

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
May 17, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on May 17, 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

Councilman Joe Philipp 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 May 18, 2006. The following Council directions were noted:

**9 Resolution – Approving An Event Production Agreement Between The City Of Irving And The Irving Symphony Orchestra Association In The Amount Of \$85,000.00 For The 2006 Fourth Of July Concert And Fireworks Celebration At Williams Square**

Councilman Cannaday stated that it appears this agreement has gone from \$40,000 to \$85,000 in the last three or four years.

Mayor Gears responded that the agreement was \$85,000.00 last year.

Deputy City Manager Sandy Cash reminded the Council that this is the last year that this event can be held in the William Square area in Las Colinas due to new development.

**10 Resolution – Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract Between The City Of Irving, On Behalf Of The Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau (ICVB), And**

The Dallas Convention And Visitors Bureau In the Amount Of \$50,000.00 Relative To The Partner City Agreement – Irving, TX “Visit Dallas/Fort Worth” Regional And National Marketing Initiative

Councilman Smith asked for a presentation on this item.

Executive Director of Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Maura Gast reviewed the terms of the contract.

- 11** Resolution – Endorsing The Procedural Agreement Between Atmos And Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) To Manage The Rate Case And Supporting The Rate Reduction Efforts Of The Atmos Cities Steering Committee And Confirming That Irving Will Be The Beneficiary If Any Rate Reduction

Councilman Meagher asked when the Texas Railroad Commission will hear this case.

Senior Attorney Cathy Cunningham stated it will go after May 31, 2006.

Right of Way Agent Doug Janeway advised that at Council direction changes have been made to promote the development of low cost homes in the community, and this piece of property was designated as a reasonable use.

Director of Housing and Human Services Vivian Ballou explained that the plan presented is conceptual. The property must be zoned for this use and platted. At the time of platting the lot configuration will be decided.

The Council agreed to proceed with the authorization of this use.

- 17** Resolution – Authorizing The Mayor To Apply For And Accept Continuum Of Care Homeless Assistance Shelter Plus care Funds From The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development For Housing Assistance And Supportive Services To Homeless Households

Councilman Smith stated that this resolution is an excellent example of cooperation between the public and private sectors to help people become self sufficient.

- 19F** Bids – Award Of Contract To The Dallas Morning News For The Advertisement Of Legal And Public Notices In The Net Estimated Amount Of \$46,564.00 For The Period Of May 19, 2006, Through September 30, 2006, And \$73,472.00 For The Period Of October 1, 2006, Through May 18, 2007, Subject To Funds Being Appropriated In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, To Be Administered By The City Secretary's Office

Councilman Patrick asked if the Dallas Morning News was the only paper eligible to receive this bid as he is not pleased with the news coverage that they provide to the community.

City Secretary Janice Carroll noted that in 2005, the Dallas Morning News was designated as a sole source vendor for legal and public notices.

- 27** Ordinance – Zoning Case #5610 – Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For R-AB (Restaurant With The Attendant Accessory Use Of The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For On-Premises Consumption), Private Clubs, And Fraternal Organization Uses – An Approximately 1.15 Acre Tract Located At 2906 Rock Island Road) – Curtis L. Hantelman, Irving Columbus Club (Knights Of Columbus), Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom made a presentation on this item.

- 28** Ordinance – Zoning Case #5614 – Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For R-6 (Single Family) Uses – An Approximately 0.105 Acre Tract Located At 503 Willow Road – Ramon D. Medina, Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom gave a presentation on this zoning case and stated that this received a favorably vote from the Planning and Zoning Commission

There were no questions by the Council.

- 29** Ordinance – Zoning Case #5617 – Granting R-6 (Single Family) Uses – An Approximately 1.910 Acre Tract Located At 4559 Conflans Road – JDJR Engineers And Consultants, Inc., Applicant

Senior Planner Ken Bloom made a presentation on this item and stated that this item may be postponed for two weeks.

Councilman Meagher advised that he will be abstaining from voting as he resides within 200 feet of this case.

- 30** Ordinance – Public Hearing – Proposed Designation Of A Commercial/Industrial Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. Fifty Being All The Same 22.232 Acre Tract Of Land In The City Of Irvin, Dallas County, Texas As A Part Of The John C Read Survey, Abstract No. 1183, As Described In Document No. 200503604493, Deed Records Of Dallas County, Texas

Councilwoman Van Duyne requested a presentation on this item.

Chief Financial Officer David Leininger presented a review of this abatement process and noted that Item #31 is the companion item to this public hearing.

**31** Resolution – Approving A Real Property Tax Abatement Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Valley View Development, Ltd.

Chief Financial Officer David Leininger explained this five year abatement agreement is the first project for a multi-building campus. He added that it will provide up to 250,000 square feet of development in ten buildings.

There were no questions of the Council.

**39** City Manager's Report:

- City Secretary Janice Carroll reported that after tomorrow's Regular Council meeting, a Special City Council meeting will be held to canvass the May 13, 2006 General and Special Elections;
- City Manager Tommy Gonzalez provided a Legislative update;
- The "brush and bulky" schedule will change effective July 31, 2006, to once a week pick-up;
- Regarding the incident of a dog euthanized at the Animal Shelter, Mr. Gonzalez stated that he listened to the tapes and met with the staff at the Animal Shelter. He noted that there have been new policies put into place and that the employees are being trained on the new procedures. One of the notable changes made at the shelter is the addition of a clean, open area for citizens to interact with adoptable animals. Mr. Gonzalez added that notification forms will soon be available in Spanish, and staff will be taught Spanish language phrases to assist them in their communication with residents;
- Director of Public Health and Environmental Services Pat Fowler introduced the new Manager of Public Health and Environmental Services John Teal, and noted that Mr. Teal is spending about 95% of his time at the Animal Shelter reviewing policies;
- First Phase of the Strategic Planning process was seeking input from the Council, Directors, and Senior Staff and has been completed and the Second phase will start next week. Mr. Gonzalez would like for the Council to meet with Mr. Jim Bertram with Planning Services next Tuesday or Wednesday or the following week; he will be moderating a session with the Council and staff, and the third phase will be presenting the final list of goals and objectives and the strategies to accomplish these goals;
- Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on June 22 and 23, 2006, with the Mayor and Council;
- Report on a listing of Home Land Security grants that Council is included in packet as requested by the Council;

- Budget and Financial Manager Brett Starr presented an overview of the Second Quarter Financial report as required by state law;
- Transportation Issues: Will be meeting with David Dean next week.

**40 Mayor's Report:**

- Gave an update on the Washington D.C. legislative trip on May 1 through May 3, noting that several of the Councilmember's and staff also attended;
- Councilman Stopfer spoke about the Small Starts request which is part of the transportation initiative connect the Las Colinas "People Mover" into the DART Rail Stop at the Urban Center. They also talked about the levee systems, and they will be looking at obtaining federal funding for the area around the Texas Stadium to do a study as well as to potentially raise the levee;
- Councilwoman Van Duynes stated that she thought the trip went well and that even more governmental entities and individuals are interested in participating in the Summit.
- Councilman Smith also stated that the trip went well and there will be congressional representation participating in the Transportation Summit.

**2 DISCUSSION:** Request To Amend Chapter 33A Landscape And Setback Ordinance To Exempt A Tract Of Land At 1800 East Airport Freeway From The 30 Foot Setback Requirement From The State Highway 183 – Freeman Mazda – Hyundai, Applicant

Community Development Manager Steve Reed stated that the applicant Freeman Mazda Hyundai is requesting that the City amend Chapter 33A to allow for a new sign variance encroaching 9 feet into the current required setback on SH 183. If approved, the applicant would remove the two nonconforming pole signs and replace with one new sign. The applicant has agreed to sign a Setback Waiver, in which the applicant agrees to move the new pole sign, at the applicant's expense, back to the same distance that is taken by TxDot for highway expansion.

The Council agreed with this amendment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

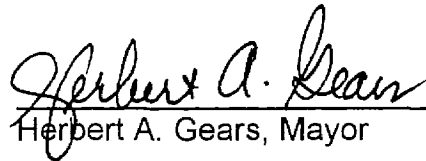
Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 1:51 p.m.

**3 DISCUSSION:** Property Acquisition – 1610 North Britain Road For The Public Purpose Of Constructing The Irving Health Center, A Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Clinic In Irving


- 4 **DISCUSSION:** Land Acquisition – Property Located At 200 Main Street
- 5 **DISCUSSION:** City Of Irving vs Milad Nasrallah aka Milad Nasrallah, And Al-Nayem International Trading, Inc. And Any Other Interested Persons
- 6 **DISCUSSION:** Economic Development Matters In Regards To Propose Entertainment Complex In The Las Colinas Urban Center

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session  
The time was 3:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3.51 p.m.

  
Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary

