

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 11, 2006**

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
John Gilliam, First Assistant City Attorney
Elaine Bealke, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2006, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member LaRosiliere. 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, discuss Real Estate, Section 551.072 and to 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 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session Discussion

Personnel Appointments/Reappointments

Arts of Collin County Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to reappoint Betty Muns as City of Plano Director and appoint Steve Matthews as a Joint At-Large Director.

Board of Adjustment

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint William Suttle as an Alternate Member and to reappoint Christopher Caso as Chair.

Building Standards Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Danny Morris and Richard Prusha as Alternate Members and to reappoint Jeff Bulla as Chair.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Council Member Ellerbe the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Craig Perry and to reappoint Carolyn Kalchthaler as Chair.

Personnel/Appointments/Reappointments

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Amanda Earl to an interim position as the Municipality Official representative, Pylar Pinkson as the Citizen representative, reappoint Karen Dubrow as the Animal Welfare Organization representative, and further to reappoint Roger Bolin as Chair.

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Sharon Marsh-Wyly and to reappoint Carol Moss as Chair.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 7-0 to appoint A. Basit Siddiqui and Beth Weingarden and to reappoint Patricia Madigan as Chair.

Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Justin Nichols as Chair.

Keep Plano Beautiful Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Stahel the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Johnene Addison-Gay, Joseph Celso, and Kernell Thaw to regular terms, and Kelly Carlson to an interim position, and further to appoint John Caldwell as Chair.

Library Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Janelle Twyford-Silvis and Debra Benton and to appoint R. James Akers as Chair.

Parks and Recreation Planning Board

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Ben Harris and reappoint Karen Bellessa as Chair.

Plano Housing Authority

No action was taken at this time.

Plano Transition and Revitalization Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Council Member Callison the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Joyce Beach as the Planning and Zoning Representative and reappoint Russell Kissick as Chair. The Council spoke to the newly created Chamber of Commerce Representative vacancy.

Public Arts Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Margaret Robinette and to reappoint Michael Coleman as Chair.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

At the recommendation by City Manager Muehlenbeck a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Denise Tacke and Mark Israelson as Employee Representatives and to reappoint Kien Liew as Chair.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Robert Davis, to appoint Arthur Lowe, and Prissy Wisnewski to interim terms, and to reappoint Brenda McDonald as Chair.

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Frida Alperovich, Tracey Dry, William Gibson, and to further appoint Helen Gunn to an interim position.

TIF Zone No. 1 Board

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Keith Dagen and Bruce Lewin as City of Plano representatives.

Technology Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Stahel and seconded by Council Member Dunlap the Council voted 7-0 to appoint James Krusos and to appoint Chuck Bell as Chair.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Callison and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson the Council voted 7-0 to appoint Reza Molai and to reappoint Michael Copeland as Chair.

DART Status Report

DART Board Representative Pope spoke to beginning 23 miles of lite-rail construction, work on the budget, an increase in capital expenditures, growth in sales tax revenues, and to receipt of public comment regarding the 20/30 Plan. He spoke to discussion of the regional transit initiative involving transit authorities entering into a three-party agreement to support exemption of transit tax from the sales tax cap which would allow non-member cities to conduct an election to provide for up to one-cent of additional sales tax. Mr. Pope stated that surrounding cities support this recommendation. He stated that three new DART Board members were appointed to represent Dallas, and responded to Council Member Stahel that there has been no discussion regarding commuter rail to DFW and stated that the condition of the existing track does not support passenger service.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Rescheduling Certain Council Meetings During 2007

The Council concurred to reschedule the March 12 meeting to March 20, May 28 meeting to May 29, and December 24 meeting to December 18 in 2007. Council Member Stahel spoke to looking at rescheduling the November, 2007 meeting to better facilitate the Thanksgiving holiday schedule.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

No items were brought forward.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Dunlap requested that Consent Agenda Item “E,” Bid for intersection improvements at Spring Creek Parkway at K Avenue, be removed for individual consideration and stated that he will be stepping down due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Member Stahel requested that Consent Agenda Item “I,” Resolution to approve a sole source purchase of software applications, be removed for individual consideration and stated that he will be stepping down due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson stated that she and Council Member Dunlap attended 911 memorial services at Plano Station and Central Fire Station. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that he attended a committee meeting in Milwaukee regarding community economic development on behalf of the National League of Cities (NLC) and spoke to the Save the Community Development Block Grant effort and to discussion of increasing grant amounts. He further spoke to a report given on illegal immigration and to an NLC resolution to be sent to Congress asking that federal dollars be allocated to fix this problem.

Council Member Stahel spoke to the NLC also currently working on a resolution asking the Congress to extend or renew the deductibility of sales tax as an alternative to deducting income tax and stated that Council Member Callison was instrumental in this effort for renewal.

Mayor Evans spoke to meeting with the Mayor of Farmers Branch regarding a resolution to support the NLC illegal immigration issue and to asking the surrounding Mayors to jointly sign a resolution to implore Congress to “do the job” as a federal concern and be resolved on this level and that it not be left to the cities to handle. Mayor Evans spoke to Plano supporting this effort and Mr. Johnson spoke to obtaining a copy of the NLC resolution.

Nothing further was said. Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Bealke, City Secretary