

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
March 21, 2007**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on March 21, 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 22, 2007. The following Council directions were noted.

3 Resolution -- Authorizing The City Of Irving To Support The North Texas Region In Hosting Super Bowl XLV And Its Related Super Bowl Activities

4 Resolution -- Approving A Venue Reservation Agreement Between The City Of Irving And The North Texas Super Bowl XLV Bidding Committee, Inc. To Provide Locations Or Facilities For Use In Various Super Bowl Related Activities

Mayor Gears asked for a presentation on these items.

President and CEO of the North Texas Commission Dan Petty gave a presentation. He asked that the Mayor and Council favorably pass the resolution in support of the Super Bowl XLV bid to have this event in the metroplex.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked what the Council is authorizing at this time.

Mr. Petty stated that the detail budgets have not been completed, if the bid is awarded to this area, then a detail budget will be developed and presented to all cities.

Executive Director of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Maura Gast stated that Irving has two hotels being considered for the team hotel and the host hotel during Super Bowl week.

- 5** 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 Fourth Of July Concert And Fireworks At Williams Square

Councilman Philipp asked who on staff will be in charge of public safety?

Mayor Gears stated that "coal" fireworks will be used in this year.

Mr. Gooch stated that the city assigns a staff person to work with the symphony and to coordinate all the city services that are provided, and the Fire Department will work with the company on the fireworks display.

Councilman Philipp asked for a written follow up on safety procedures.

- 10** Resolution -- Authorizing Solicitation Of Proposals To Lease Approximately 439.6531 Acres Of City Owned Land For Mineral Leases

Mayor Gears asked if this is an additional 110 acres and separate from the City's first lease.

Real Estate Services Manager Doug Janeway responded that it is an additional 110 acres, and the City will coordinate with the University of Dallas.

- 16** 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.

- 18** Ordinance -- Adopting The City Of Irving Emergency Water Management Plan (Drought Contingency Plan And The Water Conservation Plan) And Amending Section 41-14 Of Chapter 41 Entitled "Water And Sewer Systems" Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas, To Provide For The Duration, Change, Or Extension Of An Emergency Order

Mayor Gears stated that this amends the existing ordinance to create the Three Plus Program, as part of the Drought Contingency Plan.

- 27** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5679 -- Granting C-W (Commercial Warehouse) Uses -- An Approximately 0.42 Acre Tract Located At 2622 And 2626 Maupin Lane And 1139 North Union Bower Road -- Darlene Walker Hoffman, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to the stipulation that they place solid fencing 20 feet from the property line, the applicant has agreed to the stipulations.

Councilman Patrick asked if the property would have to be platted.

Mr. Bloom stated that not at this time, if they do put in any new buildings, they will have to plat the property.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked which of the areas are owned by the same applicant.

Mr. Bloom stated that land parcels #10, #11, #13, #14 and #16 are not owned by the applicant or the applicant's family.

- 28** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5682 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For ML-20 (Light Industrial) Uses -- An Approximately 50.6198 Acre Tract Located At 1331 East Airport Freeway (North Side Of State Highway 183, East Of Carl Road) -- Stahlman Group, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the city staff did recommend approval of this case; this case will require a three fourths vote of the entire Council.

Mr. Bloom stated that the applicant has been made aware of the height, facades and fire safety issues.

- 29** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5683 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For ML-20 (Light Industrial) Uses -- An Approximately 11.53 Acre Tract Located At 2800 East Grauwlyer Road -- Perry And Louise Marker (Texas Dirt Contractors), Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval, and stated that the stipulations that have been met.

Councilman Philipp stated that the applicant needs to know that they will not be allowed to stack pallots.

- 31** Resolution – Public Hearing – Failure Of Chopin Restaurant & Karaoke (Hereafter Referred To “Chopin”) To Meet The Requirements Of Section

52-49 Of Ordinance No. 1144 "Restaurant With Attendant Accessory Use Of The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For On-Premises Consumption"

Senior Assistant City Attorney Cathy Cunningham gave a briefing to the City Council on the role of the Council when the evidence is presented at the hearing conducted at the regular Council meeting.

Councilman Philipp asked for a copy of the RAB reports that the applicant has submitted.

32 City Manager's Report:

Goal No. 2: Vibrant Neighborhoods

- Code Enforcement Activity Snapshot: - During the month of January and February, the Code Enforcement Division Of Inspections Department successfully closed 1, 857 violations;
- Community Partnership Grants – Thirteen Community Partnership Grants were awarded;
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program – Team on staff continues to work on the leadership structure for this neighborhood;

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for a more detailed Code Enforcement Report;

Goal N. 3: Economic Development

- Hotel Groundbreaking – Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. broke ground on March 20, 2007;
- Irving CEO Appreciation Luncheons – The city of Irving, Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau and Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce held an Irving CEO Appreciation Luncheon on March 9, 2007, to thank business leaders for choosing Irving as their corporate home;

Councilman Stopfer gave a report on the Irving Day in Austin a CEO Reception was also held in Austin as well as Irving day In Austin, these events went well and Councilman Stopfer commended the Mayor for his leadership and the Council for their support.

Goal Number 4: Safe and Secure City

- Outdoor Warning Siren – new system has been installed at Bird's Fort Trail Park on Riverside Drive;
- New Police Vehicle – The Police Department has placed a new vehicle in operation for responses to weapons of mass destruction incidents.
- Citizens Police Academy – On March 13, 2007, 20 Irving residents attended the initial spring class of the Citizens Police Academy;

- Police Awards Banquet – The Irving Police Department will hold its Annual Police Awards Banquet on March 29, 2007, at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport hotel;

Goal No: 5 Diversity

- Leyendo Juntos – East Branch, in partnership with Telemundo 39, kicks off its 2007 “Leyendo Juntos” (Reading Together) program at 2:00 p.m. on March 24, 2007. Parents are invited to bring their children to listen to Spanish-Language stories read by Telemundo 39 sportscaster Lois Fernando Perez;

Goal No. 6: Effective Communications

- Election Coverage on ICTN – Irving Community Television Network (ICTN) will begin its “Open Line” election coverage on March 28, 2007;
- Video Conferencing Equipment – The Information Technology Department, in conjunction with the Emergency Management Office, has purchased video conferencing equipment through a grant received from the State of Texas for emergency operations. This equipment, located within the basement of City Hall, utilizes the Internet and not phone lines. This will allow the city to communicate with state and local agencies in emergency situations.

Goal No. 7: Cultural, Recreational and Educational Environments

- Parks Employee Earns Arborist Certification – Parks Operations Supervisor Mike Griffith successfully passed the examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture to become a certified arborist. He attended three training sessions during January to prepare for the examination, and successfully completed all 13 sections of the examination;
- Book Fair – Both Irving Barnes & Noble stores are holding a book fair the weekend of March 23-25, 2007 to raise funds for the Irving Public Library. A portion of the sales goes toward the library;

Goal No. 8: Sound Governance

- Arts Legislation – City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, Irving Arts Executive Director Richard Huff and Acting City Attorney Charles R. Anderson traveled to Austin on March 14, 2007, to appear before the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee to support the senate bill to secure Irving arts funding. The committee favorably reported the bill;
- Staff Development Series Graduates Honored – The third class of the Administrative Support Staff Development Series Program,

offered by Human Resources, was honored at a special ceremony on March 1, 2007;

- Brake System Seminar – The Fleet Maintenance Division hosted a training seminar for brake systems at the Briery Maintenance Center. The training was performed by an outside agency.

Goal No. 9: Infrastructure Network

- S.H. 183/S.H 161 Interchange – Construction on the interchange at State Highways 183 and 161 is on schedule, with completion planned for September. It is anticipated that the ramps to Conflans Road will be completed by early August;
- Fritz and Centennial Parks Update – Contractors have substantially completed the dredging work in Fritz Park along the Delaware Channel. Spoils from the project are now being removed from the site. Additionally, contractors are scheduled to move on-site March 26, 2007 to work on Centennial Park. They will pour a concrete erosion retention wall along a portion of the eastern pond shoreline. Mr. Gooch stated that the contractor will be removing the erosion from the pond, and the pond will be drained again.
- Milling and Overlay Program – The contractor for Dallas County District No. 4 is scheduled to begin milling and overlay operations by the end of April. Concrete repairs are already underway;
- Facility Upgrade – The upgrade of fresh paint, carpet and tile for the 3000 Rock Island Road facility is near completion. Public Health and Emergency Management staff will relocate from their existing offices to occupy the building. The building currently houses the Warehouse, Keep Irving Beautiful and Friends of the Irving Public Library.

33 Mayor's Report

Mayor Gears reiterated that the groundbreaking of the Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc. was a very significant event for Irving.

2 **DISCUSSION:** Review Of The Proposed TXU Tariff To Implement Electrical Infrastructure Improvements Including Installation Of Underground Wiring

Community Services Managing Director Paul Gooch gave a presentation on this item. Also present were Senior Assistant City Attorney Cathy Cunningham and Park Planning and Construction Manager Casey Tate and the following TXU Representatives Mike Sherburn and Jerry Bates.

Councilman Dickens asked where the labor cost fits in to this proposal.

Mr. Gooch stated that labor is included in the total cost.

Councilman Meagher asked how the cable and phone lines will be handled.

Mr. Gooch stated that the city may incur a cost for burying of these lines.

The City Council agreed to move forward.

City Manager Gonzalez recognized the staff members as well as the TXU representatives that worked with the city on this project.

- 3 DISCUSSION:** Presentation Of North Texas 2011 Super Bowl Bid And Resolution, And Update On Irving Participation – Dan Petty, North Texas Commission; Maura Gast, Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau

This was discussed as a part of the Agenda Review Item.

- 4 DISCUSSION:** Presentation On Network Upgrade/Telecommunication

Director of Information Technology Hong Sae presented this report on the upgrade and the proposed phone service that will be provided.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez stated that training on these new phone systems is a part of the contract.

- 5 DISCUSSION:** Presentation On Computer Re-Use Program

Director of Information Technology Hone Sae presented the item and stated that recycled computers will be donated to a non-profit organization and will be given to residents of the City of Irving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.

- 6 DISCUSSION:** Property Acquisition – Animal Shelter

7 DISCUSSION: Property Acquisition – Downtown Landbank

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session.
The time was 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary