authority

No appointment was made at this time.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Magnuson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Mike Busch as Chair.

Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Shawn Gay.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Michael Copeland as Chair.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that he will be stepping down from Consent Item "P," resolution to approve a first amendment option contract with Richard Howe due to a possible conflict of interest. Citizen of the City Pam Hatcher also requested that Item "P" be removed for discussion.

Council Member Stahel stated that he will be stepping down from Consent Item "G," to authorize purchase network infrastructure equipment from Internetwork Experts due to a possible conflict of interest.

Citizen of the City Jack Lagos requested that Consent Item "I," resolution to approve an agreement that the City of Fairview be made a member of the Arts of Collin County Commission, Inc. be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Council Reports

Mayor Evans spoke to the Plano Symphony Orchestra and civic chorus benefit performance to benefit the hurricane victims and to raising \$11,000, and further spoke to a continuous number of donations received. She spoke to evacuees from the second hurricane staying at locations in the City. Mayor Evans spoke to registering 2,500 evacuees.

Remaining Preliminary items were discussed during the Regular Meeting. Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary