

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
August 23, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on August 23, 2006. The following members were present:

Mayor Herbert A. Gears

**Councilmembers**

James Dickens  
Beth Van Duyne  
Allan E. Meagher  
Lewis Patrick  
Lowell Cannaday  
Rick Stopfer  
Sam Smith

Councilman Philipp was not in attendance.

Mayor Gears convened the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

**1 DISCUSSION:** Review of Regular Agenda

The Council reviewed the items posted for action at the Regular Council meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 24, 2006. The following Council directions were noted:

**18 Resolution -- Approving An Environmental Education Services Agreement With The Council For Environmental Education In The Amount Of \$75,000.00 For Services Associated With "WET In The City"**

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for a presentation on this item.

Director of Public Works/Traffic Jim Cline explained that this is part of the conservation program and that this is an education effort that goes into the schools and teaches the children about different elements associated with water use and conservation.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if the \$75,000 was for people or training?

Assistant Water Utilities Director Todd Reck stated that the money is for working with the teachers by providing workshops and training materials.

This is in response to state mandate that each governmental entity to do more water conservation education.

Mr. Reck introduced Ms. Hawthorne, the Executive Director of the company that will be providing these services, she explained the services provided.

- 19** Resolution -- Awarding Contract To Blastco Texas, Inc. In The Amount Of \$2,154,120.00 For The Rehabilitation Of The Walnut Hill Elevated Storage Tank, Tank Nos. 2 And 3 At The MacArthur Pump Station And Tank No. 1 At The Hackberry Pump Station

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if this item was the contract that was postponed several weeks ago?

Assistant Water Utilities Director Todd Reck stated that this is to repaint the two steel tanks that are located on MacArthur, one elevated tank on Walnut Hill; and the biggest part of this is that there is a roof failure at the Hackberry Pump Station on one the tanks. He added that the original estimates prepared by the engineers were low.

- 25** Ordinance -- Accepting The Bid Of \$407,651.00 By A. R. Taylor For The Sale Of 4.3722 Acres Of Land Owned By The City Of Irving Located At 400 West Shady Grove Road In Grand Prairie (Former Police Auto Pound) And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Special Warranty Deed Upon Receipt Of The Consideration Stated In The Bid For The Grant, Sale, And Conveyance Of The Property

Councilman Patrick asked if the two higher bids were withdrawn after the bids were open or before and did they forfeit their bonds?

Real Estate Services Manager Doug Janeway stated that they withdrew after the bids were opened and the highest bidder did forfeit the performance bond.

- 27** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5638 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For R-6 (Single Family) Uses -- An Approximately 0.168 Acre Tract Located At 2917 Laramie Street (Northeast Of Esters Road And Rochelle Road) -- Richard S. Bruce II, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the zoning case.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked how many other carports were in the neighborhood.

Mr. Bloom stated that there was only one carport in this neighborhood.

Councilman Smith asked when the carport under consideration was constructed.

Mr. Bloom stated it could have been constructed within the last six months before being notified that they must have a permit.

Mayor Gears asked for the location, description and a picture of the neighboring carport for the Thursday Council meeting.

- 28** Resolution -- Temporary Use Permit #G0607-0041 -- To Allow Temporary RV Parking At Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Located At 2505 West Northgate Drive -- Terry Harwell, Applicant

Councilman Dickens asked if this was a technical denial.

Director of Building Inspections Gary Miller stated that this is a "soft denial." He explained that this is a group of volunteers that help churches with remodeling, and they have requested to park eight or ten RV's on the church parking lot for six months. Mr. Miller stated that the church surveyed the neighbors as to how they felt about the RV's being parked in the church parking lot adjacent to their homes. Fifteen people were sent letters and five are in favor and one opposed.

After further discussion, Councilman Smith asked for a clarification on the number of letters sent out and the location of the home that opposed this.

Mayor Gears noted that the Council is sympathetic with this request and asked that the applicants be prepared to speak on this at the regular Council meeting.

- 29** Resolution -- Appointing Charles Anderson As Acting City Attorney

Mayor Gears stated that this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

- 31** Ordinance -- Calling A Capital Improvement Program Bond Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Deputy City Attorney Charles Anderson reviewed the Council changes to the Bond Task Force recommendations as follows:

- Parks amount has been bumped up to \$56,475,000
- Separate item for the Senior Citizen center
- Economic Development items have been split into two \$35 and a \$25 million dollar items.

- 34** City Manager's Report
- a. Projects/Activities Update; Northwest Branch Library Renovations;
  - b. Grauwylar Heights Enhancements;
  - c. "Firehouse Cooks" Reality TV Show;
  - d. Irving Health Center Groundbreaking – September 2, 2006;

- e. 2006-2007 Budget Calendar;
- f. Public Input on Proposed Budget;
- g. City Closed for Labor Day - September 4, 2006;
- h. Animal Services Enhancements;
- i. DART Business Plan Meeting;
- j. Left-Turn Lane Pilot Program;
- k. Upcoming Events/Programs – Town Hall Meetings – Two Town Hall informational meetings have been planned to update residents on city projects and initiatives. Following are the two meeting from which residents can choose to attend: 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at the Mustang Park Recreation Center and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at the Senter Park Recreation Center;
- l. Police Beat Meetings – September 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. and October 20, 2006, at 7:00p.m.;
- m. Budget Financial Manager Bret Starr gave a follow up report on the Council question directions from the Budget Retreat and a memo was provided to the Council.
- n. Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if funding for televising the work session is a part of the budget memorandum. After discussion, it was note that the funding for this should be included in the 06/07 budget in the amount of \$100,000.

**35** Mayor's Report

- CITI Group held their grand opening on August 23, 2006.

**2** **DISCUSSION:** 2006-2007 City Of Irving Fiscal Year Budget

This item was discussed under the City Manager's report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

**3** **DISCUSSION:** Legal Advice – Petition To call Wet/Dry Election

**4** **DISCUSSION:** Economic Development Matters

- a) Perspective Purchaser Interest In Atmel Facility
- b) Current Status Of Texas Stadium Developer Interest

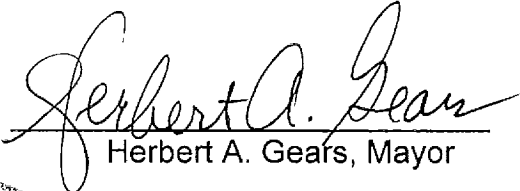
**6** Resolution – Approving A Personal Services Agreement With Trannie F. Cash For Consultation On Water And Management Issues

**7** Resolution – Approving A Personal Services Agreement With David Ryburn For Consultation On Water Issues

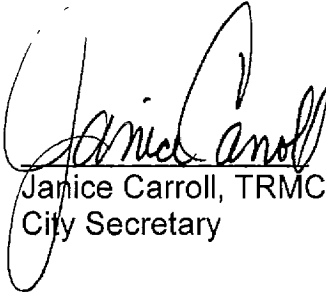
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Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 2:20 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

  
Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary

