

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
January 22, 2007**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Scott Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Magnuson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Shep Stahel
Loretta Ellerbe
Harry LaRosiliere
Jean Callison
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 5:06 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2007, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member Callison arrived at 5:09 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 to discuss Litigation, Section 551.071, and discuss Personnel, Section 551.074 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 5:54 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

Personnel Appointments

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and a second by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted to 8-0 appoint Ann Nurre as an alternate.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and a second by Council Member Ellerbe, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Janet Stovall to an interim term expiring in October of 2007.

DART Report

DART Board Representative Pope spoke regarding fare increase proposals, stated that November sales tax is up over last year, spoke to increases in shared rider seats applicable to population, adjustments to enabling legislation with regard to the 2005 performance report, and to the commercial paper program currently being used as an interim financing method and the need to now re-issue. He spoke to asking the legislature to revise this ruling. Mr. Pope stated that on the financial side, the budget is 2.1% better than projected and that operating expenses are 1.3% under.

Mobility Report

This report was held over for a future meeting.

Drought Update

Director of Public Works Foster spoke to a projected forecast for a wet spring, two North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) projects underway, and stated that the elevation of Lake Lavon was the same on January 19, 2007 as it was on the same date in 2006. He reviewed the elevation levels of area lakes, spoke to still being at the drought stage, responded to the Council regarding releasing water out of Lake Lavon and stated that this has not been done in a long time. Mr. Foster stated that when this is done it is for flood control and to provide a water supply source.

Council Member Stahel spoke to being advised by NTMWD Board representative Alex Schell that water is now being pumped from Cooper Lake, the Tawakoni Pipeline project is moving ahead, and that the East Fork Raw Water supply project should be finished in about one year. Mr. Foster spoke to things improving overall, Lake Lavon levels going up about 1.3 feet, and to the recommendation to stay with the stage 3 designation for now until additional resources are in place with stage 2 being considered only if elevation levels rise to an acceptable level. He stated that water rights and limits still remain an issue and further reviewed the last six months of usage. Mr. Stahel stated that Mr. Schell also advised regarding planning and negotiations for a new lake source and spoke to a permit being filed in December. He spoke to requesting assistance from legislators to speed up the environmental permit process which often takes years. The Council spoke to the period of time it takes to obtain permits and to fast-tracking this process.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report for the month of December, 2006. He stated that the General Fund is on track, water and sewer funds are down, other funds are tracking well, sales tax is on a consistent trend, and further reviewed sales tax comparisons in neighboring cities. Mr. McGrane stated that single family housing starts are down, housing values are the same, and hotel/motel occupancy tax is up slightly. He spoke to the portfolio yield and responded to Council Member Dunlap regarding the cost of collections outweighing what is received. Mr. Dunlap requested that more information be provided.

Results of the Service Prioritization Survey

Environmental Waste Services Operations Manager and MP3 Class graduate Robert Smouse addressed the Council regarding the prioritization survey and maintaining service excellence. National Service Research and Marketing/Research Group owner Andrea Thomas reviewed the methodology and purpose of the study survey. She spoke to working with the MP3 group and putting together a list of services within the departments to then be ranked by citizens in terms of importance and value considering the cost to provide the applicable service. Ms. Thomas spoke to households called, emails sent, the complexity of the survey, and to 474 surveys being finally received. She spoke to most categories receiving high importance and high values, the demographics of those surveyed, and fire, ambulance, police, public works, trash disposal, repair and maintenance of sewer system, along with health and safety as services ranked high. Ms. Thomas spoke to the same top rankings among employees surveyed who lived in the City.

Ms. Thomas spoke to the importance of departments continuing to look at operating procedures and to operating at optimum levels to continue better serving the core customers. She spoke to enhancing services, staffing possibly provided by outsourcing, and preserving City services should there be limited revenues. Ms. Thomas spoke to future services to review such as more recycling, improvements on public transportation, wireless internet access provided throughout the City, more bike trails, and enforcement of City codes. She stated that gaps exist between the importance ranking and value ranking which indicates the need to really evaluate the efficiency level of the service. Ms. Thomas stated that departments need to keep core customers in mind and also what is in the best interest of the community. The Council spoke to the usefulness of the survey and to applying this information to the Neighborhood Roundtable meetings. Mr. Smouse spoke to discussing the use of a focus group or roundtable discussion in the future where questions can be asked back and forth and where a better understanding can be had.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson recommended that there be an agenda item at the next Council Meeting to consider and take action on the proposal to grant final decision and approval rights to the City Council on any name or name change proposed for an existing or new facility in the City. The Council concurred to bring this forward.

Mayor Evans spoke to previous discussions regarding the smoking ordinance and requested that there be an action agenda item on this topic at the next Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Evans, Council Member Stahel, and citizen Richard Simmons requested that Consent Agenda Item "R," resolution to grant a permit to drill a water well to supply irrigation needs, be removed for individual consideration.

Council Reports

No reports were presented.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 6:51 p.m. p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

ATTEST

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary