

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
January 24, 2007**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on January 24, 2007. 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 January 25, 2007.

6 Resolution – Approving An Engineering Services Agreement With Halff Associates, Inc., In The Amount Of \$373,000.00 For The Analysis Of The Irving Flood Control District Section I

Councilman Philipp asked for an explanation on this item.

Director of Public Works Jim Cline stated that they have been working with Mr. Paul Phy with this district. Mr. Cline stated that Texas Department of Public Safety will be reimbursing the city for some of these expenses.

10 Resolution – Purchases Funded In the 2006-2007 Budget

Mayor Gears asked if there were any contested bids.

City Manager Gonzalez stated that there were no contested bids.

- 13** Ordinance – Amending Chapter 21 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of the City Of Irving, Texas, By Adding Article XVI “Automated Traffic Signal Enforcement”, Providing A Repealing Clause; Providing A Severability Clause; Providing For The Imposition Of Civil Penalties; And Providing An Effective Date

Councilman Smith asked for a presentation on this item.

Director of Public Works Jim Cline stated that this ordinance will allow the city to go forward with the Red Light camera enforcement.

- 14** Resolution – Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0611-0039 Located At 4250 And 4260 North Country Club Road – Cheryl Head, Representing Villas Of Verona, Applicant

Councilman Meagher asked for a presentation on this item.

Director of Building Inspections Gary Miller presented the item and stated that staff is recommending denial of this item. He said that the applicant will be present at the City Council meeting tomorrow night to present the case.

- 15** Resolution – Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0611-0059 Located At 8505 Walton Boulevard – Brad Pilkington, representing Hollywood Theaters, Applicant

Director of Building Inspections Gary Miller presented the item and stated that this item is also recommended for denial by staff.

- 16** Resolution – Requesting An Exception To The Masonry Requirements For Property Located At 4201 North State Highway 161 (The Offices At State Highway 161 And Walnut Hill Lane) – Hardy McCullah/MLM Architects, Applicant **(Postponed From The January 11, 2007 City Council Meeting)**

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the item and stated that the applicant has asked for another postponement on this item.

- 17** Resolution – Postponing Until February 22, 2007, The Consideration Of An Ordinance Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For C-C (Community Commercial) Uses In Zoning Case #5665 – A 4.960 Acre Tract Located At 1910 -1912 North Britain Road (East Side Of North Britain Road, South Of East Airport Freeway

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom stated that this item would be postponed to the February 22, 2007 City Council meeting.

- 18** Ordinance – Zoning Case #5669 – Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For ML-20 (Light Industrial) And Auto Auction Uses – An 8.79 Acre Tract Located At 1401 South Walton Walker Boulevard (West Side Of Loop 12, South Of Shady Grove Road) – Sharon Barbosa-Crain, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval with minor stipulations that have been met by the applicant.

The Council asked for clarification on opposition and on the setback and screening stipulations.

- 19** Ordinance – Zoning Case #5670 – Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For ML-20 (Light Industrial) And Unscreened Outside Storage Uses – An Approximately 7.665 Acre Tract Located At 2101 East Union Bower Road – Crimestone AAA Operating Co., L.P., Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case.

- 20** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5671 – Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For R-AB (Restaurant With Alcoholic Beverages) Uses – An 0.082 Acre Tract Located At 1014-1018 East Irving Boulevard (Southeast Corner Of Irving Boulevard And Nursery Road) – Cruz Dominguez, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case.

Councilman Philipp asked for a report on police incidents at this property and if they were in compliance with the current RAB zoning.

Mr. Bloom stated that he will have this information tomorrow.

- 22** Ordinance – Amending Section 52-35b Hotel Development Standards Of Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 1144 Of The City Of Irving, Texas To Provide For A Minimum Standards For Hotels – City Of Irving, Applicant

Mayor Gears asked that a brief presentation be made to the public tomorrow night at the meeting. The Council agreed.

Director of Planning and Development Ed Barry told the Council that the current hotel zoning cases will be completed under the current standards, but they have been advised of the new minimum standards.

23 Resolution – Approving An Economic Incentive Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Behringer Harvard 250/290 Carpenter, LP

24 Resolution – Approving An Economic Incentive Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Avelo Mortgage, LLP

City Manager Gonzalez stated that items #23 and #24 are companion items.

Manager of Finance Cathy Duncan gave a brief presentation on these items and stated that this will be a multi-tenant building; Avelo Mortgage, LLP, will be the first tenant, and there will be other tenants as well

27 City Manager's Report

- Legislative Update was handed out,
- February 9-11, 2007 - there will be a TML Conference and Legislative briefing in Austin,
- Recognized Shirley Smith and Brad Duff for their hard work in finding new revenues and investing the balance in funds and earned the city 1.5 million dollars in interest that grew to 2.6 million dollars in interest,
- Crime Free Multi-Housing Program – 4023 Block Drive, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Lake Chapman Water Supply has risen to 429.03 feet. This is an increase of 7.07 feet from a low of 421.96 feet on December 29, 2006,
- Council Work Session will start to be televised at the end of February,
- Performance Measurement/Executive Dashboard System Implementation – Staff is moving forward with implementing the Performance Measurement/Executive Dashboard software.

2 DISCUSSION: Automated Traffic Signal Enforcement Vendor

Director of Public Works Jim Cline introduced this item.

Traffic Engineering Manager Kathleen Mullins gave a presentation to the Council and stated that Red Flex fees are \$4,870.00 per month; ATS fees are \$4,750.00 per month, staff considered these fees as equal. Staff continues to recommend ATS.

Councilman Dickens and Councilman Meagher expressed their concern about staff's choice.

The contract will be brought to the next Council meeting for the Council's consideration.

3 DISCUSSION: Hunter Ferrell Landfill Development

Solid Waste Manager Brenda Haney presented a power point presentation and stated that the city is moving forward with the redevelopment of the landfill, this will add capacity and will allow public access with multi use development. Ms. Haney stated that the landfill will provide multiple and varied uses, more useable property after closure and will provide lower overall elevation with varied topography which improves visible aesthetics. This also meets Strategic Goal 10.

4 DISCUSSION: Neighborhood Program Update

Director of Planning and Development Ed Barry introduced the item.

Chief of Police Larry Boyd, Chair of the staff committee, presented a power point presentation on the Neighborhood Program update.

Councilwoman Van Duyne commended the staff on their work.

Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5 DISCUSSION: Gas Leases Of City Property – 447 Acres – DFW Airport Vicinity/Urban Center/Campion

6 DISCUSSION: Legal Advice – Texas Stadium Transition Agreement

7 DISCUSSION: City Manager – Personnel

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary