

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
June 28, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on June 28, 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 2:24 P.M.

Mayor Gears announced that the Council would first meet in Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney David Caylor read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session under Section 551 of the Texas Government Code at 2:25 p.m.

**4 DISCUSSION:** Legal Advice Ex Parte City Of Irving, Texas

City Attorney David Caylor read the Mayor and Council into regular session at 2.40 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 29, 2006. The following Council directions were noted:

**6 Resolution – Authorizing The Mayor To Apply For The 2006 Staffing For Adequate Fire And Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants Through The U.S. Department Of Homeland Security For Additional Personnel**

Councilman Cannaday asked what was the time period of the grant for 4 firefighters at a cost of over one million dollars.

It was clarified that this was over a five year period

- 8** Resolution – Approving A Contract For Property Acquisition In The Amount Of \$429,600.00, Plus Closing Costs Not To Exceed \$3,000 00 – Approximately 28.64 Acres Located Adjacent To Mountain Creek Preserve Park – American Investment Group I, Property Owner

Mayor Gears asked if the cricket field at Mountain Creek Preserve could be moved to this location

Deputy City Manager Cash stated that Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Gooch will determine if this is possible

- 15** Resolution – Authorizing Staff To Negotiate A Contract With Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. For Professional Services For A Water Reuse Project For Water Utilities

Councilman Philipp asked for an explanation on this item.

Deputy City Manager Cash gave a brief explanation. He stated that this is a necessary first step in being able to use the 25 million gallons of effluent water in accordance with the city's contract with the Trinity Railway Authority, and this meets our commitment to a water plan for 2060.

Mr. Cash noted that a new plant will be needed in the future and the city is seeking partners on this future project.

- 20** Resolution – Purchases Funded In The 2005-2006 Budget

Councilman Philipp asked if there were any contested bids

City Manager Gonzalez stated that there were no contested bids on this agenda

- 27** Ordinance – Amending Chapter 41 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas, Authorizing Employees Of Water Utilities And Code Enforcement To Issue Citations To Enforce The Water And Sewer Ordinance And The Emergency Water Management Plan

Mayor Gears asked for a presentation on this item.

Assistant Director of Water Utilities Todd Reck stated that this item gives the staff the ability to issue citations as it relates to stage two of the Emergency Water Management Drought Contingency Plan

There followed a general discussion that identified the employees that will be issuing the tickets, the procedure, and it was noted that if citizens or companies are watering with water that is not provided by the city, signs should be posted.

- 28 Ordinance – Amending The City Of Irving, Texas, Emergency Water Management Plan (Drought) Contingency Plan And The Water Conservation Plan) To Change The Allowed Hours For Outside Watering

Mayor Gears stated that the hours of watering have been changed to prohibit watering only from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The change in hours will be publicized in the newspaper

- 29 Resolution – Postponing To The July 20, 2006, City Council Meeting The Consideration Of An 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 140 Acre Tract Located On The South Side Of Rochelle Road, Between State Highway 161 And Esters Road – ShelCan, L.P. Applicant **(Postponed From The June 15, 2006, City Council Meeting)**

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if an applicant can continue to request an postponement

Senior Planner Ken Bloom stated that it could be postponed indefinitely and, if so, would have to be re-advertised, however, this case was first postponed by staff, and this is the first request by the applicant to a date certain.

- 34 Ordinance -- Amending The Comprehensive Plan And Master Thoroughfare Plan By: 1) The Deletion Of The Proposed Extension Of Walnut Hill Lane From Riverside Drive West And South To O'Connor Boulevard, 2) Deletion Of The Grade Separation Of The Walnut Hill Extension At Spur 348; And 3) Deletion Of An Unnamed 4-Lane Divided Road From The Future Las Colinas Extension East To Proposed Walnut Hill Lane; And Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Change The Land Use Recommendation Of The Comprehensive Plan From “Urban Center District” To “Single Family - Low Density Residential” And Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For R-10 (Single Family) And R-6 (Single Family) District Uses; And Removing The Subject Property From The Urban

Business Overlay District In Zoning Case #5618 -- An Approximately 94.2 Acre Tract Located At The Northwest Corner Of Spur 348 And Riverside Drive -- Hines Las Colinas Land L.P , Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case

Councilman Philipp asked if non-residents will have access to the adjoining lake.

Senior Planner Ken Bloom advised that the lake can be accessed on the Southern portion only

Mayor Gears asked if there was adequate green space.

Mr. Bloom advised that there was a private trail system throughout the property and green space is located along the lake and the perimeter of the property

Mayor Gears noted that this is the first single-family development in the Urban Center.

- 35** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5623 -- Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For R-AB (Restaurant Including The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For On-Premises Consumption) Uses Including Retail, Dance And Exhibit Hall, And Indoor Storage -- An Approximately 4.81 Acre Tract Located At 101 North Rogers Road -- Silverado Ranch, Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission heard this case on June 19, 2006, and voted 5-2 in favor, with stipulations.

There followed lengthy Council discussion of this item regarding safety issues as it is located adjacent to a railroad and a railroad crossing, security service requirements, off-site parking, the control of the sale of alcohol in relation to the sale of food, the types of entertainment and the hours of operation.

Mr. Bloom clarified that all events will be held indoors and presently they can allow customers to bring their own alcohol into the facility.

- 36** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5624 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For R-6 (Single Family) Uses -- An Approximately 3.718 Acre Tract Located At 830 Balleywood Road (East Side Of Balleywood Road, South Of Grauwylar Road) -- JDJR Engineers & Consultants, Inc , Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission heard this case on June 5, 2006, and

voted 9-0 in favor and recommended approval with a few stipulations, which have been met.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked what was the size of the present homes

Community Development Manager Steve Reed advised that this neighborhood generally has large lots with homes in the 1000 square feet to 1500 square feet range.

Councilwoman Van Duyne, Councilman Stopfer expressed concern that this case places small homes and small lots into this neighborhood that is presently made up of large residential lots.

#### 42 City Manager's Report

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez presented the following written report.

- Bond Validation – The district court ruled June 26, 2006 in the city's favor on our bond validation suit. This decision allows the city to issue tax bonds to help pay for redevelopment of the Texas Stadium area. The city will now begin coordination with the Dallas Cowboys to determine the most effective means of calculating, billing and collecting the taxes,
- The Bond Task Force Committee continues to meet and has received a memorandum from the City Manager's Office regarding a request for dollars associated with economic development and redevelopment projects. Additionally, there is a request for funding the expansion of Veterans' Memorial Park.
- Chamber Cooperative Efforts – The Manager's Office and Greater Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce have been meeting with the 10 largest businesses in Irving. These meetings are designed to discuss any concerns the companies might have regarding their opposition;
- City Strategic Planning – The City Council and department directors will meet Friday, July 7, 2006, for a Strategic Planning Retreat. The management staff has been engaged in a series of meetings to develop a long-range plan for the City Of Irving. The draft plan is based on the City Council's recommendations from last year's retreat. The July 7, 2006, meeting will establish the groundwork and technical steps to make the new vision a reality.
- Transportation Summit – We are finalizing plans for the annual Transportation Summit, which will be held on Aug 8-11, 2006 at the Westin Dallas/Ft Worth. We have secured many great speakers and sponsors, and have had a good response with attendance for the four-day event. We hope to add several more attendees to our growing list

in the next few days, as the early registration deadline is June 30, 2006.

- Tami Awards – The Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers has presented the city with three awards for its printed publications and television programming. The resident newsletter, City Spectrum, took top honors again this year. This is the third consecutive year to receive this award. The Inside Irving employee newsletter also won the top internal newsletter award for our population category, and ICTN's "Stories into America" also was recognized with an award. This video highlights immigrants who have moved to our area. Other communications projects that received finalist recognition were the City of Irving Web site, Irving Trails Guide and "Library – More Than A Card" video;
- Fourth of July Parade - July 4, 2006, - 9:00 a.m., downtown Irving, Independence Day parade throughout downtown area, followed by entertainment in Heritage Park;
- "Raising the Roof" Housing Fair – July 15, 2006, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Irving Mall, information booths and other activities to educate residents about housing and financing opportunities in Irving

#### 43 Mayor's Report

- The city of Irving has received free advertising from the Roads and Bridges magazine for the Transportation Summit;
- Noted that there have been some changes on the Council meeting calendar, the new calendar was passed out to everyone,
- New assignments were made to the Council liaison positions;
- Vote was successful in the Las Colinas Association for the supplementary declaration changes; more residential zoning case will now come before council;
- City Manager Gonzalez announced that Dean International will be conducting a transportation tour on July 5, 2006 from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and invited all Council to attend

#### 2 DISCUSSION: Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Chief Larry Boyd introduced the item and said that this will provide apartment managers the methodology to discourage crime at their apartments.

Officer Bo Jones presented the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program and gave a description of each phase of the certification process that the apartment managers must complete.

Council agreed and commended the Police Department for introducing this program.

**3 DISCUSSION:** Retirement Policy Adjustments – As Requested By Mayor

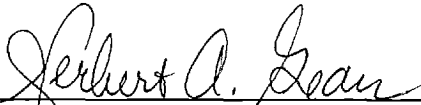
Mayor Gears introduced this item. He noted that since the City has adopted the twenty year retirement, employees are now retiring but not taking their annuity. If they do not activate their retirement benefits, they are not eligible to keep the city's insurance.

Director of Human Resources Kathy Cleveland advised that they have polled surrounding cities and have found that some do allow these employees to stay on the city insurance at the city's cost. She noted that this is a policy decision that the Council can make, but there are costs involved.

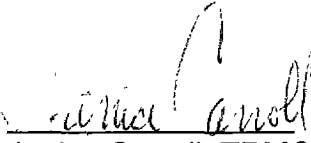
The Council directed staff to come back with a report on this cost and what will cause this increase in cost to the city.

City Manager Gonzalez assured the Council that the City's insurance consultant will prepare a report for the Council and it will be presented to them as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p m.

  
Herbert A Gears, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary

