

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
September 20, 2006**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on September 20, 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

**20** Resolution – Approving An Engineering Services Agreement With A N A Consultants, L.L.C. In the Amount Of \$16,150.00 For The Design Of The 2006 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements Project

Councilman Patrick asked why this contract was for only the design and not for the plans specifications?

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Bob Chapman stated that some projects have design problems, and they will study it first then come back to Council with a second contract.

**22** Resolution – Awarding Contract To Premier Meeting And Event Management In The Amount Of \$70,095.00 For Meeting Planning, Audio Visual And Onsite Conference Management Services Relative To The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Summit

Councilman Philipp asked about the status of the financial summary for the Transportation Summit.

Director of Pubic Works Jim Cline advised when Council direction is given on Item No. 5, he can then proceed with finalizing the numbers for this year's event.

- 24** Resolution – Awarding Contract To AMTECH Lighting Services, Inc. In The Amount Of \$696,198.00 For The Purchase And Installation Of Light Emitting Diode Indications For Traffic And Pedestrian Signals

Assistant City Manager Cliff Miller stated that they have been notified that they will be receiving a letter of protest on this item.

Director of Public Woks Jim Cline stated that a letter contesting this bid has been provided to the Council.

Councilman Philipp requested to see all tables and charts and asked what was the difference.

Mr. Cline stated that the price difference is \$40,000.00 and that he would have all the information at tomorrow night's Council meeting.

Councilman Smith requested that the ordinance on the red light program be brought back to the Council soon, and he asked for a timeline on installation.

Mr. Cline stated that they have a draft ordinance in the City Attorney's office for review. He stated that they will implement this ordinance this year. He will give the Council a time line on this project.

- 25** Resolution – Approving A Fee Agreement With Dean International, Inc. For Assistance In Transportation Related Issues And Consulting Services On The Transportation Summit

Councilman Dickens asked what the breakdown was on this agreement and why the payments are made from two accounts.

Director of Public Works Jim Cline stated that there were two efforts that are being done; one is the consulting for transportation policies and the other is to support the transportation summit. He said that a copy of the contract will be available Thursday night.

Councilman Philipp stated that the contract should be a part of the packet.

- 26** Resolution – Approving An Amended Agreement To The Jim Chapman Lake Operating Plan Among The City Of Irving, The North Texas Municipal Water District, The City Of Sulphur Springs And The City Of

Cooper To Account For And Protect Each Parties Respective Interest In The Water Supplies In The Lake

Councilman Stopfer stated that he would like a briefing on this item.

The Council agreed that this item could be placed on a Public Works Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

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

Finance and Development Initiatives Director David Leininger commended Acting Purchasing Manager Darlene Rush for all her hard work during the interim period of time; he also stated that the new manager will begin working September 25, 2006.

**35** Resolution – Requesting An Exception To The Masonry Requirement For Property Located At 5110 Valley View Lane – Southern Star Concrete, Applicant

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for an overview of this item.

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if there are any plans to put the SH 161 Overlay on the Planning and Development Committee for discussion.

Councilman Stopfer stated that this item would be on the Planning and Development Committee for discussion.

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now go to Item No. 7 of the Work Session as the developer has scheduling conflicts.

**7** **DISCUSSION:** Economic Development – Las Colinas Urban Center/O'Connor Boulevard Area

Charles Cotten introduced the following speakers:

Doug Chestnut from Gables Residential along with Robert Bagwell and Tom Bankwell presented this development concept.

After discussion, City Manager Gonzalez noted that this item would be discussed in executive session, and the city will provide a response to the developer in several days.

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

Director of Public Health and Environmental Services Pat Fowler introduced the item and stated that on May 31, 2006, a presentation was made to the Council titled the Animal Services Enhancement Plan and since that time they have been working diligently to implement these changes. This is an update on that plan.

Manager of Environmental Services John Teel presented the power point presentation.

There followed Council discussion particularly regarding training and the use of a licensed veterinarian.

City Manager Gonzalez stated that a more detailed report can be brought back on staff qualifications and the level of service to be provided by a veterinarian.

**6 DISCUSSION:** Update From The Texas Department Of Transportation On SH 161 Tolling Plan And Projects

Director of Public Works Jim Cline gave an introduction to this item and stated two items would be discussed by Bob Brown TxDot: 1) Issue regarding 161 and ramps at Conflans and 2) a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday to take public input on these issues.

Deputy District Engineer of the Texas Department of Transportation Bob Brown gave a power point presentation.

Councilman Meagher stated that he was not aware that SH 161 at Conflans would be tolled. He also stated that he was not aware that there was a Public Hearing scheduled for September 21, 2006.

Mr. Brown stated that they have been working with COG on this toll road project.

Councilman Meagher asked what changed in the last year to require that this become a toll road.

Mr. Brown stated that the decision by RTC to make this a toll road occurred after the ground breaking.

**2 DISCUSSION:** Review Of The Schematic Design Plans For Cimarron Park Family Aquatic Center As Prepared By The Consultants, Wiginton Hooker Jeffry, Architects

Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Gooch introduced the item and with the assistance of Parks and Recreation Casey Tate Parks Planning and Construction Manager gave a "powerpoint" presentation.

The design of a new \$2.6 million dollar Family Aquatic Center for Cimarron Park began in April with two community meetings. The consultants, Wiginton Hooker Jeffry, Architects have completed the Schematic Designs which have been reviewed with the residents of Valley Ranch, as well as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The proposed plans were endorsed by the Parks Board with the addition of a fourth 25 meter lap lane and screening of the slide tower. After a recent meeting with citizens, Staff has included a 5<sup>th</sup> lap land, additional parking, a lower slide height and will propose adult-only swim time, Mr. Gooch advised the Council.

Councilman Cannaday asked if the citizens in Valley Ranch were satisfied with the changes made.

Mr. Gooch advised that they were. He also clarified for Councilwoman Van Duyne that the expansion of the parking will cut into the soccer field open space, but it should not be a major impact.

The council concurred to move forward with this project.

**5 DISCUSSION:** Conference Space For The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Transportation Summit

Director of Public Works Jim Cline presented the item and stated that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Summit will be held at the Westin hotel

Councilman Philipp asked for clarifications on the following contract points:

1. page nine, item E, refers to consultant guidelines and they are not attached;
2. page eight, item D, references cancellation fees and they appear higher than last year;
3. page four reflects 20 and should be changed to 25.

Councilman Philipp asked for clarification on these points.

**4 DISCUSSION:** Discussion On Redistricting Of City Council Districts One Through Five

Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson presented the item and stated that the city charter requires the city to re-district every ten years, and the last re-districting was done in 1996.

Mayor Gears asked for a four member council sub-committee to review the options with Councilwoman Van Duyne, Councilman Meagher, Smith and Philipp agreed to serve on this committee.

Mayor Gears stated that the Council will now return to Worksession Item #1 and continue the review of the regular agenda beginning with the zoning case, Item #44.

**44 Ordinance – Zoning Case #566 – Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For C-C Community Commercial), Auto Sales, Display And Make Ready Uses – An Approximately 0.754 Acre Tract Located At 431 West Airport Freeway (Northeast Corner Of O'Connor Road And State Highway 183) -- Alden Wagner, Applicant**

Senior Planner Ken Bloom presented the case.

Mayor Gears asked that the applicant be told that there will be problems with this case as proposed.

**45 Resolution – Authorizing The Acting City Attorney To Finalize Articles Of Incorporation And Bylaws To Create The Irving Housing Finance Corporation And Hold The Organizational Meeting Of This Corporation By October 12, 2006**

City Manager Gonzalez presented this item and stated that Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson will prepare the bylaws.

The Council agreed that the word "finalize" should be changed to "draft" for the Councils review.

**46 Resolution – Appointment To Dallas County Utility And Reclamation District**

Councilman Dickens stated that they would be appointing Charles Cotten to this board.

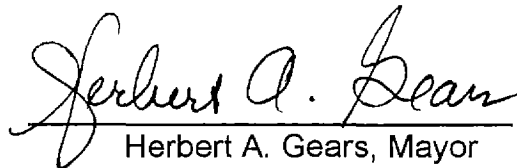
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Gears read the Council into Executive Session at 4:18 p.m.

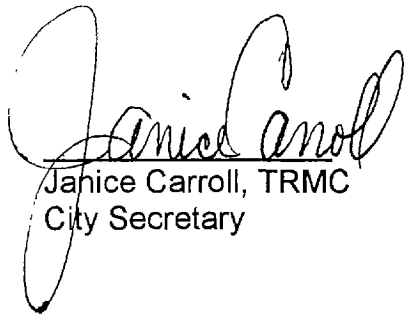
- 7 **DISCUSSION:** Economic Development – Las Colinas Urban Center/O'Connor Boulevard Area
- 8 **DISCUSSION:** Update On Lawsuit - Baumgartner v. City Of Irving
- 9 **DISCUSSION:** Personnel – Preservation And Redevelopment

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 5:18 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

  
Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary

