

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
April 19, 2007**

The Irving City Council met in work session in the First Floor Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on April 19, 2007. The following members were present:

Mayor Herbert A. Gears

**Councilmembers**

James Dickens  
Allan E. Meagher  
Lewis Patrick  
Lowell Cannaday  
Rick Stopfer  
Sam Smith

Councilmembers Joe Philipp and Beth Van Duyne were not in attendance  
Councilman Stopfer arrived at the later part of the meeting.

Mayor Gears convened the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Due to the death of Police Officer Andrew Esparza, the Council meeting was delayed from April 18, 2007 at noon to April 19, 2007, at 5:00 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 19, 2007. The following Council directions were noted.

**8      Resolution -- Purchases Funded In The 2006-2007 Budget**

Mayor Gears asked if there were any contested bids.

(H) Bids -- Award Of Bid To Prestige Ford, Planet Ford 6, And Caldwell Country For One Sedan, Twenty One Pickup Trucks, And Two Vans In The Net Amount Of \$482,178.00 To Be Placed In The City's Fleet And Administered By The Equipment And Building Services/Fleet Maintenance Division

Director of General Services Nick Merritt stated that Item 8H might be contested due to the fact that the city is going with the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bidder.

Councilman Cannaday asked if there were service related problems.

Mr. Merritt stated that that it was due to poor service and meeting specifications of this bid.

- 9** Ordinance -- Amending Chapter 52 Of The Code Of Civil And Criminal Ordinances Of The City Of Irving, Substituting Public Works Director For Water Utilities Director And Deputy City Manager In Regard To Computing Data And Water Meter Matters In Sections 52-3, 52-5, 52-6 And 52-7 Of Said Chapter; Substituting Public Works Department's Water Utilities Division For Water Utilities Department Where Used In Section 52-8 Of Said Chapter; Limiting Waiver Of Deposits To Applicants Who Have Not Had Payments Returned Due To Insufficient Funds In Section 52-7 Of Said Chapter; Extending Waiver Of Deposit For New Single-Family Residential Customers Sixty Five (65) Years Of Age And Over To Those Not Delinquent With Other Utility Companies In Section 52-7 Of Said Chapter; Providing For An Adjustment To The Deposit To Four Times The Average Utility Bill For Master-Metered Service Locations Discontinued Due To Nonpayment In Section 52-7 Of Said Chapter; Providing Clarification Of Fees Charged For The Discontinuation Of Services Due To Nonpayment In Section 52-8 Of Said Chapter; Providing For Additional Charges Related To The Collection Of Outstanding Charges And Penalties In Section 52-8 Of Said Chapter; And Providing For Interest On Payment Agreements In Section 52-15 Of Said Chapter

Assistant Director of Water Utilities Todd Reck stated that the changes in the ordinance change some fees and update the language.

- 26** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5692 -- Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) For Hotel And R-AB (Restaurant Including The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For On-Premises Consumption), And Related Uses -- An Approximately 34.866 Acre Tract Located At 4150 North MacArthur Boulevard (East Side Of MacArthur Boulevard, North Of Byron Nelson Way) -- BF Las Colinas, LP dba Four Seasons Resort & Club At Las Colinas, Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case and stated that city staff as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.

Councilman Cannaday asked if there would be any impact on the Windsor Ridge residents.

Mr. Bloom stated that he has not heard of any impact.

Executive Director of Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau Maura Gast also confirmed that this change does not impact the golf course views of this neighborhood.

- 30** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0702-0020 Located At 2501 West Airport Freeway -- Tom Walker, Representing The Woodmont Company, Applicant

Director of Inspections Gary Miller presented the case and stated that the owners will build a small shopping strip. The sign will be relocated at the expense of the owner when this is required due to SH 183 widening.

**32 City Manager's Report**

**Goal No. 1: Land Use**

- R-AB Task Force Formed – The City Manager has formed a new R-AB Task Force to be headed by Code Enforcement Supervisor Teresa Adrian. The task force will be investigating a number of restaurants for failing to file reports, or for reporting less than 60 percent food sales or for reporting inaccurate food sales. Sites to be reviewed include Bilar de Acapulco and Tio Carlos. Tio Carlos received a six month extension by the City Council, and will return to the City Council meeting on May 3. City staff has not received the December 2006 or March 2007 reports from Tio Carlos to date.

**Goal No. 2: Vibrant Neighborhoods**

- Community Fest – The City Of Irving will present its second Community Fest event on April 21 at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 Senter Road. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include food, games, prizes, entertainment and children's activities. In addition to the community activity aspect, the event will provide information about building safety, local codes and ordinances, and services and programs offered by other city departments. The event, which is free and open to the public, is presented by the Inspections and Parks and Recreation Department.
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program – A group of city staff and neighborhood members conducted an assessment of the South Austin Heights neighborhood on April 14. Using handheld data collectors and cameras, the group collected information about each piece of property located in the area. The neighborhood is the first selected to participate in the city's pilot Neighborhood Enhancement Program. In order to prepare the group for the assessment, staff conducted a training session on April 12, 2007.

**Goal No. 3: Economic Development**

- Playtri Festival – The organizers of last year's first-ever Texas Iron Girl Triathlon in Irving are back with another inaugural event. The 2007 Playtri Festival will be held on April 21-22, 2007, in the Las Colinas Urban Center. The festival promises to be a weekend full of running, biking and swimming, combining an urban course with great competition to meet the needs of every triathlete, runner, duathlete and swimmer.
- EDS Byron Nelson Championship – For 25 years, Irving has rolled out the green carpet for one of golf's most popular tournaments, the EDS Byron

Nelson Championship at the Four Seasons Resort and Club. This year's PGA tournament is set for April 25-29, 2007.

**Goal No. 4: Safe and Secure City**

- SkyWatch Towers – The Information Technology Department, along with the Police Department have completed the SkyWatch Tower project by installing two-way radios, computers, dual cameras and a wireless mesh network unit that allows the towers to communicate by sending streaming video to the Mobile Command Vehicle and other vehicles in emergency situations. These two new towers also can be used in non-emergency situations for added security in mall parking lots, as well as at major sporting events such as the EDS Byron Nelson Championship and at Texas Stadium.
- City Manager Gonzalez stated that the City lost a great and aspiring young police officer Andrew Esparza. Mr. Gonzalez commended the Police and Fire Department for responding to a house fire the day after the death of Police Officer Esparza and were able to save the lives of two people; he stated that the Police and Fire Department work close with each other.
- A trench collapsed at a construction site today at 4:00 p.m. and an adult male was killed.

**Goal No. 6: Effective Communications**

- City Spectrum Extra in Local Papers – The Corporate Communications Department will enhance resident communication through the use of a one-page paid advertisement in two local newspapers. The advertising, which is being produced as “City Spectrum Extra,” will run twice a month in the Irving Journal and Irving Rambler papers.
- Wonder of Water Celebration – Public Works/Water Utilities is celebrating National Water Week with a festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12, 2007, the Valley View Municipal Complex, 333 Valley View Road. Educate the entire family on how to be “water smart.” Enjoy great music, educational exhibits, fishing and other fun activities. The event is free and open to the public.

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

- Gast Honored with Fellow – Past and present Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau (ICVB) Board members have honored Maura Gast, ICVB executive director, with an Irving Schools Foundation Fellow for her securing a \$30,000 Hospitality Industry Scholarship endowment, and her continued support of the organization.

**Goal No. 8: Sound Governance**

- Court Services Director Testifies Before House Committee – On April 2, Court Services Director David Galvan testified in Austin before the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in Support of HB 1193. If passed, this bill would provide the City Council the authority to add a 30 percent collection fee to any unpaid fines, fees and court costs that are more than

60 days past due for the purpose of funding an in-house collections program performed by court employees. Support of this bill is included as part of the 2007 City of Irving Legislative Program.

**Goal No. 9: Infrastructure Network**

- Emergency Water Line Repairs – As a result of joint project discussions between the Public Works Engineering and Water Utilities divisions regarding the Nursery Road Water Transmission Main project, maintenance crews maintained water service for two businesses. By rerouting the water lines, Schnee-Morehead and Owens Corning were able to remain operational, and the project saved the city more than \$28,000.

**33 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gears stated that he had a citizen call and tell him that their house had been robbed the night Officer Esparza was killed, he told the Mayor that the officers that responded were very professional in a time that they were deeply hurt by the death of Officer Esparza.

Mayor Gears asked that a conservation program regarding toilets that save water being provided to the citizens be looked at by staff.

**2 DISCUSSION: Review Of FY 2005-2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

Managing Director David Leininger introduced the item and a presentation was given to the Mayor and Council. The Audit and Management letter was provided to the Council. He also introduced Rees Samra and Kelly Chamberlin with Deloitte and Touche.

Ms. Samra advised that the auditors report directly to the Mayor and Council. She advised the of their findings in this audit as required.

**3 DISCUSSION: 2007 General Obligation And Water And Sewer Bond Sale Schedule And Recommended Project**

Managing Director Leininger advised that there will be bond rating meetings scheduled for May and two bond sales will be held next year.

Randy Topel, 1<sup>st</sup> Southwest Company, gave a positive recommendation for these future bond sales.

**4 DISCUSSION:** New City Website

Software Services Manager John Mayer gave a presentation on a new website design also including the domain name project and the content management program. The current website has positive features, but is outdated. The Corporate Communications Department has worked with Information Technology on the new design which is contemporary and professional.

**5 DISCUSSION:** Update On Water Issues

City Manager Gonzalez stated that this item would be discussed at the May 3, 2007 Work Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Acting City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m.

**6 DISCUSSION:** Animal Shelter -- Land Acquisition

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 6:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary