

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
January 11, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on January 11, 2006. The following members were present:

Mayor Herbert A. Gears

Councilmembers

James Dickens
Beth Van Duyne
Allan E. Meagher
Lewis Patrick
Lowell Cannaday
Sam Smith
Joe Philipp

Councilman Rick Stopfer 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 January 12, 2006. The following Council directions were noted.

- 2 Resolution – Approving The Assignment Of The Twin Wells Golf Course Agreement From The current Lessee, American Golf Corporation, To The Assignee, Twin Wells Golf Club LLC

Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Gooch gave a presentation on this item.

After Council discussion, it was agreed that this assignment of lease is contingent on more improvements being done on the actual course.

Mr. Gooch did clarify that the following improvements have been agreed to:

- Cart paths improved
- All sand traps will be rebuilt,
- Driving range realignment will be improved, and
- Drainage will be improved and the course landscaping improved.

- 4** Resolution – Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Solid Waste Implementation Project Application Through The North Central Texas Council Of Governments (NCTCOG) To Develop An Interfaith Environmental Marketing Took Kit

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for a presentation regarding this grant.

Recycling Supervisor Fran Witte explained that this is an application for funding to create faith based non-denominational and denominational information regarding recycling.

It was clarified that this is an effort to reach citizens through a different source.

Mayor Gears did clarify that this information would also be in other languages besides English.

- 12** Resolution – Awarding Contract To Servpro Of North Irving In The Net Amount Of \$31,339.78 For The Emergency Cleanup Of The Senter Recreation building After Departure Of Hurricane Rita Evacuees For The General Services Department

Councilman Cannaday asked if the city would be reimbursed by FEMA

Acting City Manager Cash advised that it will be eligible for reimbursement.

The Council asked that the city stay on this to assure FEMA reimbursement in a timely manner on all costs.

- 17** Ordinance – Revising Chapter 64 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas Concerning Gas Well Drilling Regulations

Deputy City Attorney Charles Anderson presented this and noted that all council changes are in the ordinance as well as staff requested changes

Acting City Manager Cash assured the Mayor that staff is preparing the cities Request For Proposal's for drilling on city land

- 23** Resolution – Postponing To The February 23, 2006, City Council Meeting The Consideration Of An Ordinance Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For ML-20a (Light Industrial) District Uses, Private Clubs, Fraternal Organizations, Self-Storage, Warehouse And Indoor Business Service Uses On Lot 2R-1 In Zoning Case #5591 – An Approximately 4.5 Acre Tract Located At 2906, 2010 And 2024 Rock Island Road – George Christensen, Irving Columbus Club, Applicant

Acting City Manager Cash noted that this item will be postponed but should be explained to City Council.

After discussion, Council agreed that a resolution will be prepared for the next agenda to reflect that the City is formally protesting the renewal of the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission license for the Nights of Columbus.

- 24** Ordinance – Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Change The Land Use Recommendation Of The Comprehensive Plan From “Light Commercial” To “Single Family – Low Density Residential” And Granting R-6 (Single Family) District Uses In Zoning Case #5590 – An Approximately 11053 Acre Tract Located Approximately 425 Feet East Of Union Bower Road, Between East Grauwylar Road And Proctor Street – Terry Penn, Key Life Homes, Inc , Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case and stated that a ¾ vote would be required

There followed Council discussion of the appropriate use of this land and the reason for the staffs recommendation to deny. However, no directions were noted.

- 25** Resolution – Special Fence Plan #218 – A 0.74 Acre Tract Located At 1513 Maryland Drive – C.T. And S., Inc., Applicant **(Appeal)**

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the item.

There followed discussion on the use of “razor wire” on a fence.

Director of Building Inspections Gary Miller advised the Council that he will check on permits issued for the existing fence.

- 27** Resolution – Appointment To The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board For A Non-Voting Member Representing Coppell, Grapevine, Euless And Irving For A One-Year Term Effective January 12, 2006

Mayor Gears stated that Councilman Cannaday would assume his role on the DFW Board of Directors.

28 Resolution – Appointments To A Citizens Bond Task Force

The Council agreed that the Audit Finance Committee will develop a scope of work and the charge for this committee at their next meeting.

30 City Managers Report

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance - January 16, 2006 - Irving Arts Center;
- State of the City Address - January 17, 2006 - Sheraton Grand Hotel;
- In material a status report on the new Valley Ranch Library – May Ground Breaking Ceremony followed by a July start on contraction and if everything goes as planned the Grand Opening is scheduled will be scheduled for December of 2007;
- Gave status report update on City Hall Security Plans and stated that they are upgrading the optical network and cameras; this came about from a security audit that was done; some of this was paid for from Homeland Security and some of it will be paid out of the general fund
- Transportation Issues: Red Light Legislation – Engineer Director from TxDot has sent an opinion request to the Attorney General to ask the Attorney General if it is legal for TxDot to allow Red Lights on state property.
- Sales Tax is up and David Leininger, Chief Financial Advisor stated that sales tax is up year to date 11 8% over budget and the amount is \$650,000.00
- Councilman Smith stated that during the end of the budget retreat in August it was identified that there were some projects that the Council should look at in the 2006 calendar depending upon city finances and he hope that this is on schedule. He stated that he would like for the Work Sessions to be televised, and also look at Code Enforcement program to see if sufficient human resources are applied at every level of code enforcement,
- Councilman Philipp stated that there were additional personnel funded in the budget for April of 2006 to increase personnel;
- TIF Board meeting next Tuesday, January 17, 2006;
- The committee that was set up by the legislature to look at over all regional transportation had a meeting last week and out of that meeting, a Sub-group that will be looking at this over all subject of transportation and at this point informally Gary Slagel will be representing all the DART member cities in that effort. Mr. Slagel has been involved in transportation for a long time and will represent the cities interest well;
- Received e-mail from Doug Caroom, Water Attorney in Austin and the city has been in a process of a contested hearing for the amendment

to allow re-use; and a judge in Austin found in our favor and the permit was issued and re-use will be allowed.

- Water break in Lake Chapman due to the dry conditions, the break has been repaired.

2 DISCUSSION: Charter Election Recommendation – Status Of Department Of Housing And Human Services

City Attorney David Caylor introduced the item.

Deputy City Attorney Charles Anderson presented the item.

After Council discussion, it was agreed to bring the ordinance back in two weeks for the Irving Convention Visitors and Bureau and Housing and Human Services.

3 DISCUSSION: Update On The Cypress Waters Development

Acting City Manager Cash gave a report and stated that he feels the city of Irving should give testimony at the January 25, 2006, Dallas City Council Meeting Mr. Cash stated that Director of Community Services Ed Barry from our city staff would be attending the meeting.

After Council discussion, it was agreed that Councilwoman Van Duyne would attend the Dallas City Council meeting on January 25, 2006.

4 DISCUSSION: Status On Water Operations

Director of Water Utilities Dave Ryburn introduced the item.

Water Resources Assistant Director Todd Reck gave the report and stated that water sales are up compared to the usage from 2004 to 2005 The city has pumped 30% more water, due to the lack of rain. The city's main water supply is Lake Chapman, and Lake Chapman is down by twelve feet. Mr. Reck stated that if it does not rain soon, the city will first go to voluntary water rationing and possibly to mandatory rationing.

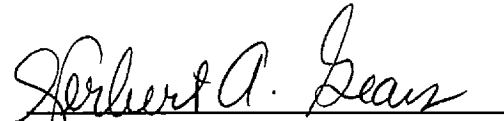
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 2.58 p.m.

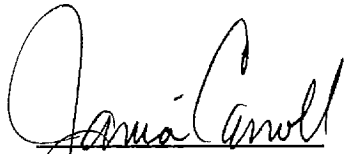
5 DISCUSSION: Legal Advice On Texas Stadium Lease

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session.
The time was 4:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.


Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary

