

WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2014

The Irving City Council met in work session September 17, 2014 at approximately 1:05 p.m. The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Van Duyne	Irving City Council	Mayor	Present	
John C. Danish	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Allan Meagher	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Dennis Webb	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Joe Putnam	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Oscar Ward	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Brad M. LaMorgese	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Gerald Farris	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Spink	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Review of Regular Agenda

1 City Operations Update

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, gave an overview of construction throughout the city including O'Connor, State Highway 183 and South Irving Library.

Chris Hillman, City Manager, and Christine Dobson, Library Services Director, presented an On the Spot Award to Kristin Trevino for her work with the Teen Author program.

Mr. Hillman and Steve Reed, Planning Director, presented an On the Spot Award to Linda Velazquez for outstanding customer service.

Mr. Hillman presented the 2014 Exceptional Employee of the Year Awards, in the six specific categories, to the following employees:

Danielle Barber, Part Time

John Bustamante, Field Operations

Shirley Smith, Professional

Lawrence Crow, Management

Herb Gilliland, Field Operations

Carla Morgan, Technical

Jessica Brasher, Administrative

Ashly Ferguson, Technical

3 Ordinance -- Adoption of the 2014-15 City of Irving Fiscal Year Budget

Chris Hillman, City Manager, gave an overview of the proposed budget based on previous budget discussions by Council. He discussed the differences among maintaining the current tax rate, adopting the effective tax rate or going below the effective tax rate. Staff recommends maintaining the current tax rate of 0.5986 and strongly recommends not going below the effective tax rate of 0.5941. He noted that the city does not have a long-term financial plan and it will be a goal for the upcoming months to develop a plan.

Each council member discussed their priorities on what to fund and what costs to reduce. Issues discussed included:

Potential one cent reduction in tax rate

Medic 1

Texas Musicians Museum funding

New recreation center in south Irving

Increase staffing

Burying power lines

One time projects

Mayor Van Duynes noted that most departments have increased spending in the proposed budget.

Council recessed at approximately 3:12 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 3:45 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Council to reduce the tax rate below 0.5986. Council and staff discussed the different tax rate options and what budget cuts are needed for each option.

Mr. Hillman stated that staff can recommend funding Medic 1 for one year if the rate is 0.5986.

It was the consensus of the Council to go to the effective rate of 0.5941.

Council and staff discussed the importance of the Heritage District redevelopment including a post office maintained in the area, and whether or not to transfer funds from the Heritage Museum fund. Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, confirmed that a feasibility study for the proposed Heritage Museum will be presented to Council in the spring. It was the consensus of the Council to transfer \$1M from the Heritage Museum fund to the Texas Musicians Museum with the assurance that it is repaid into the fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

12 Resolution -- Approving the Rate Setting Documents and Proposal to Dallas Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) for the Reimbursement of Meals Provided at Heritage Senior Center in an Amount Not to Exceed \$63,297.48

13 Resolution -- Approving the Agreement Between the City of Irving and the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas to Provide Meals at the Heritage Senior Center in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000.00

Joe Moses, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, clarified that items 12 and 13 are companion items related to the meal program at the Heritage Senior Center.

15 Resolution -- Approving a Legal Services Agreement with Strasburger & Price, LLP

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, clarified that this law firm is used as needed related to employee pension matters.

22 Resolution -- Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement with Royal Lane Holdings, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership for the Construction of the State Highway 114 Westbound Frontage Road

Doug Janeway, Interim Business Affairs Director, described the incentive agreement related to road construction off of State Highway 114.

31 Resolution -- Approving an Agreement Between the City of Irving and Irving Community Development Corporation for the Development of Vacant Lots in the Amount of \$600,000.00

Vicki Ebner, Assistant Director of Housing & Human Services, described the proposed housing development near Pioneer Road and Britain Road.

Chris Hooper, Community Development Director, confirmed that staff will provide Council a subsidy fact sheet that details the cost of the land and construction.

32 Resolution -- Approving an Extension of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Agreement For the Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Vicki Ebner, Assistant Director of Housing & Human Services, clarified that this resolution is to extend the time of the project.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

40 Resolution -- Temporary Use Permit G1407-0014 - to Allow a Haunted House - Property Located at 2501 Irving Mall - Strangling Brothers Haunted Circus of Dallas, Applicant

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends approval.

- 41** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0044 - Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Office to Low Density Residential and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) Uses - Approximately 14.4 Acres Located at the Southeast Corner of Fortune Drive and State Highway 114 - Spring Haven Investments, Inc., Applicant. Graham Mortgage Corp., Owner

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, noted staff has received a request from the applicant to postpone this item to October 9, 2014.

- 42** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0054 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) Uses - Approximately 1.01 Acres Located at 2520 North Story Road - Jahvani Consulting Engineers, Inc., Applicant. Frank D. Rowell, Owner

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends approval per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- 43** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0056 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) and Nondepository Financial Institution Uses - Approximately 1,660 Square Feet Located at 2000 Esters Road, Suite 130 - Wellshire Financial Services, LLC, Applicant - Esters, Ltd., Owner

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends denial. Should the City Council wish to approve the request, staff recommends that the approval be per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary