

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
February 26, 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 5:07 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2007, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Council Member Callison arrived at 5:15 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 Real Estate, Section 551.072 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 6:16 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

No items were brought forward.

Personnel Appointments

Keep Plano Beautiful Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and a second by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 appoint Rob Sippl to an interim term expiring in October of 2008.

Public Arts Committee

Council Member Ellerbe advised that this appointment is deferred at this time.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and a second by Council Member Dunlap, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Jim Hudson to an interim term expiring in October of 2008.

DART Report

DART Board of Representatives Pope spoke to receipt of the first quarter performance report, stated that ridership has held steady, and that the DART Board Chair will travel to Washington D.C. to meet regarding appropriation of the full-funding grant. He spoke to the sales tax exemption bill being filed, responded to the Council that discussions are continuing regarding a seamless transportation system, and further stated that the timetable for expanding parking at the Parker Road Station should be toward year's end.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance McGrane presented the Comprehensive Monthly Finance Report for the month of January and stated that the report is on the City web site for viewing under the heading of the Finance Department. He stated that the General Fund is ahead of last year's numbers based primarily on property tax receipts, the Water and Sewer Fund is down from last year due to reduced water usage, and that overall expenditures are tracking well. Mr. McGrane spoke to the annualized sales tax index and reviewed the three-year sales tax growth rate. He stated that unemployment continues to drop, single-family housing starts are increasing and spoke to Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax comparisons. Mr. McGrane spoke to the Treasury Pool equity and portfolio diversification.

Mobility Report

Traffic Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the term "the intelligent city" and how this applies to an intelligent transportation system. He spoke to the annual loop detector survey being looked at and percentages of loop failures. He stated that red light cameras are helping to improve this situation and lower these percentages. Mr. Neal spoke to synchronization benchmarks and to uniform power backup systems addressing traffic lights that go out due to power failures.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Stahel advised that he will be stepping down on Consent Item "B," Bid for implementation of the Altiris Total Management Suite to Dell Marketing, L.P. and Consent Item "E," Purchase of Netqos Network Management Software and Consulting due to possible conflicts of interest.

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson stated that she and other Council Members attended Collin County Day in Austin.

Council Members Ellerbe and Dunlap and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson spoke to attending a recent downtown Plano meeting and stated that a review was presented regarding what businesses are currently there and what has closed, that it was a positive meeting, and that individuals from the surrounding area were there as well.

Mayor Evans spoke to she and Executive Director Hogan attending a rally for Clean Air Cities in Waco followed by hearings related to the TXU coal plants. She spoke to red-light camera hearings held, stated that Executive Director Glasscock and Police Chief Rushin presented testimony, and further spoke to deliberations regarding the use of dollars resulting from tickets issued.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

ATTEST

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary