

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
December 12, 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 5:09 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2005, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Stahel. 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 551.07, and discuss matters of Personnel, Section 551.074, for which a certified agenda is 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:

Nothing was brought forward.

Discussion Regarding SH 121

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson presented an update on proposals for SH 121 and stated that the State has rejected the proposal made by the cities of Allen, Frisco, McKinney, and Plano to construct and operate SH 121. He spoke to proposals received by the state from outside companies and foreign investors to develop SH 121.

Mr. Johnson spoke to the proposal of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to construct the road and to this providing a better chance for excess revenues to stay in Collin County. He stated that the NTTA will make their presentation to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), this would be the best thing for all concerned, and that if successful, the next step would be the Regional Transportation Commission. The Council spoke to the NTTA alternative and to keeping toll funds in the system and to allowed percentage possibilities resulting from the tolls that would be divided up and which could go back to the cities.

City Engineer Upchurch spoke to the NTTA as the region wide tolling authority and to this being the logical manager for this region wide project. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert spoke to the toll roads being seamless systems and stated that the toll tags would be compatible with existing systems. Mr. Upchurch responded to the Council that NTTA analysis indicates that the SH 121 toll road will be a monetary success for the region. Mr. Lambert spoke against a comprehensive development agreement (CDA) taking over this project for the citizens of Texas and stated that the NTTA is the best choice for the region.

Personnel Appointments

TIF Reinvestment Zone No. 1

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and a second made by Council Member Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson as Chair.

TIF Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Chair

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and a second made by Council Member Callison the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Council Member LaRosiliere as Chair.

Downtown Task Force

Mayor Evans stated that Jack Boggs, Delores Crowdus, Rick Fambro, Richard Howe, Brad Shanklin, Susan Steblein, Richard Sutton, either Susan or Dick Lee, and either Tim or Karen Kelly will serve as members. She stated that Susie Jones and Joan Biggerstaff will interchangeably represent the art center. Mayor Evans stated that most task force members either own property or operate a business in the downtown area, meetings are open to those who are interested and that attendance is encouraged to share ideas. She stated that meetings will commence in January after the holidays, meet twice a month for six months through June, 2006, there will be a charge and work curriculum, and that Council Members Ellerbe and Magnuson will initially be chairing the task force.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Rescheduling Certain Council Meetings During 2006

City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to scheduling conflicts and to changing the March 13, 2006 Council meeting date to March 16, and to changing the December 25, 2006 Council meeting date to December 19 to which the Council concurred.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward.

Consent and Regular Agenda

No items were brought forward.

Council Reports

Council Member Magnuson and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson spoke to attending the reopening ceremony for Haggard Library. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert spoke to attending the Texas Cricket Association appreciation dinner. Council Member Callison spoke to attending the Links event at the Douglass Center. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson spoke to attending an Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Mayor Evans thanked the Council for attending the National League of Cities session and further spoke to meeting with legislative delegates to discuss Plano issues. She spoke to hosting a delegation from Tempe, Arizona regarding the downtown transit system and further spoke to attending the Dallas Regional Mobility Council meeting. Mayor Evans spoke to the success of the Dickens Christmas event and the Christmas Parade. She stated that City staff met with legislators to discuss the support of a seamless transit system and to support of a local option election for funding. Council Member Ellerbe stated that she and Council Member Magnuson, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert, and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Johnson attended the Public Works accreditation dinner. Mayor Evans spoke to traveling to Austin to present the SH 121 plan to TxDOT and further spoke to the opening and reception of the Hsinchu art exhibit in the art center.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary