

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
February 23, 2009**

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, Deputy City Manager
Bruce Glasscock, Deputy City Manager
Rod Hogan, Deputy City Manager
Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager
LaShon Ross, Assistant City Manager
Diane C. Wetherbee, City Attorney
Diane Zucco, City Secretary

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m., Monday, February 23, 2009, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Members Magnuson and Jackson. Mayor Pro Tem Callison arrived at 5:14 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 Economic Development, Section 551.087 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 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed. All Council Members were present.

Consideration and Action Resulting from Executive Session Discussion:

No items were brought forward.

Arts of Collin County Quarterly Report

Executive Director of the Arts of Collin County Mike Simpson spoke to excitement generated over the last 90 days and revision in the fundraising strategy to accept donations of any size while continuing to solicit large donations. He spoke to raising exposure of the site through a Site Clean-up Youth Volunteer Project scheduled on March 14, 2009 and installation of temporary trails.

Mr. Simpson spoke to \$1.4 million in new donations including \$1 million from AT&T Foundation, \$100,000 from Lantana Educational/Charitable Foundation, \$250,000 from Plano Arts Cultural Endowment (PACE) and individual contributions. He advised that 80% of the funding is complete, the need for \$17+ more, the possibility that costs may come in lower than anticipated and to bidding in 2009. Mr. Simpson spoke to fundraising committees organized in each of the cities, the need for this venue in the area, potential signage along SH 121, the "Imagine Campaign" advertised in local publications, and monies that could be raised through citizen participation. Mr. Simpson responded to Council Member Jackson advising that because the project includes participation by three cities through voter-approved bond funds, it is considered a public project and requires commitment of all funds before groundbreaking. He responded to Mayor Evans that changes in membership on the committee will be addressed by participating cities and Mayor Evans requested an agenda item to move joint representative Bobby Baggett to a position as a City of Plano representative.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineering Manager Neal spoke to closure of Custer Road northbound at S.H. 121 during repairs and on-site adjustment of traffic signals to accommodate issues. He advised that Parkwood Boulevard from Spring Creek Parkway to Windhaven Parkway is open to traffic and that adjacent intersections will be monitored to address safety and congestion issues. Mr. Neal advised that Frisco ISD has been contacted regarding possible removal of unused school zones, Wesson Drive has received a waiver from the Planning and Zoning Commission for participation in the Safe Streets Program, and 60% completion of the Integrated Corridor Management Project for cities along U.S. 75. He responded to Council Member Dunlap that the North Texas Tollway Authority has just released the final draft for the intersection of the Dallas North Tollway and S.H. 190 (north and southbound) and Staff will be providing comments.

DART Report

Dart Board of Directors Representative Wilkins advised the Council that the Parker Road Station parking expansion is 25% complete and will add 589 new spaces and that the Bush Turnpike Station expansion of 386 new spaces is 35% complete. She advised that the Board will be considering a resolution to support the study of offering premium parking at the Parker Road Station. Ms. Wilkins spoke to service changes effective in February and September service/fare changes with Public Hearings beginning in April 2009. She spoke to sales tax trends below budget, TxDOT's decision not to add more ingress or egress points along US 75 and work to coordinate the replacement of the bridge over US 75 with the Cottonbelt line. Ms. Wilkins spoke to US 75 as a managed lane requiring the use of pillions and Mayor Evans spoke to possible future fees for use of the lanes. Council Member Johnson spoke to Plano residents participating in DART through tax payments while other cities receive benefits. Ms. Wilkins advised that DART includes all forms of mass transit including rail, bus, HOV, shuttle and shared rides and to application for funds from the stimulus package. City Manager Muehlenbeck spoke to continued efforts on routes in the Legacy Town Center area.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance Tacke advised that the January 2009 report indicates that General and Water & Sewer Fund revenues are down slightly as a percentage of the budget but that actual revenues are up. She spoke to higher fund expenses, an increase in unemployment, and a decline in sales tax collection with the cities of Carrollton and Dallas showing increases. Ms. Tacke spoke to a slight increase in housing starts and hotel/motel tax figures showing no significant changes. She spoke to the City's equity in the treasury pool having its largest portion in bond funds, a liquid position with regard to diversification and future purchase of other investments. Ms. Tacke advised that she would look into increases in Dallas sales tax and advised that rating agencies indicate there were 85 foreclosures in the City in calendar year 2008.

Presentation of Fire Department Art Project T-Shirts

Public Art Committee Chair Drotman spoke to installation of the art piece at the Fire Administration building with a dedication scheduled for March 10, 2009. Cultural Programs Coordinator Eubanks described the piece and the process of selection. Assistant Chief Thompson presented t-shirts to the Council and spoke to the credo of the department, "Everyone Goes Home." He and Mr. Drotman thanked the Council for their support.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

Mayor Evans requested an item on the next agenda to move Arts of Collin County Committee Member Baggett from a Joint to a Plano representative.

Consent and Regular Agenda

Council Member Jackson requested Consent Agenda Item "H," an ordinance to call a Special Election to be held within the City on May 9, 2009, for the purpose of authorizing General Obligation Bonds and revoking certain prior voted bond authorization be removed for individual consideration.

Nothing further was discussed. Mayor Evans adjourned the Preliminary Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Pat Evans, MAYOR

ATTEST

Diane Zucco, City Secretary