

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 8, 2007**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Scott Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Magnuson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Jean Callison
Loretta L. 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
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., Monday, January 8, 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, Section 551.071 for which a certified agenda is not required.

Mayor Evans reconvened the meeting back into the Preliminary Open Meeting at 5:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following was discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

No items were brought forward.

Personnel Appointments

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Kevin Yarrow to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Update Regarding Proposed City Logo

Director of Public Information Helt addressed the Council regarding the redesigned City logo recommendations previously presented and provided a review of corporation logos that have also been redesigned. She spoke to a projected five-year transition period and to the positive nature of the change, and further outlined the logo being recommended. Council Member Stahel spoke to having concern with there being several variations of the logo existing at the same time over a five-year transition period and suggested that the logo not be changed. City Manager Muehlenbeck responded to the Council that the Convention and Visitor's Bureau logo design is separate from the City logo as a stand alone and recognized entity.

Mayor Evans recommended making a decision on the logo at tonight's meeting and reviewed the history and chronology of previous logo discussions with the Council, spoke to receiving employee input, media polls and editorials, and to cost being a non-issue due to gradual implementation. Mayor Evans spoke to final design tweaking and to there being difficulties with use of the current logo in various formats and recommended moving forward with the new City logo.

City Attorney Wetherbee stated that consideration of the new logo could be implemented by a resolution brought forward at the next Council meeting if that is the direction of the Council. She further spoke to this method providing a record that the logo used was approved by the Council. Council Member Stahel recommended that a resolution be accompanied with a Public Hearing at the next Council Meeting. Council Member Callison spoke to being in support of the new logo, bringing forward a resolution to implement their decision and to also hearing what other people think, as far as other Council Members. By a show of hands the Council conducted a straw poll for which the outcome was a 4-4 split on whether to bring back a resolution adopting the new logo (as identified) at the next Council meeting. Mayor Evans spoke to the tie and stated that a resolution will be brought back for Council consideration at the next meeting. A brief Council discussion followed on the chronology of previous discussions regarding the logo. Mayor Evans asked that the Council think in the mean time of the logo style and what it pertains to with regard to the City. The Council requested that logo copies be provided them.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Finance Report for the month of November. He spoke to positive revenue funds, stated that unemployment rates are down, sales tax collections are up since this same time period one year ago, and further reviewed single family housing starts. Mr. McGrane stated that building permit values are up, hotel/motel tax is increasing, spoke to Treasury Pool equities, and stated that the investment portfolio is stabilized.

Update Regarding Sustainability Program

Director of Sustainability Nevil spoke to marketing the Sustainability Program, receipt of a NCTCOG grant to implement a public awareness campaign and conduct market research.

Ms. Nevil spoke to the implementation of a focus group and the task given to define the concept of sustainability. She stated that “green” was identified as being recognizable and that the first year of the program will be identified as “living green.” She spoke to the campaign criteria for definitions of living green and reviewed the committee’s challenges, stated that January 25 will launch the program with challenges to take a step towards these practices. Ms. Nevil spoke to committees at work and their accomplishments towards the living green end result and stated that an item will be brought forward for Council consideration at the next meeting. She spoke to the next regional roundtable on January 29 to promote living green and further introduced Bill Morris, Facilities Division Manager and Richard Medlen, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent both who have provided leadership and direction in this endeavor. Mr. Morris responded to the Council regarding incorporating green aspects to the Oak Point Recreation Center.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Neighborhood Roundtable Meetings

Executive Director Glasscock spoke to proposed changes in the Neighborhood Roundtable format to include event scheduling and modification of the current format with more citizen interaction. He spoke to staying with the existing schedule on Thursday evening, continuing with preparation of a pre-meeting briefing report on area issues, and continuation of question cards, with perhaps an opportunity for a Staff report. Mr. Glasscock spoke to moving away from utilization of the current standardized questions and instead identifying a series of three to five high profile issues in the neighborhood and working with Council Members in the applicable district. He stated that citizens can select which issue(s) they wish to discuss. He stated that Staff will be available to discuss these issues in the break-out areas, spoke to this being followed by a general question and answer session dependent upon time, and to possible problems with a lack of staff preparation time. He spoke to open meeting problems associated with non-posted impromptu questions and answers.

City Attorney Wetherbee spoke to being mindful of an Attorney General opinion regarding discussing non-posted items with a quorum of the Council present. Council Member Stahel spoke to placement of topics on the web and receiving citizen suggestions and questions via email with implementation of a reasonable cutoff date. He spoke to sending these topics out prior to the meeting. Council Member Dunlap spoke to this being a step in the right direction. He stated that recommendations received at the last Roundtable meeting to change the format may have been unique and based on the situation. Council Member LaRosiliere spoke to allowing for flexibility in choosing topics. Mr. Dunlap spoke to a preamble at the meeting to discussion limitations.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

Nothing was brought forward.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Council Member Dunlap advised that he will be stepping down on Regular Item “6” resolution to repeal Resolution No. 2006-12-15(R), and Item “7,” ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2006-12-16 due to possible conflicts of interests.

Council Reports

No reports were brought forward.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary