

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
February 25, 2008**

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
John Gilliam, First Assistant City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2008, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member LaRosiliere who arrived at 5:18 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071 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 6:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session

No items were brought forward for consideration.

Personnel Appointments

Global Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Kenneth A. Roberts as Chair. The Council deferred appointment of a member.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Don Mack as an interim member with a term expiring October 2008 and Robert D. Albrecht as an interim member with a term expiring October 2009.

DART Report

DART Representative Linda Paulk spoke to new parking spaces planned at the Parker Road and Bush Turnpike stations; advised that DART has applied to the North Central Council of Governments for toll road funding for the northwest Plano Park & Ride; and spoke regarding review of the preliminary Texas Department of Transportation layout for double-track crossing at Cotton Belt Rail/U.S. 75. She spoke regarding senior transportation services including DART plans for Plano bus/flexible service, changes expected in early 2009 and the City's pursuit of other senior-oriented services. Ms. Paulk spoke to sales tax collections, HOV expansion including the installation of new signage and evaluation of an additional access point for US 75 and the upward trend in ridership. She spoke to the Green Line expansion between north Carrollton/Pleasant Grove remaining on schedule, and advised regarding the status of the Irving/Rowlett Program, and bus service changes in Plano. Ms. Paulk responded to Council Member Dunlap, stating that the increase in ridership is not related to a capacity increase.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke regarding three additional traffic signals planned for construction and responded to Council Member Stahel regarding traffic considerations in the design of the 18th Street/G Street intersection. He presented the Annual Traffic Safety Report addressing signal retiming, a flattening out in the number of collisions with a reduction in nighttime collisions, a downtrend in bicycle accidents and an uptrend in pedestrian accidents at non-intersection locations. Mr. Neal spoke regarding collision trends related to various age groups and responded to Council Member LaRosiliere regarding the location of the signal planned for McKamy Trail and Midway Road.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane advised the Council regarding the report for the month of January 2008, stating that the General Fund is slightly behind where it was last year, property tax collections are up from last year as well as water/sewer revenues. He spoke to an increase in golf course revenues, a slight increase in the City's unemployment rate, and a leveling off of refuse collections. Mr. McGrane spoke to a decline in single-family housing starts, but advised that the average selling price and price per square foot figures were good. He spoke to the decline in annualized building permits, reviewed trends for hotel/motel occupancy, and spoke to diversification in the portfolio with concentration on liquid monies due to possible rate changes. Mr. McGrane responded to Council Member LaRosiliere, advising that February sales tax revenue will be down. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to importance of an effective reservations system in relation to hotel/motel occupancy.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Council Member LaRosiliere advised that due to a possible conflict of interest, he would be stepping down on Regular Agenda Item "5," Zoning Case 2007-74 – To rezone 121.7± acres located on the south side of 14th Street, north side of the Cottonbelt Railroad, 978± feet east of Los Rios Boulevard, and 1,270± feet west of Park Vista Road from Research/Technology Center to Light Commercial.

Council Reports

Council Member Johnson spoke regarding features of the new ambulance located at Fire Station #9 and the importance of providing state-of-the-art emergency assistance and public safety services to the citizens.

Council Member Stahel spoke to the upcoming groundbreaking at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve scheduled for April 4, 2008.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary