

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 10, 2007**

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
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m., Monday, September 10, 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 and discuss Litigation, Section 551.071 and to 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 6:37 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.

Discussion and Direction Rescheduling Certain Council Meetings during 2008

The Council rescheduled the March 10, 2008 meeting to Tuesday, March 4; the March 24, 2008 meeting to Tuesday, March 25; and the May 26, 2008 meeting to Tuesday, May 27.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Council Member Stahel requested that Consent Agenda Items “C,” to approve a Premier Support Service contract in the amount of \$65,010 with Microsoft Corporation; “D,” to approve the purchase of Hewlett Packard Servers in the amount of \$61,919 from Hewlett Packard/Brainstorm Networks; and “E,” to approve the purchase of Microsoft’s Map Point Software to be added to the City’s Enterprise Agreement in the amount of \$29,213 from SHI Government Solutions be removed for individual consideration due to possible conflicts of interest.

City Manager Muehlenbeck requested that Regular Agenda Item “5,” a resolution to approve revisions to the Policy Statement for Tax Abatement and the Tax Abatement Application of the City remain on the table until the September 24, 2007, Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and Council Member Ellerbe requested that Regular Agenda Item “11,” an ordinance to repeal Article VI, Historic Landmark Preservation of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinance and adopting new and amended provisions for Heritage Resource Preservation be tabled. Mayor Evans requested Council members provide their input to Staff and City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to bringing the item back at the October 8, 2007, Council meeting.

Council Reports

Council Member Dunlap spoke to attendance at the Information Technology Steering Committee for the National League of Cities (NLC) and discussion of the national broadband deployment strategy. He spoke to presentations from AT&T, Sprint and Verizon regarding options and stated that the committee approved a resolution in opposition to classifying voice-over internet protocol and other internet protocol as an interstate information service and one related to media ownership and municipal policy. He spoke to additional resolutions supporting local franchise authority over video and cable services and another expressing local government support of municipal broadband networks.

Council Member Ellerbe spoke to attendance at the Transportation and Infrastructure Steering Committee of the NLC and discussion of increasing the gas tax, a presentation regarding the possible length of trains and encouraging more funding for rail services. She spoke to the need for funding of roadways and bridges that may be in disrepair. City Manager Muehlenbeck advised that Staff will make a presentation regarding the condition of bridges at the September 24, 2007, Council meeting.

Council Member Johnson spoke to attendance at the Economic Development Steering Committee for NLC and to redevelopment that has occurred in Grand Junction, Colorado (site of the meeting). He spoke to discussion of returning gasoline tax monies to the states where it is collected at a 100% level, discussion of the increased rate of foreclosures and changes in the credit markets. Mr. Johnson spoke to discussion of regional approaches to transportation, water and the arts so that communities come together to solve problems. He spoke to developments in workforce housing and discussion of business incentives.

Council Member Stahel spoke to attendance at Downtown at Sundown in Plano, the level of activity, shops being open later and encouraged attendance at the next event scheduled for the evening of October 13.

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

Pat Evans, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary