

**MINUTES**  
**Irving City Council Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM**  
**Irving Arts Center**  
**3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. #200, Irving, TX 75062**

The Irving City Council met in special session on May 24, 2017 at approximately 8:30 am. The following members were present / absent:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Mayor Rick Stopfer	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	
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	

**A. Introduction and Update of Past Year's Accomplishments**

Chris Hillman, City Manager, presented an update on the past year's accomplishments. The accomplishments included Convention Center Hotel, Code enforcement, who was able to get to every house in the city for compliance, Medic One which went into route, a new fire station being built, investment into Twin Wells Golf Course, AAA Bond Rating accomplished, begun to improve the City's storm water systems, and numerous economic development accomplishments such as McKesson and Water Street, etc.

**B. Budget Context**

1. Current Fiscal Year Update

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, described the status of the current fiscal year budget. Property values continue to rise, franchise fee revenues are down slightly, and overall revenues and expenditures are projected to be favorable compared to the budgeted projections.

2. FY 2017-18 Outlook

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, outlined the FY2017-18 budget outlook. Cost drivers include: employee compensation, transfers to TIF districts, economic development incentive agreements, and increased funding needs for information technology, vehicle and equipment replacement and street rehabilitation.

3. General Fund Capital Improvement Outlook

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, detailed the capital improvement outlook related to needs funded by the General Fund. The presentation included an overview of the General Fund 5-year draft CIP Plan, FY 17-18 general obligation draft bond sale, and FY 17-18 General Fund draft non-bond CIP.

### **C. Current and Future Strategic Plan Focus Areas**

Aimee Kaslik, Chief Performance Officer, provided an update on the current Strategic Plan. She outlined the following goals:

Goal 1: Financial Sustainability

Goal 2: Systemic Infrastructure Investment

Goal 3: Vibrant Economy

Goal 4: Service Excellence

Goal 5: Inclusive and Collaborative Governance

Goal 6: Talented and Energized Workforce

Council and staff discussed the above goals and it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the goals as proposed. Council discussed the Texas Stadium Site and evaluated the options of a net zero site, adding the vision of renewable energy and incorporating signature bridges to the Texas Stadium Site with the potential of logo branding.

### **D. Discussion Topics**

#### **1. Water and Sewer Rates and Capital Improvement Outlook**

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, described the current and future needs of the Water Utilities. He noted that staff recommends a multi-year rate plan projection with a 6% increase.

#### **2. Solid Waste Services Rates and Capital Improvement Outlook**

Brenda Haney, Solid Waste Services Director, presented the current and future needs of Solid Waste Services. Council desires to increase the rates of the roll-off program based on the container size – this fee has not been increased since the program began in 2008. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding tipping fees and whether or not they should be phased out; ultimately council decided against phasing the tipping fee out. Council also discussed commercial fees and elected to keep the commercial fees.

#### **3. Municipal Drainage Utility Rates and Capital Improvement Outlook**

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, detailed the needs of the Municipal Drainage Utility, noting that the current rates are adequate for their needs.

#### **4. Funding to Implement IT Strategic Plan**

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

#### **5. Tax Rate**

Chris Hillman, City Manager, confirmed that his recommendation is to keep the tax rate the same for FY17-18 at \$0.5941.

For the most part, Council is in favor of the City Manager's proposed tax rate; however, they do want to see what the effective rate is before making a decision,

which the City does not have yet.

6. Debt Service

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

7. Employee Health Benefits

Jill McAdams, Human Resources Director, described the status of the employee health benefits.

8. Employee Pension Plans

Jeff Litchfield, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the various employee pension plans, noting staff is recommending to maintain current funding levels.

9. Employee Compensation

Chris Hillman, City Manager, requested policy direction on a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and market adjustment for FY17-18.

Council and staff discussed the funding options for an increase and Council asked for additional information.

10. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Update

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

11. Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Services Contract

Beth Bowman, Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce CEO/President, described the proposed changes to the Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce contract for economic development services. Those discussions will continue into the foreseeable future.

12. PUD No. 6 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Update / Signature Bridge

Doug Janeway, Chief Development Officer, provided an update on the PUD No. 6 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and signature bridge construction status.

13. Extension of Tax Increment Finance District No. 1

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

14. Innovation Center Update

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

15. Twin Wells Golf Course Update

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

16. Irving Music Factory Maintenance and Operations Budget

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

17. Legislative Update

Jon Weist, Legislative Officer, provided an update on the legislative agenda of the State Legislature.

Council and staff discussed SB2, the revenue cap bill, noting the Senate took the bill

and stripped the revenue cap portion of it, so there will not be a revenue cap portion. There will be other portions implemented, but it has not passed as of yet; it could still be killed on a point of order.

**E. Council Priorities**

This item will be discussed at a future work session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 4:39 p.m.

F. Economic Development Negotiations - Project Hidden Ridge - Open Meetings Act §551.087

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 5:22 p.m.

Council adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

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Richard H. Stopfer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shanae Jennings, TRMC  
City Secretary