

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
December 13, 2004**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Shep Stahel, Mayor Pro Tem
Ken Lambert, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Johnson
Phil Dyer
Sally Magnuson
Steve Stovall
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
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2004, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Dyer. Council Member Stovall arrived at 5:37 p.m. 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, discuss matters of Real Estate, Section 551.072, and to discuss Executive Personnel, Section 551.074, for which a certified agenda is required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 6:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers for which the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

No items were brought forward.

Consideration of Request from Live From Plano to Use City Logo and Authorize Expenditure Not to Exceed \$50 for Embroidery of Logo

Bonnie Dudley, representing Live From Plano, requested consideration to use the City of Plano logo for placement on a quilt to be auctioned off at a benefit scheduled for March, 2005. She stated that five agencies will benefit from the proceeds.

City Attorney Wetherbee stated that an agreement can be prepared and come forward for Council consideration to which the Council concurred. City Manager Muehlenbeck stated that City expenditures for this item should not exceed \$50.00.

Discussion and Direction Regarding 2005 Bond Referendum

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes reviewed changes identified in the information packet of the 2005 proposed bond referendum items. She spoke to the inclusion of Fire and Library Facilities and Other Facilities which would include Animal Shelter Expansion, Radio System Infrastructure Replacement, Redevelopment Opportunities (land acquisition) and an Environmental Education Building. Ms. Rhodes spoke to Additional Requests to include a Science Technology Discovery Center, Heritage Farmstead, Art Studio, and Enfield Park Facility Enhancement projects. She spoke to Park Improvement Projects and Recreation Center Projects to include a Senior Center/Carpenter Park Expansion and further spoke to Street Improvement Projects.

Ms. Rhodes stated that Public Art has been separated out by project and identified as individual line items. Council Member Stovall spoke to not separating out Public Art costs as individual line items apart from the designated project. Mayor Evans spoke also to not identifying Public Art as a separate line item. Mr. Stovall requested that from this point forward this not be done and that the dollar amounts for Public Art be placed back in each total project amount. Council Member Magnuson spoke to allowing the Public Art Ordinance to work. Council Member Johnson stated that the Public Art Ordinance does not give direction with regard to separating the costs out from each project.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that it was his previous request that Public Art dollars be identified as a separate line item from each applicable project, and further stated that voters have not voted to do this. Mayor Evans stated that this was a Council decision passed by a majority of the Council.

Ms. Rhodes advised the Council that \$15 million or one-half cent on the tax rate is the amount identified and reflective of bond issuance going forward without creating a tax rate increase. She spoke to facing decreasing future revenues and to increasing expenditures and spoke to factors relating to maintaining required operations funding. Ms. Rhodes spoke to remaining 2001 election bond issuance coming forward throughout the next three years and to revised numbers reflecting a reduction in the total tax rate impact as well as the impact on the average home owner. She responded to Mr. Lambert that she would obtain numbers on the tax rate for the \$205 million amount of identified projects in the packet with inclusion of projected operation and maintenance costs. Ms. Rhodes further advised that operation and maintenance expenditures by project are identified in the hand-out and spoke to the capital reserve impact of all the projects. She spoke to upcoming key dates regarding input from the boards and commissions and various presentations throughout the City.

After a brief discussion, the Council concurred to hold a special called worksession on January 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to further discuss and consider bond propositions. Ms. Rhodes responded to the Council that Staff is aware of the request for board and commission input regarding the bond propositions.

Director of Parks and Recreation Wendell responded to the Council that the proposed senior center is to be placed on the west side of Carpenter Park and that the facilities can share the existing spaces with the concept that the new recreation center will be a facility for all ages. He spoke to the vision of senior citizen programming going in the direction of not being segregated as a senior citizen but be included in a facility for all ages. Mr. Wendell responded to the Council that the current Senior Center is well used but not over crowded.

Mr. Wendell responded to the Council regarding the proposed Memorial Park and the request for a community recognition area as a space to recognize local heroes, national figures, and veterans both locally and nationally. He stated this would be an effort between the City and private groups in the community. Mayor Evans spoke to looking at whether or not it is appropriate to mix together multiple types of recognition into one area and asked if this has been considered. Mr. Wendell stated that the area is large enough allowing for multiple types of recognition placed in separate areas of the park. Mayor Pro Tem Stahel stated that organizations are agreeable with this concept as long as there are designated separate areas. Council Member Johnson spoke to the benefit of this site being centrally located in the City.

City Manager Muehlenbeck responded to the Council regarding radio system infrastructure and spoke to this being among items to come back and discuss certificates of obligation. He spoke to discussing Homeland Security funds and responded to the Council that a report will come forward in January on how funding is flowing down from the County.

Ms. Rhodes advised the Council that Staff will be available at the January 12 Council meeting to answer questions and that necessary information will be provided. Mayor Pro Tem Stahel requested that information be brought forward as to the remaining dollar amount to finish out existing projects as the City is built out. The City Manager stated that this can be identified through a five-year period.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lambert requested that applicable outside agencies be available at the January 12 worksession to respond to questions.

The Council convened directly into the Regular Meeting at 7:06 p.m. No recess was taken. Remaining Preliminary items were discussed during the Regular Meeting.

Pat Evans, **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary