

**PLANO CITY COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPEN MEETING
September 22, 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

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., Monday, September 22, 2008, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Jackson. Mayor Pro Tem Callison arrived at 5:12 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, discuss Personnel, Section 551.074 and also 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 6:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers where the following matters were discussed:

**Consideration and Action Resulting from Executive Session Discussion:
Personnel Reappointments**

No items were brought forward.

City Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Evans read the following list of liaisons into the record:

- Animal Shelter Advisory Committee – Mabrie Jackson and Pat Miner
- Arts of Collin County Commission Board of Directors – Sally Magnuson and Mabrie Jackson
- Building Review Functions – Scott Johnson and Lee Dunlap
- Civil Service Commission - City Manager Thomas Muehlenbeck
- Collin County Appraisal District Board – Sally Magnuson

- Community Relations Commission/Cultural Affairs Commission – Mayor Pro Tem Jean Callison, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere and Sally Magnuson
- DART Board of Directors – Loretta Ellerbe
- Heritage Commission – Sally Magnuson and Lee Dunlap
- Library Advisory Board - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere and Lee Dunlap
- North Texas Municipal Water District Board – Scott Johnson and Mabrie Jackson
- Parks and Recreation Planning Board – Lee Dunlap and Pat Miner
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere and Scott Johnson
- Plano Housing Authority – Mayor Pro Tem Jean Callison and Pat Miner
- Public Art Committee – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere and Sally Magnuson
- Retirement Security Plan Committee – City Manager Thomas Muehlenbeck
- Self Sufficiency Committee – Lee Dunlap and Mabrie Jackson
- Senior Citizens Advisory Board – Mayor Pro Tem Jean Callison and Scott Johnson
- Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board – Scott Johnson
- Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere
- Youth Advisory Commission – Mayor Pro Tem Jean Callison and Mabrie Jackson
- North Texas Housing Coalition – Pat Miner
- Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere, Scott Johnson and Pat Miner

Consideration of 2009 City Council Meeting Dates

The Council rescheduled the February 9, 2009 meeting to Tuesday, February 17; the May 25, 2009 meeting to Tuesday, May 26; the April 13, 2009 meeting to Tuesday, April 14; and the December 28, 2009 meeting to Tuesday, December 22.

Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Tacke advised regarding the August report stating that General Fund revenues are up 1.5% based on an increase in sales tax and that the Water and Sewer Fund is up due to increased consumption. She spoke to the decline in General Fund expenditures, a slight rise in unemployment, and a decline in single-family housing starts with absorption staying nearly the same. Ms. Tacke spoke to continued investment in the treasury pool with a short-term maturity schedule and the City's investments resulting in a yield higher than benchmarks.

Mobility Report

Transportation Engineer Neal spoke to a revamping of the intersection of U.S. 75 and Parker Road with the project expected to take two years. He spoke to the increase in activity in the Safe Streets Program and advised regarding an ongoing program addressing signal timing. Mr. Neal spoke to working with DART regarding senior travel vouchers and a November meeting scheduled at the Senior Center to discuss improvement of services.

DART Report

Faye Moses Wilkins spoke to the design approved for parking at the Parker Road station with 577 new spaces expected to be complete by spring 2009 and parking expansion at the George Bush station with 386 new spaces expected to be complete by summer 2009. She spoke regarding the Northwest Park and Ride with discussion of funding and participation by Plano, Collin County, COG and DART. Ms. Wilkins spoke to the splitting of Route 451 to provide service at Parker Road/Independence Parkway and expansion into the Legacy area. She spoke to expansion of Route 347 to operate on a daily schedule and additional egress points added to the HOV lanes on U.S. 75. Mayor Evans spoke to coordinating information between those in the Legacy area with DART. Ms. Wilkins responded to Mayor Evans that she will bring information forward on anticipated services in the Legacy area and to Council Member Johnson advising she will bring information forward regarding benches/shelters at bus stops.

Discussion Regarding Pay Day Loan/Check Cashing/Car Title Loan Businesses

Senior Planner Perry spoke to Planning and Zoning Commission exploration of payday loan establishments and possible land use regulations. She spoke to the growth of these locations which distribute small, short-term, high interest loans intended to bridge a gap between pay periods and which are typically secured by access to an individual's checking account. Ms. Perry advised that interest rates and fees in Texas range from \$20-\$25 per \$100 borrowed, spoke to their regulation by states and Texas' limited restrictions on their operation. She spoke to concerns of municipalities that they affect property values and increase crime and efforts to regulate via spacing requirements, limitation on districts where they might be located, and buffering from major roadways. Ms. Perry advised that in the City of Plano they are categorized as banks/savings and loans and are allowed in all non-residential zoning districts by right with the exception of Neighborhood Office where a specific use permit is required. She reviewed current locations within the City and spoke to caution recommended by the American Planning Association since research does not indicate a clear link between payday loan establishments and declining values or crime; elimination possibly leading to higher levels of bankruptcy; and efforts to limit clustering which may lead to higher lending rates and fees due to limited competition. She further spoke to other considerations because the operations are regulated by the state, check-cashing services being provided at other locations, issues of creating a non-conforming use and whether or not the City would be effectively treating the situation.

Ms. Perry advised that the Commission recommended continuing to monitor the issue, waiting for more conclusive information and observing the practices of other municipalities in regulation to which the Council concurred.

Discussion Regarding 2010 Census Complete Count Committee

Long Range Planning Manager Zimmerman spoke to the establishment of a committee during the 2000 census and the City's 80% response rate to the survey. He advised that the committee provided local promotion, stressed the need for an accurate count, reached historically undercounted groups, and utilized local leader's knowledge of the community.

Mr. Zimmerman spoke to the need for accurate figures in determining representation of the City and distribution of federal funding and advised that the 2010 census will be comprised only of the short form. He spoke to the American Community Survey which provides more detailed information and which is administered on an annual basis.

Mr. Zimmerman spoke to initial collection and evaluation of information by several Council Members, discussion of the pros/cons with previous committee members, development of a preliminary budget and determination of affordability and cost effectiveness with a recommendation to be brought to Council in 30-45 days. He advised that \$13,000 was spent during the 2000 Census. Mayor Evans requested Mayor Pro Tem Callison and Council Member Miner develop a recommendation regarding the formation of this committee.

Council items for discussion/action on future agendas

No items were discussed.

Consent and Regular Agenda

No items were discussed.

Council Reports

Council Member Dunlap spoke regarding Plano hosting the ITC – Information, Technology, and Communications NLC Steering Committee and their attendance at the Balloon Festival, visits to the nature preserve and recreation center and the positive impressions they received of the investment citizens make in our community. Mayor Evans spoke to Staff's efforts in hosting the EENR – Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources NLC Steering Committee and the committee's positive reactions to Plano's overall recycling program, citizen involvement, and paint/pesticide re-use efforts.

Council Member Johnson spoke regarding the rededication of Meadows School and the input received from those in attendance expressing appreciation for the cooperation between the school district and the City.

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

Pat Evans, Mayor

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Diane Zucco, City Secretary