

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
February 8, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on February 8, 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  
Joe Philipp

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 February 8, 2006. The following Council directions were noted.

**11** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. 06-01 Located At 2400 Oxford Drive -- Mike Nawar Representing Signature Estate Development, Applicant

Acting City Manager Cash noted that the current ordinance will be amended to allow monument signs but currently this must be handled as a variance.

**15** Resolution -- Purchases Funded In The 2005-2006 Budget

Councilman Philipp asked if there would be any contested bids.

Acting City Manager Cash answered that there would not be any contested bids.

**17** Ordinance -- Public Hearing -- Proposed Designation Of A Commercial/Industrial Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. Forty-Nine (49) Being All That Same 4.00 Acre Tract As Shown In The Walnut Hill Business Park, Sector I.X, Eleventh Installment, An Addition To The City Of Irving, Dallas County, Texas, Recorded In Volume 80030, Page 0740 Of The Deed Records Of Dallas County, Texas

**18** Resolution – Approving A Personal Property Tax Abatement Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Catalina Tempering-Texas, Inc.

Mayor Gears asked for a presentation on these companion items.

Chief Financial Officer David Leininger presented and clarified that Item #17 creates the zone and Item 18 is the actual agreement.

Mr. Leininger called on Don Williams from the Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce to give a presentation on this item.

Mr. Williams stated that this is the company's first site in Texas. The company is based in California, and he hopes that the corporate office will move to Irving, Texas as well.

**19** Ordinance -- Calling A Special Election On May 13, 2006, On The Question Of Designating Texas Stadium As A Sports And Community Venue Project And Authorizing Taxes On Parking, Tickets, And Facility Use Pursuant To Chapter 334 Of The Texas Local Government Code

Mayor Gears stated that this item would be discussed in executive session.

**22** City Manager's Report

- Parks and Recreation Department received the 2005 Texas Arts and Humanities Award for the program titled Voices of Civil Rights - Martin Luther King, and this will be presented on March 10, 2006 at the state conference;
- Included in the material is a Trail Guide that is a joint effort Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Affairs Department, and the printing was done by our in-house printing team;
- In the paper today, DART was granted its full seven hundred million dollars funding request by the federal government. Mr. Cash commended former City Manager Steve McCullough and Jim Cline, current Director of Traffic/Transportation and Public Works, for the many hours spent urging DART to ask for this full seven hundred million funding;

- February 27, 2006 – Reception for Congressman Pete Sessions - this will be finalized by staff;
- The Department of Defense – recognized Cliff Miller as a Patriot Employer.

**23** Mayor's Report

- Mayor Gears also mentioned the seven hundred million dollar funding grant that was awarded to DART; this is very significant for the City of Irving, it insures that the City will make its timeline of 2011 for the completion of the rail line through Irving to DFW International Airport.

**2** **DISCUSSION:** Budget Presentation/Update From The Preservation And Redevelopment Board

Fran Bonilla, Chairman of the Preservation and Redevelopment Board, and Jimmy Bellew, Chair of the Finance Committee, gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council. She also presented their budget for the 2005/2006 fiscal year and Jim Bellew gave an update on this budget.

Ms. Bonilla asked that the Council consider reassigning the responsibility of maintaining the Bear Creek Park to the Park and Recreation Department. She also requested that the Chair of the Preservation and Redevelopment Board be removed as Place One on the Community Development Board. She also asked that the Council consider different staffing arrangements for this board.

The Council directed the staff to come back with a recommendation on this request in four weeks.

**3** **DISCUSSION:** Request Authority To Use Remaining Centennial Task Force Funds to Construct A Special Events Performance Stage At Centennial Park

Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Gooch advised that a new request for the use of these funds has been presented and asked that this be postponed for two weeks.

**4** **DISCUSSION:** Approval Of Scope And Charge For Bond Committee

Acting City Manager Cash presented this item and he stated that this is a draft language for the Council's consideration.

**Charge**

Prepare a realistic, operationally practical and financially responsible recommendation for City Council consideration to determine whether or not to call a General Obligation Bond Election at some date in the future.

Such a recommendation should clearly identify the components parts of the total recommendation, their estimated costs and the total recommendations cost. In addition, a recommended election date as well as strategies to educate the public should be detailed.

**Scope**

In order to provide the preceding recommendation(s), it will be necessary that a thorough examination and education process occur to include at the very least these basic factors:

- 1) City Of Irving's Financial General Obligation Bond abilities
- 2) City of Irving's physical abilities
- 3) City of Irving 's existing program
- 4) Additional needs since the 1998 Bond Program formulation

After discussion by the Council, the Council agreed with the charge and scope as presented. City Secretary Janice Carroll will be staff support.

Councilmen Lewis Patrick and Joe Philipp will be liaisons.

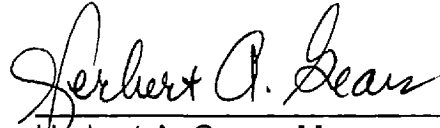
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 1:45 p.m.

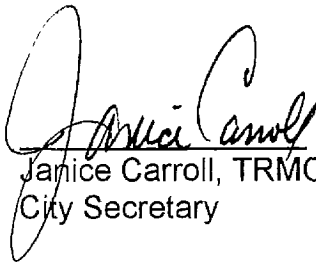
- 5     **DISCUSSION:**     Personnel Reassignment
- 6     **DISCUSSION:**     Legal Advice: Valley Ranch Limited Partnership v  
                                  City Of Irving
- 7     **DISCUSSION:**     Status Of City Manager Search
- 19    Ordinance -- Calling A Special Election On May 13, 2006, On The  
          Question Of Designating Texas Stadium As A Sports And Community  
          Venue Project And Authorizing Taxes On Parking, Tickets, And Facility  
          Use Pursuant To Chapter 334 Of The Texas Local Government Code

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session.  
The time was 4:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

  
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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary

