

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
June 14, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on June 14, 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 June 15, 2006. The following Council directions were noted.

4 Resolution – Authorizing The Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau (ICVB) To Purchase Additional Advertising Space In Media In An Amount Up To \$125,000.00, To Bring The Total Advertising Space Covered In The 2005-2006 Budget Up To A Maximum Of \$573,567.00

Councilman Philipp requested a breakdown on this item

Executive Director of ICVB Maura Gast stated that approximately \$85,000.00 is for the upcoming season of the Dallas Cowboys radio network. She added that they have moved to a new flagship station and have a new operating group. The remaining \$40,000.00 is for additional advertising layered into the schedule that has already been put in place for the current calendar year.

Councilman Philipp asked what is the total advertising budget?

Ms. Gast stated that the ICVB budget is slightly over one million dollars.

- 6 Resolution – Confirming City Of Irving Participation With The North Central Texas Council Of Governments Sustainable Development, Heritage District Land Banking Program
- 7 Resolution – Confirming City Of Irving Participation With the North Central Texas Council Of Governments Sustainable Development, Las Colinas Urban Center LRT Station Area Project

Mayor Gears asked for a presentation on both of these items

Assistant Director Jim Driscoll stated that Item #6 will give the city an opportunity to purchase property in the Heritage District and land bank for potential future development. Item #7 is a joint effort with Dallas County Utility and Reclamation District and Gables Development for 1.3 million dollars. This is for the linkage and development for transit related improvements on the Urban Center property referred to as "00" It will be specifically related to transit type improvements The funds for item #6 will be available immediately Funds for item #7 will not be available until 2008

- 13 Resolution – Approving Settlement Agreement For the Acquisition Of Approximately 10.7241 Acres Located At 1610 North Britain Road In The Amount Of \$2,569,775.00 Plus Closing Costs, Title Policy Fee, And Outstanding Taxes In An Amount Not To Exceed \$20,000.00 For The Irving Health Center – SKR Investments, L.P., Property Owner

Councilman Philipp asked for a briefing on this item

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez commended Assistant City Attorney II Rodney Adams, Attorney Matthew Boyle, Boyle and Lowry Law Firm, and Director of Housing and Human Services Department Vivian Ballou on their excellent work on this project.

Mr. Boyle referenced the letter from HUD approving the purchase of this land for the Irving Health Center. He also reviewed the mediation process

Executive Director Vivian Ballou, Housing and Human Services Department, stated that a tentative construction start date is September 2006.

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

Mayor Gears and Councilman Philipp asked if there were any contested bids?

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez stated that there were no contested bids.

- 18 Ordinance -- Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Change The Land Use Recommendation Of The Comprehensive Plan From "Entertainment District" To "Single Family, Low-Density Residential" And Granting PUD (Planned Unit Development) For R-ZLa (Zero Lot Line) Uses On Tracts A And E, And Granting PUD (Planned Unit Development) For R-6 (Single Family) Uses On Tracts B, C And D -- An Approximately 106 3 Acre Tract Located On The Northeast Corner Of Las Colinas Boulevard And LaVillita Boulevard -- Carter & Burgess, Inc , Applicant

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for a presentation on this item.

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that on June 5, 2006, the Planning and Zoning Commission met and voted favorably with several stipulations, the stipulations have been met, and staff is recommending approval.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked that there be a stipulation that this site must be part of the Las Colinas Association and be subject to all deed restrictions

- 19 Ordinance -- Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Change The Land Use Recommendation Of The Comprehensive Plan From "Light Commercial" To "Single Family Attached, Medium-Density Residential" And Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For R-TH (Townhouse) Uses In Zoning Case #5608 -- An Approximately 14 0 Acre Tract Located On The South Side Of Rochelle Road, Between State Highway 161 And Esters Road -- ShelCan, L P , Applicant **(Postponed From The May 18, 2006, City Council Meeting)**

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom stated that the applicant has requested that this item be postponed for two weeks

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- Groundbreaking for New Valley Ranch Branch Library – June 15, 2006 – 9:00 a m
- Juneteenth Celebration and Concert – June 17, 2006, – West Park Recreation Center - 530 Davis Drive,
- Drought Contingency Plan Stage 2 will be effective tomorrow, June 15, 2006. Councilman Smith stated that he has had phone calls from citizens complaining about the watering being restricted from 7 a.m to 7:00 p m Mr. Gonzalez's will bring back more information regarding this issue tomorrow as staff is considering an adjustment to the early morning watering restriction;
- Bond Rating Meetings – Meetings were held last Thursday and Friday and the focus is to balance the budget, but not dedicating reserves to accomplish this. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Triple "A" bond rating will be in jeopardy if the city utilizes reserves,

- Assistant City Manager's Cliff Miller and Gilbert Perales stated that the bond rating agencies were very pleased that the Mayor and several Councilmember's were present at the bond meetings,
- Spikefest Moves to Irving the World's Largest 3-On-3 Amateur Volleyball Tournament Turns Sweet Sixteen this year, and the event will be held June 24-25, 2006, at the Irving Soccer Complex, located at 3585 World Cup Way.

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- He noted that the National Forensic League competition held in Grapevine is filling up the City's hotels;
- Mayor Gears also asked that committee meetings be changed to a day other than work session day.

2 **DISCUSSION:** Proposal From The Metroplex Area Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Mayor Gears stated that the Council is generally supportive of the project and process and that he has recommended that the Bond Task Force Committee be directed to consider an additional two million dollars to be added for this project.

Irving Veterans Memorial Park Committee Member John Danish presented an update on this project based upon the Council's concerns addressed at the April 6, 2006 work session regarding the contract, the marketing plan and the stages of construction. The Council had requested a more detailed cash flow plan and pro forma, an expanded marketing plan, and more information on the performance bond.

He emphasized that there must be a good faith effort shown by this committee. However, he agreed that funding through the City should lend credence to the project and enhance the sale of bricks.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the project.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez advised that as Assistant City Manager in Lubbock, Texas he personally worked on the Veterans Memorial built by the same firm in that city. He reviewed the two projects noting their similarities and differences.

The Council directed Mr. Gonzalez to review the terms of the contract and the viability of the project and bring back a report as soon as possible. The Council is aware that the committee would like to be able to initiate the sale of commemorative bricks before the holiday season this year.

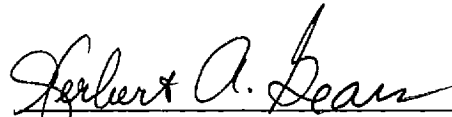
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.

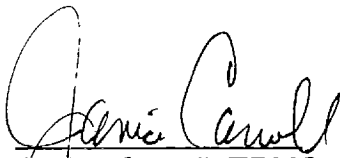
- 3 **DISCUSSION:** Legal Advice – Ex Parte City of Irving, Texas
- 4 **DISCUSSION:** Economic Development In Regards To Texas Stadium

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session
The time was 2.52 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p m


Herbert A Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary

