

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2015**

The Irving City Council met in work session February 4, 2015 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.

Chris Dobson, Library Services Director, announced the grand opening of the South Irving Library the weekend of March 21.

Jon Weist, Legislative Officer, provided an update of the 84th State Legislature. Issues mentioned include: revenue cap bills, various local authority restrictions, transportation funding bills, and civil service credits. He noted that Irving Day is February 25, 2015.

Chris Hillman, City Manager, confirmed that the Council's Strategic Planning meeting will be on February 18, 2015.

Doug Janeway, Acting Economic Development Director, confirmed that the restaurant on Main Street across from Big State is moving forward with an expected opening in May.

CONSENT AGENDA

5 Resolution -- Approving a Grant Application Submittal, Designating the Mayor as the City's Authorized Official, and Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2014 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for Fiscal Year 2015

Victor Conley, Fire Chief, noted that this two-year grant will be used for the new Fire Station No. 12 staff with four-man crews.

Council and staff discussed the funding needed for staffing the new station in the upcoming budget years.

Chief Conley provided additional information about ISO rating increases and staffing at other stations.

- 13 Resolution -- Renewing the Annual Contract with Alliance Geotechnical Group in the Total Estimated Amount of \$300,000.00 for Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Testing and Inspection

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, described the material testing work done under this contract.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 16 Resolution -- Approving Sign Variance Case #S1412-0055 to Allow an Existing Nonconforming Pole Sign to be Refaced at the Current Height of Fifty-Four (54) Feet - Kent Reisenauer, Applicant - Ling Shen Liang, Owner

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

- 17 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case #S1412-0060 to Allow Digital Price Signs on a Pole Sign - Barnett Signs, Applicant - Quickway Retail Associates, Owner

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

- 18 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0071 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-MF-2 (Multifamily) Uses - Approximately 0.775 Acres Located at 1221 North Britain Road - E3 Designs, Applicant - Your Living Room, LLC, Owner

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends approval. He confirmed that additional comments have been received retracting some of the opposition so a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is not required.

- 19 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0076 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-W (Commercial Warehouse) Uses - Approximately 4.04 Acres Located at 3450 Willow Creek Drive - Veritas Holdings, Applicant - AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., Owner

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

- 20 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0083 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for R-AB (Restaurant with the Attendant Accessory Use of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption) and Hotel Uses - Approximately 5.834 Acres Located South of Royal Lane, North of State Highway 114 and Approximately 1,550 Feet West of Esters Boulevard - Woolley's Classic Suites, LLC, Applicant - Royal Lane Holdings, LP, Owner

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

APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

- 21** Resolution -- Appointment to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors Aggregated Position to an Unexpired Term Expiring July 2015

Councilman Farris confirmed that the City of Carrollton appointed Tim Hayden at their Tuesday meeting.

Council discussed inviting Mr. Hayden to a future Transportation & Natural Resources Committee meeting to discuss DART initiatives.

2 Summary of Business and Employee Surveys

Brad Kearney, Management Analyst, outlined the results of the city's first business survey. The results include city performance, service ratings, regulation ratings and economic development ratings. Based on the results, staff identified land use, economic development, appearance of the city and condition of streets and sidewalks as the focus areas.

Mayor Van Duyne requested a map of the businesses that responded to the survey.

Chris Sanchez, Management Analyst, detailed the results of the annual employee survey. He noted that the results are positive and show a high level of employee engagement.

3 Election on Smoking Ordinance (As Requested By Mayor Van Duyne)

The Mayor and Council discussed the ad hoc committee's smoking ordinance proposal as well as the six referendum propositions the Mayor proposed for consideration to go before the voters at the May election. It was the verbal request of three council members, followed by a written request, that the ad hoc committee's proposal of the ordinance be placed on the next agenda for council consideration.

Council adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary