

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2016**

The Irving City Council met in work session September 7, 2016 at approximately 1:00 p.m. The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Van Duyne	Irving City Council	Mayor	Absent	
John C. Danish	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Allan Meagher	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	1:15 PM
Dennis Webb	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Phil Riddle	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Oscar Ward	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Brad M. LaMorgese	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Kyle Taylor	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Wm David Palmer	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 City Operations Update

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, presented an update on the construction projects throughout the city.

2 Review of Regular Agenda

- 2 Economic Development Projects Update**
-American College of Emergency Physicians

This item will be presented at the regular Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 17 Resolution -- Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Utility Adjustment Agreement Amendment #6 (UAAA#6) with SouthGate Mobility Partners LLC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$830,416.02 for Design and Construction of City Utilities Located Within the Midtown Express Project**

Dan Vedral, Traffic & Transportation Director, described the utility adjustment agreement process with SouthGate Mobility Partners as the Midtown Express project is designed and built.

- 25 Resolution -- Approving and Accepting the Proposal of URT Texas, Inc., for Wrecker Service and Auto Pound Operation**

Larry Boyd, Police Chief, and Jeff Spivey, Assistant Police Chief, outlined the various towing fees and what is collected for the city and what is allocated to the towing company.

- 40** Ordinance -- Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 Entitled "Ambulance Service" Providing Fees for Transportation by Emergency Ambulance

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, described the proposed changes to the emergency medical services fees.

- 41** Ordinance -- Amending Section 16-14 of Chapter 16 of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas, Relating to Sale or Disposition of Personal Property

Victor Conley, Fire Chief, described the Helping Hands Program to donate retired equipment to volunteer fire departments that do not have the same National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 43** Ordinance -- First Reading - Amending Chapter 33 Entitled "Refuse, Garbage and Weeds" of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas, Providing for New Monthly Charges for Refuse Pickup Service for Residences, Apartments, and Churches

Chris Hillman, City Manager, confirmed that there will be no changes to solid waste services.

Council and staff discussed the rate increase and senior and disabled discount.

- 45** Ordinance -- Accepting Bid in the Amount of \$702,000.00 by UPS Ground Freight, Inc. for the Purchase and Sale of Tax Foreclosed Property Located at 1100 Union Bower Road

Councilman Meagher abstained from discussions related to item 45 and has filed an abstention affidavit for this item with the City Secretary prior to the work session meeting.

- 46** Resolution -- Sign Variance Case #S1607-0022 to Install a New Off-Premises Digital Billboard Sign and to Repeal Council Resolution No. RES-2015-124 - Property Located at 1329 East Airport Freeway - Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., Applicant - Kroger Company, Owner

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

- 47** Resolution -- Sign Variance Case #S1608-0017 to Allow the Re-Facing of an Existing 40-Foot Tall and 162.1 Square Foot Pole Sign - Property Located at 770 W. LBJ Freeway - Barnett Signs, Applicant - 7-Eleven, Inc., Owner

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

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 48** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC16-0032 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for ML-20 (Light Industrial) District Uses - Approximately 16.06 Acres on the Southeast Corner of State Highway 161 and Conflans Road - Avere Real Estate, Applicant - Codi Land and Cattle 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.

- 49** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC16-0036 - Granting TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) District General Plan - Approximately 11.06 Acres Located on the South Side of Spur 348, and the North Side of Lake Carolyn Parkway - CSE Commercial Real Estate, Applicant - BH O'Connor Partners, LP, Owner (Postponed from August 4, 2016)

Steve Reed, Planning & Community Development Director, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends denial.

Bobby Stewart, 1340 North Travis Circle, Irving, TX - Mr. Stewart is the applicant and spoke regarding this development.

Rick Bidne, 3838 Teleport Drive, Irving, TX - Mr. Bidne represents the Las Colinas Association and spoke regarding the deed restrictions to the properties in question.

Council and staff had a lengthy discussion on the proposed development.

- 50** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC16-0037 - Granting TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) District Detail Plan - Approximately 5.31 Acres Located West of Lake Carolyn Parkway and North of Promenade Parkway - CSE Commercial Real Estate, Applicant - BH O'Connor Partners, LP, Owner (Postponed from August 4, 2016)

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, presented the applicant's request, noting this item is a companion item to item 49 and staff recommends denial.

- 51** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC16-0049 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) District Uses - Approximately 0.329 Acres Located at 902 Compton Ave. - JDJR Engineers & Consultants, Inc., Applicant - ZKB Properties, LTD, Owner

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

- 52** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC16-0052 - Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from "Office/Technology/Warehouse" to "Low Density Residential" and "Retail", and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) District for R-6 (Single Family) and C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District Uses - Approximately 43.26 Acres Located on the Northwest Corner of State Highway 114 and N. Belt Line Road - TDI GP, LLC, Applicant - Belt Line/114 Properties, LP, Owner

Ken Bloom, Urban Development Manager, noted the applicant has requested this item be postponed to October 13, 2016.

- 53** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC16-0054 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District Uses - Approximately 3.888 Square Feet Located at 1111 West Airport Freeway #201 - Conrad Petersen, Applicant - MacArthur Levy, 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.

- 54** Ordinance -- ZC16-0060 - Granting R-6 (Single Family) District Uses - Approximately 0.20 Acres Located at 1508 Chamberlain Street - Rafael and Veronica Garcia, Applicant/Owner

Councilman Danish abstained from discussions related to item 54 and has filed an abstention affidavit for this item with the City Secretary prior to the work session meeting.

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

Council recessed at approximately 2:54 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 3:05 p.m.

3 FY16-17 Budget Discussion, to Include:

A. Water and Sewer Rate, Operations, and Capital Program Discussion

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, presented the Water Utilities Department FY16-17 proposed budget. His presentation included FY15-16 year-end projections, FY16-17 capital/infrastructure needs, expense projections, debt coverage ratio trending, and a proposed 7% increase in the water and sewer rate as part of the five-year rate plan.

B. Special Events Support Program

Ryan Adams, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the proposed special events support program which will develop criteria and guidelines for how city-supported events can be requested, awarded and monitored.

Council provided feedback and staff will continue to review the program.

C. Salary and Benefits Discussion

Chris Hillman, City Manager, presented an update on the market adjustment, Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and the proposed health insurance changes that were discussed at the budget retreat meeting. It was recommended that the City Manager use the staff vacancy savings of \$2.4 million to assist funding the COLA as opposed to dipping into funding for road repairs.

Council and staff had a lengthy discussion on the proposed health insurance changes.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the COLA and discuss benefits further.

4 City of Albuquerque "There's a Better Way" Homeless Program

Vicki Ebner, Assistant Director of the Community Development Department, described the City of Albuquerque's homelessness job program called "There's a Better Way".

Council and staff discussed if a similar program would benefit the City of Irving's homeless population.

5 Museum Consolidation Plan

Todd Hawkins, Executive Director of the Irving Arts Center, presented the proposed consolidation of the city's cultural resources under the Irving Arts Board. He described the current structure and staffing as well as the proposed structure and its strategic advantages.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with staff's recommendation to consolidate the various city museums under the Irving Arts Board direction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.087, 551.072, and 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 3:01 p.m.

6 Convention Center Hotel - Economic Development Negotiations, Real Estate, and Legal Advice (Open Meetings Act §§ 551.087, 551.072, and 551.071)

7 Economic Development Negotiations and Legal Advice - Project Galaxy, Project CW, Project Q, Project Medical, Project Harmony (Open Meetings Act §§ 551.087 and 551.071)

8 La Buena Vida Foundation Legal Advice (Open Meetings Act § 551.071)

Council did not convene on item 6 listed on the agenda, or item 7a.

Council, in addition to the other listed items under executive session, convened to discuss items 49 and 50 pursuant to Section 551.071.

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 4:03 p.m. and returned to item 3 on the work session agenda.

Council adjourned the work session at 6:18 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary