

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
April 4, 2007**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on April 4, 2007. The following members were present:

Mayor Herbert A. Gears

**Councilmembers**

James Dickens  
Beth Van Duyne  
Allan E. Meagher  
Lowell Cannaday  
Rick Stopfer  
Sam Smith  
Joe Philipp

Councilman Lewis Patrick was not in attendance.

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 April 5, 2007. The following Council directions were noted.

**2** Resolution -- Approving Amendment No. 1 To The HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Irving Community Development Corporation For The Site Development Of Five Single Family Homes On West Pioneer Drive In Irving, Texas

**3** Resolution -- Approving Amendment No. 2 To The Community Development Block Grant Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Irving Community Development Corporation For The Site Development And Construction Of Five Single Family Homes On West Pioneer Drive In Irving, Texas

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for an overview on these items.

Director of Housing and Human Services Vivian Ballou reviewed the items and stated that the city is requesting to amend the contracts for the following reasons: 1) reduce the number of units from five to four, 2) increase the amount of funding to the project due to the increase of

construction cost and the sewer line installation, 3) the size of the houses have been enlarged and 4) the term has been extended from March 31, 2007 to July 31, 2007.

- 5** Resolution -- Approving Addendum No. 1 To The Economic Development Services Contract With The Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber Of Commerce In The Amount Of \$55,000.00 To Provide Additional Services Associated With The Preservation And Redevelopment Board And Downtown Redevelopment From April 9, 2007, To September 30, 2007

Councilman Smith requested a review of this item.

Managing Director Paul Gooch reviewed the amendments to the contract and clarified that the funding for this will be evenly distributed from the General Fund and the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

- 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 – Approving An Amendment To The Master Thoroughfare Plan To Modify The Extension Of Stardust Drive

Director of Public Works Jim Cline presented the item and stated that it does not have a negative impact on the master thoroughfare plan.

The Council requested that a better visual representation of the change be presented at the regular meeting.

- 14** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5675 -- Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For Wireless Telecommunications Tower -- An Approximately 0.014 Acre Tract Located At 1451 East Northgate Drive -- T-Mobile USA, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that the applicant is requesting rezoning to allow a new wireless telecommunications tower. On March 7, 2007, the Planning and Zoning Commission postponed this case to the April 2, 2007, since the required zoning sign had not been posted on the property. This sign has since been posted. Staffs recommendation is for approval.

- 16** Ordinance -- Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Change The Recommended Land Use From Parks And Open Space To Single Family Detached - Low Density Residential And Granting R-6 (Single Family) District Uses In Zoning Case #5678 -- An Approximately 0.635 Acre Tract

Located At The Southwest Corner Of Bolden Road And Nursery Road --  
Ash Abraham, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom stated that the applicant has requested  
that this item be postponed to the May 24, 2007 City Council meeting.

- 17 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5681 -- Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan)  
For ML-20a (Light Industrial) And Outside Storage Uses -- An  
Approximately 0.713 Acre Tract Located At 1513 Maryland Drive -- C.T.  
and S., Inc. Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom stated that the applicant has requested  
that this item be postponed to the May 24, 2007, City Council meeting.

- 18 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 **(Postponed From  
The March 22, 2007 City Council Meeting)**

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the item and stated that the  
request for towers has been removed from this zoning request.

Councilman Smith stated that he had some phone calls from citizens  
asking if there are any health hazards as a result of the materials stored.

Director of Economic Development Greater Irving – Las Colinas Chamber  
of Commerce John Bonnot introduced staff from American Beverage  
Kroger Project Manager Chris Ovelton, General Manager Mary Ellen  
Adcock and Plant Engineer Peter Nytomt.

Mr. Ovelton stated that PET Resin will be stored, in pellet form and used  
to produce water bottles, but he has never heard of any health concerns,  
but he will research this.

Councilman Philipp asked that the Chamber of Commerce contact NCH  
Corporation and request that they provide a written statement that they no  
longer oppose this zoning case.

- 19 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5685 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site  
Plan) For R-6 (Single Family) Uses -- An Approximately 0.14 Acre Tract  
Located At 2416 Harbor Trail (South Side Of Harbor Trail, West Of Story  
Road) -- James Boyd, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that the  
Planning and Zoning Commission recommended favorably with the  
stipulation that the six foot by nine foot walkway cover be removed from  
the site plan and the site plan be revised to reflect the correct dimensions.

Mayor Gears asked if the city didn't address carports as an allowed use in the zoning ordinance what would happen regarding carports in front yard set back.

Director of Planning and Development Ed Barry stated that his staff has surveyed what other cities do and how they address this issue.

The Council agreed to send this issue back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review of allowing the construction of carports and the materials used in the construction of these carports.

- 20** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise To Allied Waste Industries, Inc. For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 21** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Bluebonnet Waste Control, Inc. For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 22** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Champion Waste Services, LTD For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 23** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Community Waste Disposal, L.P. For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 24** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Empire Disposal LTD For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 25** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Hurricane Waste Systems For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 26** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To IESI Corporation For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 27** Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Moore Disposal, Inc. For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter

33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas

- 28 Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Republic Waste Services Of TX., LTD For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 29 Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To S & H Waste Disposal Service For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 30 Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Standard Waste Systems, LTD For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas
- 31 Ordinance -- First Reading -- Granting A Franchise Renewal To Waste Management For Solid Waste Collection Services Pursuant To Chapter 33 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Texas

Solid Waste Manager Brenda Haney stated that items 21-31 are companies that are renewing their franchise. Ms. Haney stated that the franchise fee to be assessed is 5% of gross revenues for business generated in servicing dumpsters, roll-off containers, compactor containers, or collecting and hauling in open top trucks on waste collected within the City of Irving.

- 32 Resolution – Appointments To The Boards Of Director Of The Irving Flood Control District, Section I And Section III

Mayor Gears stated that this item would be discussed in Executive Session.

- 33 City Manager's Report

Goal No. 4: Safe and Secure City

- Police Recruiting Strategies – In anticipation of increased officer retirement, and significant competition in the DFW Metroplex for quality police officer applicants, the Police Department is pursuing several enhancements to its officer recruitment strategy. They include: College Requirement, Military Exemption, Recruitment Bonus, Lateral Transfer, and Civil Service Testing;
- Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program – On April 18, the Irving Police Department will provide a Phase I training course for the CFMH program. There are at least 15 additional complexes

that want to join the program and send approximately 30 of their personnel through the course. Irving is also allowing officers from nine police agencies to attend the training and learn how to implement programs in their cities;

- Police Sick Leave – The Police Department has requested that Human Resources research options to enhance incentives to reduce the use of sick leave benefits by sworn personnel. Under Civil Service rules, the city is required to compensate sworn employees for 720 hours of their accrued sick leave balance;
- Civil Service Exam – Recognized the Human Resources Department for working and administering a Civil Service exam for police officer positions and had 78 people attend. Human Resources is working with the Police Department to begin posting exams on the Web site through 2008 in an effort to help potential applicants plan when they can take the exam;

#### Goal No. 6: Effective Communications

- New Web and E-mail Addresses – The Web Team is working on updating the city Web Site with a new look. Along with the new Web design, a new domain name, [www.cityofirving.org](http://www.cityofirving.org), will be implemented. This Web address, which is easier for residents and city staff to remember, will be implemented in July. The change also will affect staff e-mail addresses beginning in June;
- Las Colinas Live! DVD – Irving Community Television Network (ICTN) has produced a video, which features interviews from local business and city leaders that will air on ICTN. It is also available on DVD for free checkout at the Irving libraries and can be watched on the city Web site at [www.ci.irving.tx.us](http://www.ci.irving.tx.us);
- Town Hall Wrap Up – Two Town Hall meetings planned by the Corporate Communications Department at city recreation centers in March were attended by more than 300 residents and city staff. Attendees were updated on city projects and were shown a new city video. In addition, residents asked a variety of questions answered by staff and Olde Towne developer Delbert McDougal. Questions covered topics such as the Olde Towne project, residential code compliance, immigration, and streets project;

#### Goal No. 7: Cultural, Recreational and Educational Environments:

- Library Community Input Meetings – In preparation for major refurbishing of the Irving Central Library, the staff and architects are seeking comments from the community. Meetings will be held at 4 and 7 p.m. on April 5, 2007 in the Central Library Auditorium, 801 W. Irving Blvd;
- After School Art Lab Program – Starting April 9, the Irving Arts Center will offer an after school art lab program for Irving ISD high school students. The first session will run through May 18, and

classes will be held each Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. During each class, students will have the opportunity to work on art class assignments, as well as additional independent and group art projects;

- Preparations for Byron Nelson Gold Championship – Public Works/Traffic has finalized planning coordination with the Irving Police Department, Four Seasons Resort and Club, and the Salesmanship Club of Dallas for implementation of traffic control and public procedures for this year's EDS Byron Nelson Golf Championship on April 23-29;

#### Goal No. 8: Sound Governance

- Employee Training – Human Resources offered two new classes in March, one of which focused on the supervisor's role in ensuring that employees are providing excellent customer service;

#### Goal No. 9: Infrastructure Network

- Lake Chapman Update – With the lack of significant rain near Lake Chapman in February and March, the water surface elevation in the lake has dropped so that it is 10.5 feet low. It is equivalent to storage volume in the lake being a little less than half full. April and May are typically good months for rainfall, so there could be a rise in the water level before the onset of summer. Water conservation and reduced irrigation landscaping are key to extending the available water supply;

#### Goal No. 10: Environmentally Sustainable Community

- Computer Reuse Program – Information Technology and Solid Waste Services are actively looking into how the city - along with local businesses, recyclers and nonprofit organizations – can help bring computers to low-income families by collecting and salvaging used computers from the business community. This program is pending further research and funding;
- TCEQ Environmental Management System – Public Works/Engineering staff attended a NCTCOG - sponsored presentation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding the implementation of an Environmental Management System. It promotes the organization of city staff in such a way as to provide a focal point for environmental issues, coordinate training and education on environmental directives, and enhance compliance monitoring.

**2 DISCUSSION:** Discuss Efforts To Collect On Bills To Multi-Family Customers

City Manager Gonzalez introduced the item.

Assistant Director of Public Works Todd Reck gave a presentation on this item. He advised that there will be ordinance amendments required to initiate these changes in the water utility services to apartments.

The Council agreed to go forward with these changes in billing and to look into separate metering for the office so that a potential cut off will not impact the residents of the apartment complex.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m.

**3 DISCUSSION:** Property Acquisition – Downtown Landbank

**32** Resolution – Appointments To The Board Of Directors Of The Irving Flood Control District, Section I And Section III

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 2:40 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary