

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
May 31, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on May 31, 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.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced the recipients of awards through the City's Bright Ideas Program – Domestic Violence Counselors Heather Koval and Melina Castillo of the Irving Family Advocacy Center and Police Officer Jim Sears. He commended them on their contributions to the city

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 1, 2006. The following Council directions were noted:

6 Resolution – Authorizing Staff To Negotiate An Engineering Services Agreement With Nathan D Maier Consulting Engineers, Inc. For The Design Of The Delaware Creek Channel Improvements From The Live Oak Bridge To The Canyon Oaks Bridge

Councilman Philipp asked if this is a negotiated contract based on an existing relationship with this company or is it a contract that was a bid?

Deputy Director Bob Chapman stated that this company has done work previously for the City and has the hydraulics information, and this is why they are being used.

12 Resolution – Approving Revisions To The City Of Irving Housing And Human Services Department Housing Policies And Guidelines

Councilman Philipp asked if these are minor changes to the policy and guidelines.

Director of Housing and Human Services Vivian Ballou stated that these are primarily house keeping items; guidelines were approved by the Council last year. She noted that they are establishing change order caps to 10% and increased the residency requirement from one year to three years. She also clarified that "B" paper is now being accepted and the Housing and Human Services Department is reviewing this paper prior to approval.

14 Resolution – Purchases Funded In The 2005-2006 Budget

Councilman Philipp asked if there were any contested bids.

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

20 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 **(Postponed From The May 18, 2006, City Council Meeting)**

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission made a favorable recommendation on May 15, 2006, with two stipulations: first no screening fence would be required if the applicant and the adjacent property owner reach an agreement to maintain the existing fence, and secondly, that a landscaping plan be prepared. He clarified that traffic will look at ingress and egress at the time of replating or the building plans are submitted.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if a written agreement has been reached as this was the reason for the postponement

Mr. Bloom stated that a verbal agreement has been reached but staff has not received a written document.

23 City Manager's Report

- Friend's of the Library Book Sale, June 8-11, 2006;
- Groundbreaking for New Valley Ranch Branch Library, Thursday, June 15, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.
- Verizon – The launch of the City's Public, Education, and Government Channels will be extended to July 25, 2006. Verizon will notify their customers of the delay,
- City Council Strategic Planning meeting will be held on July 7, 2006, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2 **DISCUSSION:** Drought Contingency Plan Update

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez advised that the City Of Irving would be in Stage 2 of the Contingency Plan, effective June 15, 2006. Mr. Gonzalez called on Director of Water Utilities David Ryburn to provide more information.

Director of Water Utilities David Ryburn stated that although there has been rain in the area there was not enough to increase the water supply. Since we can anticipate another hot, dry summer, the City will be facing another drought worse than the drought of record in 1952. Mr. Ryburn stated that it is important that the City of Irving activate a Drought Contingency Plan-Stage 2, Water Warning. This plan will be effective June 15, 2006, and is similar to that of other municipalities in the area. Mr. Ryburn and his staff will work with the Community Affairs Department to develop the required public announcement for publication in accordance with the City Code.

The Council was in agreement.

3 **DISCUSSION:** Update On Animal Services And Animal Shelter Operations

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced this item

Public Health Manager John Teel presented this report which included the history of the existing shelter and how it compares to other cities. He presented statistics on the number of animals impounded and their disposition. He emphasized that ten new operational policies have been implemented and complete evaluation is underway. A budget adjustment of \$75,000 will be authorized to implement the short term goals which he identified in this report. In conclusion he reviewed the long term goals which include a new animal shelter and a "no kill" concept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

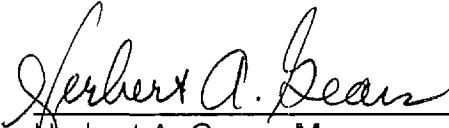
Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m

- 4 **DISCUSSION:** Property Acquisition – Property Located At 306 E. Shady Grove Road

- 5 **DISCUSSION:** Property Acquisition – Property Located At 1000 E. Hunter Ferrell Road

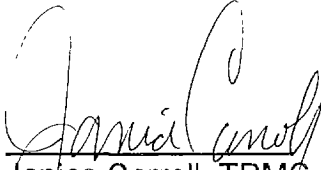
Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 2:39 p m

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p m



Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary

