

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2015**

The Irving City Council met in work session March 18, 2015 at approximately 1:07 p.m. The following members were present/absent:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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	1:14 PM
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

Chris Hillman, City Manager, announced that the Dallas Observer announced Irving as one of the Healthiest Employers in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

Ike Obi, Human Resources Director, confirmed that the city has also received a Fit Friendly Award from the American Heart Association.

Christine Dobson, Library Director, announced the new grand opening of the South Irving Library to be held March 21, 2015 at 9:30 am.

Jon Weist, Legislative Officer, provided an update regarding major focal points of the State legislative sessions.

The Mayor and Council moved to item 3 on the work session; following that, they will move to item 2, and then onto the review of the regular agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6** Resolution -- Authorizing Reimbursement Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,900,000 with the Irving Independent School District (IISD) for Public Infrastructure Improvements Within the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. One

Brad Duff, Treasury Manager, described the request from the Irving ISD to use TIF No. 1 funds for public infrastructure.

## **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 17** Resolution -- Approving an Economic Development Agreement with Niemco Properties, LLC and Dan Niemeier in the Amount of \$25,000 for Façade Enhancements to the Big State Building Lease Spaces Located at 108, 114, and 118 East Irving Boulevard in Downtown Irving
- 18** Resolution -- Approving an Economic Development Agreement with Niemco Properties, LLC and Dan Niemeier in the Amount of \$5,000 for Sign Enhancements to the Big State Building Lease Spaces Located at 108, 114, and 118 East Irving Boulevard in Downtown Irving

Kevin Kass, Redevelopment & TIF Administrator, detailed items No. 17-18 related to development agreements for properties in downtown Irving.

- 19** Resolution -- Supporting Passage of State Legislation (HB 562) Relating to the Application of Foreign Laws and Foreign Forum Selection in a Proceeding Involving Marriage, a Suit for Dissolution of a Marriage, or a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship in This State (Requested by Council Member LaMorgese, Mayor Van Duynes, and Council Member Ward)

Council and staff discussed the State House Bill 562 regarding foreign laws as this has been a topic of discussion in the community for several months.

Council members noted both their support and objections with taking a position on this issue.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS**

- 20** Resolution -- Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees, to Fill Unexpired Terms to the Board of Health, Green Advisory Board, Housing & Human Services Board, Museum Board, and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1

Councilman Farris confirmed that the suggested appointments were based on applicants interviewed in the fall.

### **2 SH 183 Update (Southgate Mobility Partners)**

Blake Goodrum, Selma Stockstill, and Matt Sanman from Southgate Mobility Partners presented an update on the SH 183 expansion. Timelines for completion were provided and contact information was presented as well. The rescheduled groundbreaking will be Monday, April 27, 2015.

Dan Peden and Lisa Walzl with TxDOT were also present to answer questions.

**3 Economic Development Strategic Plan**

Jon Roberts and John Karras with TIPS Strategies outlined the phases of the Economic Development Strategic Plan process. Discovery, opportunity and implementation are the three phases they will explore to analyze this process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.074 and Section 551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:57 p.m.

- 4 Personnel - City Secretary  
Open Meetings Act § 551.074
- 5 Legal Advice - Reimbursement Agreement - Olympus-Roche  
Open Meetings Act § 551.071
- 6 Deliberation - Real Property, Economic Development Negotiations, and Legal Advice Relating to City-Owned Land Located at State Highway 114, Loop 12 and State Highway 183  
Open Meetings Act § 551.072, § 551.087, and § 551.071
- 7 Deliberation - Real Property, Economic Development Negotiations, and Legal Advice - Convention Center Hotel Request for Proposal  
Open Meetings Act § 551.072, § 551.087, and § 551.071

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Council adjourned the work session at 4:20 p.m.

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Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shanae Jennings, TRMC  
City Secretary