

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
October 8, 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 5:14 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2007, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem 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, Section 551.071 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 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

Consideration and Action Resulting From Executive Session – Personnel Appointments

Heritage Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Anne Quaintance-Howard as an interim member with a term expiring October 2008.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Council deferred this item.

Retirement Security Plan Committee

Executive Director Turner advised regarding the recommendation of John Kortenhaus. Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint John Kortenhaus as a member and deferred appointment of a Chair.

Personnel Appointments

Community Relations Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member LaRosiliere and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Robert Massengill as Chair.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Council Member LaRosiliere, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Barbara Buehler as an interim member with a term expiring October 2008 and deferred appointment of a Chair.

Keep Plano Beautiful Commission

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Zachary Reeves Overton as an interim member with a term expiring October 2008.

Public Arts Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Ellerbe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Robert B. Drotman as Chair.

Self Sufficiency Committee

Upon a motion made by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Stahel, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Gerald Schumann and Kellie Hanford as members and appointed Greg Huckaby as Chair.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Magnuson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Callison, the Council voted 8-0 to appoint Borivoje P. Dedeitch as Chair and to defer appointment of a member.

Discussion of Collin County Street Improvement Bonds

City Engineer Upchurch spoke regarding the upcoming Collin County Bond program and his participation in the citizens' committee as a staff member, recommendations of \$235 million for transportation related projects, \$76.3 million for facilities and \$17 million for open-space projects. He advised that the proposal includes funding of \$40 million for Plano projects, spoke to the concept of matching funds and the breakdown by city of previous bond programs stating that Plano will receive 17% of the total dollars and has about 38% of the overall tax base within the county.

Mr. Upchurch spoke to approval of monies for rehabilitation of major thoroughfares allowing the City to go into intersections and do major improvements or cases where right-of-way may need to be acquired. He spoke to the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) Chapel Hill Ramp project being discussed by the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) and upcoming citizen meetings and to "wrapping up" the City's major thoroughfare system.

Council Member Johnson spoke to the importance of receiving funding for rehabilitation/reconstruction of roadways and Mr. Upchurch spoke to the rapid growth of the county and looking to the future when determining population figures. He responded to Council Member Johnson that there would be no county projects in Plano, but that these would be in rural areas. Mr. Upchurch spoke to the outer loop from U.S. 75 to S.H. 121 being primarily on county land and the intent to acquire right-of-way now to preserve the corridor. He spoke to a bond referendum that failed in 1989-90.

Mr. Upchurch responded to Council Member Ellerbe, stating that cities need to come up with matching funds or find sources of funding for their part of projects and that the monies for the DNT ramps would come from NTTA. He responded to Council Member Johnson, stating that cities first submitted large lists of projects which were then pared down to within original guidelines. He further advised that there was not consideration of which cities were consistent donors in terms of tax funds versus projects received. Council Member Stahel spoke to the contributions of Plano versus other cities and to his impression that the citizens of Plano are building roads in other municipalities. He spoke to the economic development in other cities and Mr. Upchurch spoke to Plano never receiving funding on a dollar-per-dollar basis as far as tax revenues put into the programs and to looking at the plan from a regional perspective. Mr. Stahel spoke to the possibility of the City conducting its own bond issuance and including some funding for the county if needed. Mr. Upchurch responded to Council Member Dunlap, stating that should the referendum fail there may be a new county or City election, but that from the local government standpoint these projects are needed and they would carry the costs. He spoke to property taxes continuing until previous debts are retired.

Mr. Upchurch responded to Council Member Johnson, regarding the difficulty in determining at this point how decisions will be made for a future bond program and issues brought forward that Plano is not receiving its dollar-for-dollar back from the program. Council Member Johnson complimented Staff on their effort and inclusion of funding for rehabilitation and reconstruction of roadways.

Council Items for Discussion/Action on Future Agendas

Council Member Stahel spoke to receiving information on placement of utilities underground following reconstruction of 15th Street and Executive Director Turner responded that this will be done at the end of the project.

No further items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agendas

Staff requested that Consent Agenda Item “D,” to approve the terms and conditions of a Public Improvement Agreement with Wolverine Equities Company, be pulled and held.

Staff requested that Consent Agenda Item “Q,” an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 65-5-2, as codified in Chapter 21 Utilities, Division 2, Private Wells, Section 21-36 through Section 21-46 of the Code of Ordinances in its entirety and enacting this new Chapter 21, Utilities, Division 2, Section 21-36 through 21-47, Private Wells in the Code of Ordinances be removed for individual consideration

The Council advised that the applicant for Regular Agenda Item “4” has requested the item be withdrawn.

Council Reports

No reports were given.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Pat Evans, Mayor

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary