

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
March 7, 2007**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on March 7, 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 March 8, 2007. The following Council directions were noted.

- 3** Resolution -- Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Sponsorship Agreement Between The City Of Irving On Behalf Of The Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau (ICVB) And The Salesmanship Club Charitable Golf Of Dallas In The Amount Of \$165,000.00 For A Host City Sponsorship, Media Center Co-Sponsorship, And Media Guide Sponsorship For The 2007 EDS Byron Nelson Championship
- 4** Resolution -- Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement Between The City Of Irving On Behalf Of The Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau (ICVB) And The Four Seasons Resort And Club To Provide Food/Beverage/Entertainment Services For Customers/Clients During The EDS Byron Nelson Championship, April 22-29, 2007, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$40,000.00
- 5** Resolution – Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Host City Sponsorship Agreement Between The city of Irving On Behalf Of Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau (ICVB) And Professional Convention Management

Association (PCMA) Education Foundation In The Amount Of \$100,000.00 For The Partnership Summit, May 31-June 3, 2007, At The Four Seasons Resort And Club

Councilman Philipp asked for a briefing on this item

Executive Director Maura Gast stated that items 3 and 4 are tied together for the Byron Nelson, Item 3 the contract for the sponsorship and Item 4 is for the food and beverage, which will be catered by the Four Seasons Resort and Club. Ms. Gast stated that Item 5 is in support of the sponsorship of the Four Seasons and the professional Convention Management Association to host their partner summit here in Irving in May.

- 16** Resolution -- Approving The First Amendment To The Advanced Funding Agreement With The Sulphur River Basin Authority For The Development Of Water Resources In The Sulphur River Basin In An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00

Director of Public Works Jim Cline reviewed the contract.

- 21** Resolution -- Preliminary/Final Plat -- Preston Hollow -- A 5.411 Acre Tract Located On The Southeast Corner Of Northgate Drive And Rochelle Boulevard -- Mark T. Owens, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the item and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission did a technical denial on this item. Mr. Bloom stated that staff recommends approval.

Councilman Patrick requested that staff look into revising the drainage ordinance to match federal requirements.

Director of Public Works Jim Cline stated that this can be discussed at a future Public Works Committee meeting.

- 22** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5658 -- Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For Drive-In Restaurant Uses -- A 1.189 Acre Tract Located On The North Side Of Corporate Drive, Approximately 400 Feet East Of MacArthur Boulevard -- N3 Capital LLC, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, staff also recommends approval. Mr. Bloom stated that a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is required for approval of this case.

- 27** City Manager's Report

- Digital Interactive Wall – The Digital Interactive Wall has been installed at the Irving/Las Colinas Marketing Center;

- Neighborhood Enhancement Program Workshop was held on March 3, 2007 and the meeting went very well. The next step is to work with the residents to form a neighborhood association;
- Adjusted City Council Districts – The city of Irving has received clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice for the recently adjusted City Council districts for Places 1-5. This adjustment creates districts with more evenly distributed population based upon the 2000 U.S. Census figures. The City Secretary Janice Carroll handed out new maps to the Mayor and Council, and maps are also available to the public in the City Secretary's Office;
- Animal Shelter Modifications – Several changes have been made to the Animal Shelter to make the building safer for the Certified Animal Shelter Volunteers. Volunteers now can access several rooms to perform tasks without being exposed to animals being held for rabies observation;
- Animal Services Tracking Software will be in place in the next month or two and will be able to track information that will be computerized;
- Park Board Considering Facility Name Change – The Park and Recreation Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. March 12, 2007 at city Hall. An action item on the agenda calls for consideration to rename West Park after Pastor Joseph R. Sheppard of the Ben Washington Baptist Church. Since the initial request, much interest has been generated and resident comments have been received regarding their preferences for the park name. Staff has asked those interested parties to consider naming recommendations that could satisfy all parties. The Parks and Recreation Board will ask that three or four speakers address the interests of all parties. The goal is to encourage a favorable recommendation that meets the needs of all those affected. If those conditions are met after the discussion, city staff will propose naming recommendations and forward to City Council for consideration. Mayor Gears asked Community Services Managing Director Paul Gooch to speak to Mr. Glover regarding his request for the street name change;
- Keeler Park Vandalism – This year's fiscal budget allocated \$150,000 to replace vandalized park facilities at Keeler Park. Staff had conducted community input meetings and was completing new designs for the park. Unfortunately, the park was vandalized again, including the burning of park furniture and a shelter. Parks staff has been instructed to conduct another community input meeting and to continue working with the Police Department to address vandalism issues. This effort may influence the final design and material selection;
- Food Handler's Card Ordinance – Environmental Health staff hosted a public meeting for food establishment owners and operators on March 1, 2007. Of the 1,000 owners/managers

invited, 82 persons attended the two-hour discussion about the proposed ordinance that would require a safe food handling class for all 10,000 food handlers working in Irving. Fifty-nine food service professional submitted written comments;

- Airing of Council Work Session Meetings - will take place at the next work session meeting. Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if the city would have On Demand available to citizens. Corporate Communications Director Laurie Kunke stated the work sessions will be aired live on ICTN and the internet beginning March 21, 2007. Ms Kunke is working with IT to have City Council meetings available to watch on the internet on an n demand basis, as well as coming up with an oppurnitiy to have the Council meetings On Demand when people want to watch them or watch other ICTN programming. Councilman Dickens asked if the city has explored having ICTN programming government channel via satellite that can carry government channels. City Manager Gonzalez stated that this can be done, but there will be a cost and Ms. Kunke is checking into this;
- Customer Service Director Pat Nicks stated that she has been in correspondence with Michelle Lawson at Verizon and Time Warner regarding the carriage of ICTN programming on the companies Video On Demand VOD systems. Both Michelle Lawson of Verizon and Clem Maddox of Time Warner have been investigating this possibility with their corporate offices and engineering staff. According to Ms. Lawson, this is not technically feasible for Verizon. The Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) channels are carried on the RF spectrum (basic tier) which is only a one-way transmission to viewers. Councilwoman Van Duyne asked if the city could have a link to show a presentation that goes along with an agenda item. City Secretary Janice Carroll stated that this can be done;
- Community Services Managing Director Paul Gooch gave an update on the Keeler Park vandalism and stated that park staff has been instructed to conduct another community input meeting and to continue to work with the Police department to address vandalism issues;
- Traffic Signal LED Project – Public Works/Traffic has completed the traffic signal LED installation at 101 intersections, which will significantly lower the demand for electricity.
- Military Call Up - Three officers one that is currently serving has been called up to serve in Iraq: Michael Privett, Landon Rollins and Pablo Colonvega;
- Sales Tax Report – City Manager Gonzalez stated that it is holding steady; Cathy Duncan gave an update on this.

- Firefighters - A couple of firefighters rescued a 12 year old, the firefighters were injured during the rescue; they will be recognized at a reception tomorrow;
- Officer of the Month- Rocky Bailey has been recognized as Officer of the Month by the Irving Elks Lodge for this work in obtaining a search warrant in Grand Prairie. More than 20 stolen vehicles, with a value of more than \$400,000, were recovered;
- BOAT Award of Merit – The building Officials Association of Texas recognized the Inspections Department with an Award of Merit at its 2007 BOAT Mid-Year Meeting;
- Pubic Work/Streets Breakfast – An employee recognition breakfast for about 80 Public Works/Streets Employees was held on Feb 23, 2007;
- Urban Land Institute Advisory Panel – Financial & Development Services Managing Director David Leininger has been invited to serve as chairman of an Urban Land Institute Advisory Panel evaluating redevelopment options for the one million square foot super-regional Eastland Mall in Charlotte, North Carolina. The three day panel is sponsored by the City of Charlotte and the owner;
- Legislative Activity - Senior Attorney Cathy Cunningham gave an update to the reference book relative to the legislative book. Ms Cunningham highlighted the main concerns for the city of Irving;

2 DISCUSSION: Adoption Of Construction Codes

Director of Inspections Gary Miller discussed and reviewed the recommended changes by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, City of Irving Construction Board of Appeals and city staff to adopt the 2003 International Codes and 2005 National Electrical code proposals.

Councilman Smith requested an update on code enforcement at a Community Services meeting in April.

Councilwoman Van Dyne stated that she would like to look more closely at the carport issue.

Mayor Gears requested a copy of the carport ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 2:48 p.m.

3 DISCUSSION: Property Acquisition – Downtown Landbank

4 DISCUSSION: Personnel – City Manager

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session.
The time was 3:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary