

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
January 25, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on January 25, 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 January 26, 2006. The following Council directions were noted

4 Resolution -- Rejection Of Bids For The North Lake Ranch Park Development Project As Recommended By The Parks And Recreation Department

Councilman Stopfer asked when this item would be re-bid.

Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Gooch stated that his staff is putting together the bid package now, and it will be several weeks.

- 7 Resolution – Approving Contract For The Donation Of An Approximately 3 125 Acre Tract Located Adjacent to Fritz Park – Ben Newman Property Owner
- 8 Resolution – Approving Contract For Property Acquisition In The Amount Of \$802,000.00 Plus Closing Costs Not To Exceed \$3,000.00 – Approximately 7.73 Acres Located Adjacent To Fritz Park – Gerald Stavelly, Property Owner

Mayor Gears asked for a presentation on both of the items dealing with Fritz Park

Real Estate Services Manager Doug Janeway identified the three parcels of land which is almost eleven acres combined.

- 11 Resolution – Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Las Colinas Marketing Alliance In An Amount Not To Exceed \$20,000.00 To Provide Marketing And Research Support Services For The Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District

Councilman Smith asked for a presentation on this item.

Chief Financial Officer David Leininger explained the purpose of this agreement and noted that currently no staff is assigned to this board and this contract will assist the board.

Councilman Philipp stated that there is a scope of service, but no work plan. He stated that there are four things mentioned.

- Attendance of TIF Board meeting,
- Editing and Updating of the TIF web site
- Response and follow up with developers
- And periodic meetings with the TIF staff

The Council agreed that the scope of this contract should be more specific as developer outreach program.

Mr. Leininger advised that an amended contract with a fifth item listed will be provided to the Council at the regular meeting.

- 12 Resolution – Purchases Funded In The 2005-2006 Budget

Councilman Philipp asked if any bid would be contested.

Acting City Manager Cash stated that there were no contested bids.

- 14 Ordinance – Amending Chapter 6 Entitled “Animals And Fowl” To Be Renamed “Animal Services,” Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas

Acting City Manager Cash called on Pat Fowler for a presentation.

Director of Public Health and Environmental Services Pat Fowler stated that the issue of the tethering dogs has been addressed. Provisions that were agreed upon have been added to the ordinance.

After Council discussion, Councilman Dickens stated that this ordinance brings the current ordinance up to date with state law and additional changes will be made. He advised this will be on the Community Services meeting to be held in March.

- 19 Ordinance – Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Change The Land Use Recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan From “Single-Family – Low Density Residential” To “Retail” And Granting C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District Uses In Zoning Case #5583 – An Approximately 0.18 Acre Tract Located At 1515 North Nursery Road (West Side Of Nursery Road, North Of Grauwylar Road) – Juan Carlos Ochoa, Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case and stated that staff does not support this request. Mr. Bloom stated that if the Council does wish to approve this request he would suggest postponing and asking the applicant return this as a detailed site plan case.

There followed Council discussion and it was noted that the Council would not be able to support this kind of request. They requested that the applicant be briefed on this.

- 20 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 11.53 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 **(Postponed From The January 12, 2006, City Council Meeting)**

Mayor Gears asked if there were any new developments.

Acting City Manager Cash advised that a memo from John Bonnot has been provided to them today.

Councilman Philipp asked if the Public Comment form used by Community Development could be updated to include a place for a phone number for follow up purposes.

Manager of Current Planning Steven Reed advised that this correction will be made.

- 21** Resolution -- Protesting The Issuance Of A Private Club Registration Permit By The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission To The Irving Columbus Club For 2906 Rock Island Road Until Such Property Has Been Rezoned S-P-1 For R-AB

Acting City Manager Cash stated that as a city, we have to enter our opposition to this procedure with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, or the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission will automatically renew the license.

- 22** Ordinance -- Amending Chapter 16B Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas, To Provide For The Appointment, Removal, And Supervision Of The Executive Director Of The Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau By The Board And To Provide For Budget Preparation And A Responsibility To Report To The City Council

Deputy City Attorney Charles Anderson reviewed this ordinance. He noted the changes made to the ordinance based on Council directions will be made.

Acting City Manager Sandy Cash stated that resolution from the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau board had been provided as a handout

- 23** Ordinance -- Amending Chapter 63 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas, To Provide For The Appointment, Removal, And Supervision Of The Executive Director Of Housing And Human Services By The Board And To Provide For Budget Preparation And A Responsibility To Report To The City Council

Deputy City Attorney Charles Anderson advised that this is set similar to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Ordinance and the changes based on Council direction will be made.

Acting City Manager Cash stated that this is not the unified command structure he prefers, but he assured the Council that it can work well

25 City Manager's Report

- Hand out on Major Project Status Report;
- Director of Public Works/Traffic and Transportation Jim Cline stated that on the 16th of January there was a gasoline explosion that occurred on Beltline Road and workers were injured.
- Texas Association of Partners in Education will be presenting Business Liaison Denise Demonbreun of the City of Irving with an award for the TOP Texas Adult Volunteer – She was nominated by the Irving Independent School District for her work as the city liaison in coordinating projects with the ISD and the city departments,
- Irving Sister City Signing – January 26, 2006 – Reception. 5:30., Signing: 6:15;
- Irving Library received a grant from the North East Texas Library System with a grant for \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a computer server – enabling the library staff to construct a database which residents can use to access information on topics of local interest.
- Irving Police Department will be holding Town Hall meetings on Monday, March 6, 2006, from 7:00 - 9.00p.m. at Irving High School in the auditorium, and on Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Academy of Irving I.S.D. in the auditorium;
- Curb side recycling starts on Monday, February 6, 2006;
- Mr. Cash attended a meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 regarding the Cotton Belt Rail Line – DART has owned the Cotton Belt Rail Line – The meeting was to kick off from several cities, Plano, Addison, Carrollton, and Farmers Branch to bring forth an effort to persuade DART to provide some type of service on the Beltline route;
- Mr. Cash and Jim Cline met with Bill Hale on the Comprehensive Development agreement;
- Reported on drought conditions;
- Handout of the Summary of FEMA reimbursement – The city has met with FEMA and everything in the column that says invoiced, FEMA will be reimbursed to the city. Everything listed under variance; FEMA is requiring additional information from the city;
- Texas Stadium Roof – will advertise on Sunday for bids - a date of March 9, 2006 to award the bid for the painting of the stadium roof has been established;
- The staff is continuing to look at agreements with the Cowboys that must be put in place after the Letter of Intent signing;
- Future planning for the Texas Stadium area;
- Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting was held Tuesday, January 24, 2006 – it was a very positive meeting,
- Mr. Cash stated that he has had many great comments about the speech that Mayor Gears gave at the State of the City.

26 Mayor's Report

- Mayor Gears stated that he received a call from Texas State Comptroller Carol Strayhorn, and she informed him that the city's election regarding the Texas Stadium would not have a negative impact on the state's economy and a letter to that affect will be mailed to the City. Mayor Gears stated that the next step is to call the election.

2 **DISCUSSION:** Appointment Of An Alternate Municipal Court Judge

Judge Timothy Whisler spoke on the process of appointing an alternate Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Gears asked Judge Whisler to recommend someone to appoint.

Judge Whisler stated that he would proceed in making a recommendation for an Alternate Municipal Court Judge.

3 **DISCUSSION:** Police Department Request To Transfer A Grant-Funded Full-Time Employee To The General Fund

Chief of Police Larry Boyd presented this item and asked for the Council's permission to add this full time employee to the Police Department's budget which would require an annual expenditure of \$51,000.00.

The Council agreed.

4 **DISCUSSION:** Status Of Leasing City-Owned Property For Gas Exploration

Real Estate Services Manager Doug Janeway gave a presentation on this item and advised the Council as to the status of preparing a request for proposals for leasing City-owned property for gas exploration.


5 **DISCUSSION:** Update On State Highway 183 Project

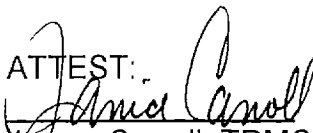
Director of Public Works/Traffic and Transportation Jim Cline gave a report on this item. He stated that on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 TxDot industry workshop was held in Austin. In the course of this meeting, Phillip Russell, the Director of Texas Turnpike Authority Division, updated the group on the progress of the I 820- SH 183 project with the following comments (as reported by Erin Sanders, Representative Linda Harper-Brown's Chief of Staff):

- Four proposers were shortlisted after they received an unsolicited bid and opened the project up to competition.
- The two challenges with the project were the environmental approvals process timing and the two issues with the finances. There were man starts and stops with this project.
- TxDOT has elected to cancel the procurement after further analysis, internal discussions and consultation with proposers
- The proposers met last week to discuss project alternatives
- A letter went out Monday to all four proposers alerting them the procurement has been cancelled until they can refine it and make sure it makes sense in Tarrant County.

Mr Cline stated he is in the process of determining the impact of this decision on the City Of Irving, and he is in close contact with our transportation policy consultant Dean International and Representative Linda Harper-Brown. Initial discussions with TxDOT personnel indicate there is no change to the right-of-way acquisition process, and construction of frontage roads will continue to be pursued

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary

