

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE
DISTRICT THREE
JUNE 5, 2008**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Evans, Mayor
Jean Callison, Mayor Pro Tem
Harry LaRosiliere, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Miner
Scott Johnson
Mabrie Jackson
Sally Magnuson
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

The Plano City Council met informally at 7:04 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow, Plano, Texas. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Evans and Council Member Magnuson. Mayor Pro Tem Callison welcomed those in attendance and introduced Council and Staff.

FY 2008-09 Budget Forecast

Director of Budget and Research Rhodes spoke to the City's budget of \$500 million with \$140 million for Capital Improvement Projects and the remainder for operations. She spoke to preparation of the financial forecast, a projected worst-case scenario \$17 million deficit and advised that the initial deficit has been reduced by \$5 million. Ms. Rhodes spoke to sales tax being one-third of the City's revenues and the reduction in collections due to economic conditions, advised regarding an increase in property appraised values, and the City's efforts to address the budget by instituting a hiring freeze and careful review of departmental budgets. She spoke to salaries and benefits constituting 70% of the operating budget with 65% of that amount in Public Safety personnel. Ms. Rhodes spoke to working through the budget and staying conservative.

Ms. Rhodes responded to citizens, advising that the increase in appraisal values was related to apartments and commercial properties rather than residential, spoke to the City receiving one-cent in sales tax collections, and to review and benchmarking of fees/fines. She spoke to the policy requiring the General Fund maintain 30 days of working capital. Transportation Engineering Manager Neal responded to a citizen regarding increased ridership on DART and stated there are no current plans to extend north of McDermott Road. Executive Director Turner spoke to the process for tax abatements.

Ms. Rhodes responded to questions, advising that the City collects a portion of sales tax from utility bills, 30 days of working capital in the General Fund is included as a part of financial policy and the Water/Sewer fund maintains 45-60 days of capital. She spoke to the decline in business-to-business sales tax and Mr. Turner responded regarding the future expiration of the Taubman Mall Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone. Ms. Rhodes advised regarding the upcoming budget calendar and opportunities for citizen input.

Code Enforcement Program

Property Standards Director O'Banner spoke to the charge to make sure that Plano is a livable City; safe and inhabitable by all. She spoke to the proactive nature of the Code Enforcement Program with Staff in districts canvassing for violations as well as receipt of citizen inquiries. Ms. O'Banner encouraged citizens to become engaged in the well-being of the City and spoke to the goal of eradicating and alleviating problems and concerns. She spoke to the high level of voluntary compliance, departmental authorization to do some abatements and challenges due to increased foreclosures and abandon properties. Ms. O'Banner spoke to the Rental Property Program, recently expanded to include complexes 10 years or older with 5 or more units and inspection of the exterior and a portion of the interior units. She advised that complexes such as hotels/motels and retirement centers are inspected by other agencies and spoke to the drafting of a program to address single-family dwellings.

Ms. O'Banner responded to a citizen regarding the miles-per-gallon of inspection vehicles and Ms. Rhodes spoke to interlocal agreements to receive savings on fuel. Assistant Police Chief Drain spoke to contacting the Police Department regarding noise issues and Ms. O'Banner spoke to efforts with the Parks and Recreation Department in addressing creek maintenance.

District 3 Community Investment Projects

Chief Engineer – CIP Cosgrove advised regarding pavement repair on Legacy Drive from K Avenue to Custer Road, residential concrete pavement rehabilitation in the areas bounded by Spring Creek Parkway/Alma Road/Parker Road/Custer Road and north of Legacy Drive between Coit Road and Independence Parkway. He advised regarding the status of intersection improvements at Coit Road and Legacy Drive and widening programs in the design phase including northern sections of Alma Road, Independence Parkway from McDermott Road to SH 121 and Ridgeview Road from Independence Parkway to Coit Road. Mr. Cosgrove advised regarding changes in standards since the initial construction of Legacy Drive and resultant need for improvements and spoke to periodic inspections made during construction of roadways and alleys.

Director of Parks and Recreation Wendell advised he would look into ingress and egress issues at Carpenter Recreation Center and Traffic Engineering Manager Neal advised he would follow-up on signals on Independence Parkway and signage on Legacy Drive. Mr. Cosgrove spoke to widening Ridgeview Road as called for in the Comprehensive Plan and an increase in turn lanes at the Coit Road/Legacy Drive intersection.

Mr. Neal spoke to the Safe Streets Program and Mr. Cosgrove spoke regarding penalties included in road construction contracts. Mr. Neal responded to a citizen regarding efforts by the City along with TxDOT and DART to address HOV lanes on U.S. 75 and the increase in usage of the lanes.

Digital TV Transition

Council Member Dunlap spoke regarding the upcoming Digital TV Transition.

Mayor Pro Tem Callison opened the floor for questions and Sustainability and Environmental Services Director Nevil spoke to disposal of old televisions/computers at the North Texas Water District Transfer Station. Citizen Sonja Hammar stated concern that personal data was requested to obtain information from the Senior Center; Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to the reduction in the number of accidents following implementation of the red-light cameras and to the requirement that any revenues be utilized for traffic safety. He spoke to the state retaining 50% of revenues from the cameras and uniform application of traffic safety principles.

Ms. Callison advised that there has been no recent change in the status of the arts hall and that the Council is awaiting information regarding the bid amount. Director of Planning Jarrell spoke to revitalization of intersections through consideration of uses other than retail, the effect of demographics on development and successful areas including Coit Road/Park Boulevard, Custer Road/Parker Road and east side development. She spoke to anticipated changes at Park Boulevard/Preston Road and access problems for retail along Spring Creek Parkway.

Mayor Pro Tem Callison reminded citizens to *Shop Plano First*, spoke regarding Council Members being elected and serving the City at large and the benefits provided, and thanked those in attendance. Nothing further was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Jean Callison, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, City Secretary