

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June, 26, 2008**

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Complex on Thursday, June 26, 2008. The following members were present / absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Herbert Gears	Irving City Council	Mayor	Present	
Beth Van Duyne	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Allan Meagher	Irving City Council	Councilman	Absent	
Lewis Patrick	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rick Stopfer	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Sam Smith	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Joe Philipp	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Thomas Spink	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no organizational or Service Announcements made.

INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Kerry Jones, Calvary Temple Church of the City Of Irving, Texas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Patrick led those present in the pledge.

PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Gears made the following presentations:

High Spirited Citizen Award:

Mayor Gears presented LaDelle Blackburn with the High Spirited Citizen award.

Mayor Gears also presented a Homeownership Proclamation in honor of Homeownership Month to Vicki Ebner, Manager of Housing and Human Services - Townsell Court
There were seven new homeowners who were presented with a ceremonial key on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Townsell Block Party. Their names are as follow:

215 Townsell - Ray & Lucy Sotelo
211 Townsell - Edward & Erica Lindamood
207 Townsell - William & Andrea Bonds

203 Townsell - Vacant
200 Townsell - Linda Humphrey
206 Townsell - Brenda Fowlkes
210 Townsell - Ysuf Alli Shaikh & Rukshana Parveen
214 Townsell - Peter Kamami & Teresa Waweru

Mayor Gears also presented a proclamation for Jody Harmon - There will be a moment of reflection honoring Jody Harmon on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dupree Theatre, Irving Arts Center. They will place a stepping stone in remembrance of Jody Harmon who passed away November 6, 2007 in Dallas. Mayor Gears presented the proclamation to her children Tommy Harmon and Gayle Davis and her close friend Mary Higbie.

Mayor Gears also presented a proclamation to Vickie Ebner, from Housing Human Services for Home Ownership Month. Mayor Gears also mentioned that in March, Housing and Human Services held the "My Dream House" contest at the YMCA. Kids were asked to submit drawings of their dream home. In the lobby we have the winners from the 5 thru 12 age category. He asked that everyone take a look at them and that the kids worked hard on them.

PUBLIC HEARING

1 Public Hearing No. (ID # 1752) -- Public Input on the 2008-2009 City of Irving Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Nancy Wilson, 2911 Bryn Mawr, stated that she would like to see funding cut for "diversity" issues. She also spoke about the Animal Shelter employees and commended them for their work. She stated that the staff is dwindling as their pay is not competitive.

Betty Yarbrough, 204 W. 7th Street, stated that she was glad about the upgrade in the employee pay in the Animal Shelter. She stated that there are only four officers on staff at the Animal Shelter. She asked that the budget fund adequate staff the Animal Shelter.

Lucia Rottenberg, 2220 Indian Creek, spoke on the Animal Shelter issues and added that the Animal Shelter needs a notary on staff so that when complaints are filed by someone, they can notarize the documents on site. She said that the City of Dallas

gives a voucher to citizens so that they can purchase money saving toilets. They also have a program that allows people to trade in on their gas movers for electric mowers.

Jacqualea Cooley, 1633 Drexel Drive, stated that she has not seen any information on the budget, so it is very difficult to make comments, but she understands that there are now some things posted on the website.

Joyce Pittman, 1401 Colony, spoke in opposition of this item and stated that last year the software funding was not sufficient. She asked if the city has added this software and if not in needs to go in the budget. The city needs to look at a zero base budget.

Oscar Ward, 608 Farine Drive, spoke about code violation fines, and he recommended that on the city look at doubling these fines. He thinks this will send a message. He also asked Mr. Gooch to give him the amount of revenue generated by code violations. He also asked that Texas Independence Day also be celebrated by the city and that funds be allocated in this budget.

Linda Nations, 1524 Hux Ct., also addressed the lack of staffing at the Animal Shelter.

Robin Saxon, 805 Mary Lee Circle, also asked that the staffing problem at the Animal Shelter be addressed.

The following registered in opposition, but did not wish to speak:

Elena Blake, 812 Murl Drive

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

2 City Manager's Report

Managing Director Paul Gooch introduced the item and called on Managing Director Nancy Bartlett.

Managing Director Nancy Bartlett highlighted Strategic Goal #3 and stated that three Irving businesswomen have been recognized by the Dallas Business Journal in the Women In Business Awards. Honorees include Debbie Taylor with Citi, Joan Miller with Business Interiors and Graciela Davis with Omega Environmental Technologies, which has announced its relocation to Irving. She also stated that the State Of Texas unemployment rate for April was 4.1 % a record low, Irving's unemployment rate for the same period is 3.6%.

Strategic Goal No. 4 Safe and Secure City of Irving

No Refusal Initiative - The Police Department will begin another Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) no refusal initiative July 4-5, in which violators stopped for DWI will only be offered blood tests. If violators refuse, an on-site judge will sin affidavits and search warrants for blood draw. Medical personnel will be on-hand to perform the draws.

Strategic Goal No. 9 Infrastructure

Cell Phone Ban Signage - Public Works/Traffic Operations has installed 390 sign posts that will announce the ban of cell phone use in active Irving School zones. Sign installation will be completed prior to the first day of the school year. The new guidelines will take effect beginning August 1, 2008 and will be enforced on school days during active school zone hours. The regulation will prevent motorists from engaging in calls by talking, dialing or listening on a hand-held mobile telephone, and entering or reading text messages.

Ms. Bartlett made the following announcements for the 4th of July, she stated that the city's annual Independence Day Parade is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. for more information residence can call 972-721-2501 and the big fire works are back in the city, the city of Irving and the Irving Symphony Orchestra will present Irving's Firecracker 4th on July 4, 2008 in Las Colinas William Square the fire works the patriotic concert will begin at 8:30 followed by the fireworks the gates will open at 5:00 p.m. for more information residence can call 972-831-8818.

Strategic Goal No. 1: Land Use

Development Ordinances - Staff has recommended Clarion Associates of Denver, Colo., to undertake the rewriting of the city's development ordinances. Negotiations are under way with the intent of presenting City Council with a contract for approval on July 24. The work program should begin in

early August with a final draft completed by Spring 2010. This initiative will address Irving's current development regulations, which are out-of-date and no longer responsive to current development trends. The result will be a fully integrated set of development ordinances and guidelines that will effectively meet the city's desire to achieve a quality sustainable urban environment, coupled with the developer's need for flexibility and a streamlined development review process.

Designs on the Boulevard - EDAW, the planning consultant for the Designs on the Boulevard enhancement study, presented its vision and preliminary design concepts for Irving Boulevard at a public input meeting on June 12. More than 45 residents were given an opportunity to comment at the conclusion of the consultant's presentation. This planning initiative involves an in-depth study of the corridor that will focus on improvements to its infrastructure (streets, drainage, lighting, etc.), enhancement to its retail/commercial inventory and vitality, corridor aesthetics and the branding of its unique features. The completed document will describe the methods and means to achieve, structure and finance this major boulevard transformation that will greatly improve the quality of life for area residents, visitors and businesses.

Strategic Goal No. 2: Vibrant Neighborhoods

Tim Markwood Neighborhood Park - The Construction and Building Services Department has

released bidding documents for the development of a new neighborhood park along MacArthur Boulevard called Tim Markwood Park. This 8.09-acre neighborhood park, located west of MacArthur Boulevard and south of Fair Oaks Drive along West Irving Creek, is being developed with \$800,000 from bond funds. The park was designed by in-house staff, who worked extensively with the surrounding neighbors to meet their needs and address any concerns. The park is designed for residents living within a half-mile radius, and will include a small playground, walking trail, small picnic shelter, two open play meadows, picnic pads, security lighting, seating areas and drinking fountains. The bids will open in mid-July and the project is targeted for award in August. Construction is projected to be completed in early 2009.

Ground/Pole Sign Removal - The Code Enforcement Department has initiated the removal of 30 abandoned ground/pole signs from arterial and major thoroughfares throughout the city. Signs are considered abandoned when a property has not been used for a minimum of six months.

New Neighborhood Group - The Corporate Communications Department assisted in the formation of High Point Estates Neighborhood Association on June 14. High Point Estates consists of 36 homes on High Crest Court and High Crest Drive, between West Pioneer Drive to the north and Compton Avenue to the east. A total of 58 neighborhood and homeowners associations are on record with the Corporate Communications Department.

Strategic Goal No. 3: Economic Development

Irving Businesswomen - Three Irving businesswomen have been recognized by the *Dallas Business Journal* in the Women in Business Awards. Honorees include Debbie Taylor with Citi, Joan Miller with Business Interiors and Graciela Davis with Omega Environmental Technologies, which has announced its relocation to Irving.

Conn's Coming to Irving - Construction has begun on a new Conn's, a specialty retailer of home appliances and consumer electronics. The new 30,000-square-foot building will be located at 2800 Ranch Trail, near The Dump furniture store.

Huntington Learning Center - Huntington Learning Center of Irving, located at State Highway 183 and Belt Line Road next to Irving Mall, recently opened its doors to assist students struggling with basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, spelling and phonics, as well as other factors that play a role in academic achievement.

Largest Irving Homebuilders - Four of the Metroplex's largest homebuilders call Irving home, according to a recent survey released by the *Dallas Business Journal*. The homebuilders are: Choice Homes Inc., Lennar Corp., Standard Pacific of Texas Inc. and Drees Custom Homes.

Irving Unemployment Rate - The State of Texas unemployment rate for April was 4.1 percent, a record low. Irving's unemployment rate dropped to 3.6 percent in April, down from 4.2 percent in January. Throughout Texas, 15,400 jobs were added during April.

Parc 114 Groundbreaking - Jackson-Shaw, a national diversified commercial real estate development and investment company, and ORIX Real Estate Capital, a Chicago-based real estate developer, lender and manager, officially broke ground on a 52-acre parcel of land bordering DFW International Airport along the east side of Belt Line Road, south of State Highway 114. A groundbreaking was held June 12 to officially kick off construction of the multi-phased flex/warehouse

development known as Parc 114. Mayor Herbert Gears, Mayor Pro Tem Rick Stopfer, Chamber President/CEO Chris Wallace and Vice President of Economic Development John Bonnot were in attendance. The project will consist of nine buildings containing approximately 600,000 square feet.

Strategic Goal No. 4: Safe and Secure City

Pet Microchipping - City staff and volunteers microchipped 32 animals during the Grauwlyer Heights Neighborhood Association Block Party on June 14. Several other city departments also participated in this event.

Animal Services Volunteer Class - Four new certified volunteer graduates completed a volunteer class hosted by Fred Sanderson, animal services manager, on June 14. The class is offered the second Saturday of every month at the Animal Shelter. A total of 37 volunteers have been certified since the class was started last year.

Pet Registration Update - More than 1,500 pets have been registered through Animal Services as part of a new requirement implemented by the city. Staff continues to publicize the benefits of pet registration. With assistance from the Corporate Communications and Parks and Recreation departments, a flier about the program was produced and distributed to 26,000 elementary school children prior to the end of the school year. In addition, Animal Services has participated in several community outreach programs. Most recently, Animal Services Manager Fred Sanderson operated a booth at the Washington Mutual pet fair on June 13 to promote pet registration.

No Refusal Initiative - The Police Department will begin another Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) no refusal initiative July 4-5, in which violators stopped for DWI will only be offered blood tests. If violators refuse, an on-site judge will sign affidavits and search warrants for the blood draw. Medical personnel will be on-hand to perform the draws.

Police Athletic League - Four members of the Irving Police Athletic League (PAL) participated in the 2008 State Junior Olympic Boxing Championships in Lubbock. The Irving PAL boxers took the team trophy with the most wins. The following boxers were champions in their divisions: Intermediate Division - Hector Valdez; Senior Division - George Rincon, Ivan Zubieta and Rogelio DeLaGarza.

Military Deployment - Police Officer Brian Johnson was called up to active military duty in Iraq for 400 days beginning the week of June 23.

Homicide Case Update - Francisco Javier Martinez received two life sentences for the capital murder of Rubia and Sonia Guzman, which occurred May 8, 2007, at the Rayo Del Sol Apartments on Rochelle Road. Martinez will not be eligible for parole until he is 87 years old.

Strategic Goal No. 6: Effective Communications

Tami Awards - The Corporate Communications Department received a Tami Award from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO) during its annual conference in San Antonio on June 13. Irving Community Television Network took first place for its new show, "Irving Living." Second-place Silver Stars were awarded for the "Inside Irving" employee newsletter, a fire department anniversary video and for the promotional key chain item used for the Eyes on Irving employee program. *City Spectrum* placed third statewide among the external newsletters. Irving has received a Tami Award every year since the awards program began in 2001, and has acquired the most Tami awards of any entity.

<<http://www.ci.irving.tx.us>>

NATOA Awards - The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) has announced that Irving Community Television Network is a finalist in two categories in its annual awards competition that recognizes excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic programming produced by local government agencies. "Irving: Game of the Week" is a finalist in the Live Sports Events category and the Momentum Dance Company's performance of "Coppelia" is a finalist in the Performing Arts category. NATOA, a national trade association based in Alexandria, Va., represents local government jurisdictions and consortiums that oversee communications and cable television franchising.

IT Quarterly Staff Luncheon - In order to further increase internal communication and foster a team environment, Information Technology hosted a quarterly staff meeting on June 20. Exercises were conducted during the event to promote team mentality and the importance of working together. Staff from the Emergency Management Office (EMO) also participated in the meeting to communicate the role of EMO during an emergency situation and to outline each department's roles and communication protocols during a disastrous event.

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

Children's Festivals - Irving Arts Center staff traveled to Minnesota to research an annual children's festival held in the heart of St. Paul. The Arts Center hopes to incorporate ideas from the festival into its annual Spring Fling event held in April. The Flint Hills International Children's Festival is a two-day art event featuring free art projects, music, international food and live performances with a focus on various cultures. The festival also incorporates a weeklong children's performance series for school children, a parade and a large-scale art project that teams together professional artists and school children.

Smithsonian Affiliates Conference - Arts Center employees Richard Huff and Marcie Inman traveled to Washington, D.C., for the annual Smithsonian Affiliates conference. The conference highlights affiliate opportunities, provides a behind-the-scenes look at Smithsonian museums and brings together affiliate museums from across the country. The Arts Center became an affiliate in 2007.

Certified Babysitter's Course - The Valley Ranch Library, 401 Cimarron Trail, will offer a Certified Babysitter's Course from noon to 8 p.m. July 10. Registration is required and open until June 30. The course is open to children ages 11 and older. Attendance for the complete session is required to receive certification. Call (972) 721-4669 to register.

Summer Reading Club Continues - The Irving Public Library's summer reading club continues with activities and prizes for all ages at all library locations. Activities in July include storytelling, magic performances and movie days for children. Teens are invited to enjoy a martial arts demo, game days and a "Breaking Dawn" pre-release party. Book clubs also are available to encourage adults to participate. To learn about summer reading club activities, visit www.cityofirving.org/library/src <file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/thanson/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/OLK130/www.cityofirving.org/library/src>.

Annual Juneteenth Festival - Approximately 300 people attended the annual Juneteenth Festival hosted by the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center on June 14 at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center. The community event featured free food, a live disc jockey, a children's area and Heritage Museum tours.

TAAF Region 7 Swim Meet - The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Texas Amateur Athletic

Federation (TAAF) Region 7 Swim Meet at North Lake Aquatic Center on June 21. Visiting cities included participants from Garland, Grand Prairie, Farmers Branch and Allen. Registered TAAF participants ages 6 and up competed in three individual events and one relay.

Youth Services Life Skills - Youth Services will host a teen Life Skills activity from 6 to 7:30 p.m. June 26 at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter Road. Drama Teach, a group that mentors teens and children through dramatic presentations and role-playing, will lead the event. The topic for the event will be decision making.

Teen Jam - A Teen Jam event is set for 7 to 11 p.m. June 28 at Lee Park Recreation Center, 3000 Pamela Drive. The free event is for teens ages 13-17. Music, dancing, food and drinks, games and prizes will be provided throughout the evening.

Strategic Goal No. 8: Sound Governance

Fuel Pump Emergency Generator - The city has saved approximately \$25,000 through the use of an emergency generator that was salvaged from its acquisition of America's Best Hotel, located at 215 E. Airport Freeway. The generated will be used to power the Briery Road Garage and fuel pumps during an electrical outage.

On-the-Spot Awards - City employees continue to strive for excellence not only in the provision of service to their internal and external customers, but also in the performance of their jobs. City management recently awarded On-the-Spot Awards to the following employees for outstanding effort: A'wana Abraham (Financial Services); Rodney Adams (City Attorney's Office); Melissa Cranford (City Attorney's Office); Stacy Day (Planning and Inspections); Ray Horton (Code Enforcement); Lukas Kratochvill (Code Enforcement); Saul Pedregon (City Attorney's Office); and Hong Sae (Information Technology).

TGIF - The Strategic Resources and Budget Department hosted The Great Irving Forum (TGIF) on June 13. Approximately 30 participants explored the topic of "Building a Beautiful You," presented by Dr. Gretchen Jones. Dr. Jones-a clinical care manager for Deer Oaks Services, the city's Employee Assistance Program provider-discussed ways to build confidence, self-esteem and overall mental wellness.

Police Entrance Examinations - The Strategic Resources and Budget Department assisted the Police Department in facilitating a police entrance exam on June 13. The exam was given to 72 potential police recruits. Fifty-three people passed the written exam and advanced to the next step in the recruiting process.

Switchboard/Receptionist - The City Secretary's Office reports that the city switchboard/receptionist averages more than 5,800 calls a month and handles more than 1,300 inquiries monthly at the first floor information desk at City Hall.

Bank of America Grant - The Friends of the Irving Public Library and the Irving Public Library have been awarded a grant from Bank of America's Charitable Foundation to begin the library's Environmental Literacy Initiative. The funds from this grant will be used to support Strategic Goal No. 10 by educating Irving residents on how to create an environmentally sustainable community through additional resources and innovative programs.

Blood Drive - Public Works/Water Utilities will host a blood drive for Carter BloodCare from noon to 5 p.m. June 26 at the Valley View Municipal Center, 333 Valley View Lane. For more information, contact Jon Mahoney at (214) 663-9543.

Strategic Goal No. 9: Infrastructure

Cell Phone Ban Signage - Public Works/Traffic Operations has installed 390 sign posts that will announce the ban of cell phone use in active Irving school zones. Sign installation will be completed prior to the first day of the new school year. The new guidelines will take effect beginning Aug. 1 and will be enforced on school days during active school zone hours. The regulation will prevent motorists from engaging in calls by talking, dialing or listening on a hand-held mobile telephone, and entering or reading text messages.

Quiet Zone Railroad Crossings - The quiet zoning of the railroad crossings at Britain Road, Pioneer Drive, Union Bower Road, MacArthur Boulevard and Rogers Road is on schedule to be completed by the end of July. Upon completion, train horns will be prohibited from sounding at these railroad crossings.

Milling and Overlay Program - Public Works/Streets and Dallas County District No. 4 have started a milling and overlay program. By using the interlocal agreement with Dallas County, the city will realize a cost savings of up to 50 percent due to a 50/50 cost sharing on some of the streets in the program. Ten streets are identified to receive overlay, including Rogers Road from Rock Island Road to Sixth Street; MacArthur Boulevard from Rock Island Road to Sixth Street; and Wingren Drive from Rochelle Road to Santa Clara Street. The five streets identified for milling and overlay are Shady Grove Road from Randy Drive to Mitchell Street; Skyline Drive from Country Club Road to the end of the street; Grauwyler Road from Pioneer Drive to State Highway 356; Grauwyler Road from State Highway 356 to Story Road; and Nursery Road from Pioneer Drive to Union Bower Road. Additionally, the milling and overlay of the intersection at MacArthur Boulevard and Shady Grove Road will be completed.

Strategic Goal No. 10: Environmentally Sustainable Community

Computer Reuse Grant - The City of Irving was selected to receive \$33,100 from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for its Computer Reuse Program. The grant will allow the city to hire a part-time technical support person to assist in the process of reconstituting personal computers that the city no longer uses. They will be donated to assist needy Irving families and organizations. A pilot program was started earlier this year in which 15 computers were awarded. Funding from the NCTCOG will be available Sept. 1. This project is a joint effort between the Information Technology, Solid Waste Services, and Housing and Human Services departments.

Community Outreach - More than 160 Irving residents pledged to be stewards of the planet as part of Solid Waste Services' Earth Day Pledge campaign. As a special thank-you gift for the pledges, these residents will receive two curbside recycling blue bags, a compact fluorescent light bulb, two bags of Mustang Mulch, and a reusable grocery shopping bag. Additionally, to conserve paper, the department produced a CD with a thank-you letter and information pertaining to the city's environmental programs (waste, water, energy and the new Native Plant Guide). The shipping container for each gift is a reusable/recyclable corrugated box made from recycled content paper and reusable packing peanuts made from recycled polystyrene materials.

Recycling Education - Fran Witte, programs and marketing supervisor, and Bob Horton, Keep Irving Beautiful administrator, provided a presentation on recycling in the schools during the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Irving. In addition, Code Enforcement Director Teresa Adrian spoke on progressive code enforcement.

Shredding Event - Solid Waste Services hosted another shredding event for residents on June 6. At this event, 2.59 tons (5,180 pounds) of paper was shredded. The next shredding opportunity will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 5 at Irving's drop-off recycling center at O'Connor Plaza. According to vendor Shred Document Destruction, shredded materials are baled and used in the production of new products.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gears asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the consent agenda for individual consideration. Mayor Gears stated that the following items would be excluded No. 16, 25, 26, and 32.

Councilman Philipp moved to approve the consent agenda items 3-36, excluding items 16, 25, 26, and 32. Seconded by Councilman Stopfer, the motion was approved by a vote of 8-0.

3 Approving Minutes for Wednesday, June 11, 2008

4 Approving Minutes for Thursday, June 12, 2008

5 Resolution No. RES-2008-247 -- Approving an Agreement Between the City of Irving and HillCo Partners for Legislative Services

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

6 Resolution No. RES-2008-248 -- Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for the 2008 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants Through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Additional Personnel

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

7 Resolution No. RES-2008-249 -- Approving a Master Development Agreement, Garage Lease Agreement, Guaranty Agreement, and an Economic Development Agreement with LG Colinas Limited Partnership for Development of Water Street

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 8 **Resolution No. RES-2008-250** -- Authorizing the Reconstitution of the Metropolitan Higher Education Authority, Inc., and Appointing Directors

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 9 **Resolution No. RES-2008-251** -- Approving the Issuance of Bonds by the Metropolitan Higher Education Authority, Inc., for the Benefit of the University of Dallas

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 10 **Resolution No. RES-2008-252** -- Approving Engineering Services Agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the Annual Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Contract

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 11 **Resolution No. RES-2008-253** -- Awarding a Contract to W. R. Hodgson Company, LP for the French Street Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main Replacement Project

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 12 **Resolution No. RES-2008-254** -- Approving Addendum No. 1 to the Engineering Services Agreement with LopezGarcia Group for the Erosion Control Study of Dry Branch Creek North of Northwest Park and the Improvements to the Cottonwood Creek Park Ponds

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 13 Resolution No. RES-2008-255** -- Approving Assignment of Contract of Sale to the City of Irving for the Acquisition of 1.014 Acres of Land Located at 2921 West Shady Grove Road - Laura Garcia, Assignor

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink	
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 14 Resolution No. RES-2008-256** -- Approving Partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Water Conservation Program

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink	
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 15 Resolution No. RES-2008-257** -- Awarding an Engineering Services Agreement to Chiang, Patel & Yerby, Inc. to Upgrade the Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink	
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 16 Resolution No. RES-2008-258** -- Adopting the City's New Vision, Mission and Value Statements

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked Managing Director Paul Gooch to present this to the public.

Managing Director Paul Gooch gave a presentation describing how this was developed by the employees.

The following registered to speak on this item:

Genie Mitchell, 2220 Spanish Trail

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lewis Patrick, Councilman
SECONDER:	Joe Philipp, Councilman
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 17 **Resolution No. RES-2008-259** -- Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Parker and Marks, P.C. for Delinquent Tax Collection Services

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 18 **Resolution No. RES-2008-260** -- Rejection of Bids for Irving Arts Center Roof Replacement

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 19 **Resolution No. RES-2008-261** -- Change Order No. 1 to Contract with Enviro Engineering L.L.C. for Irving Arts Center HVAC Replacement to Include Roof Repairs

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 20 **Resolution No. RES-2008-262** -- Approving and Accepting the Bid of Glasbau Hahn America LLC for Display Cases for the Irving Arts Center

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 21 **Resolution No. RES-2008-263** -- Approving and Accepting the Proposal of Huguley Assessment Center for an Annual Contract to Provide Health and Fitness Services for the Irving Fire Department

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 22 Resolution No. RES-2008-264 --** Renewing Annual Contract with Concentra Health Services to Provide Medical and Occupational Health Services for City Employees

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 23 Resolution No. RES-2008-265 --** Approving and Accepting the Bid of Metro Ford Truck Sales for the Purchase of Two 25 Cubic Yard Rear Loaders

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 24 Resolution No. RES-2008-266 --** Approving and Accepting the Bid of Grand Prairie Ford for the Purchase of Seven One Ton and Over Trucks with Special Bodies

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT: Allan Meagher

- 25 Resolution No. RES-2008-267 --** Awarding Purchase From Pasco Brokerage Inc for Kitchen Equipment for Texas Stadium Through the State of Texas Local Government Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program Administered by the Texas Association of School Boards (The BuyBoard Program)

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition. There were no speakers.

Councilwoman Van Duyne asked for a presentation on this item.

Budget Manager Bret Starr, explained what items are to be purchased to be used at the Stadium for this final footballs season.

City Attorney Charles Anderson also noted that based on the transition agreement these items can be purchased by the Corporation at 20% to 30 % of original cost.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Joe Philipp, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lewis Patrick, Councilman
AYES:	Gears, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday
NAYS:	Beth Van Duyne, Thomas Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 26 Resolution No. RES-2008-268 -- Awarding Purchase From Luber Bros. for Carts, Work Vehicles, Trailers, and Lifts for Texas Stadium Through the State of Texas Local Government Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program Administered by the Texas Association of School Boards (The BuyBoard Program)**

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition. There were no speakers.

Councilman Philipp gave a presentation explaining the purchase and funding process in place.

There followed Council discussion.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Joe Philipp, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lewis Patrick, Councilman
AYES:	Gears, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday
NAYS:	Beth Van Duyne, Thomas Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 27 Resolution No. RES-2008-269 -- Ratifying Award to Frymire Services for Emergency Installation of Sewer Line and Lift Station at Fire Station No. 5**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 28 Resolution No. RES-2008-270** -- Approving Award to Choice Solutions for Annual Hardware Maintenance for the EqualLogic System for the City's Storage Area Networks (SAN) Through State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 29 Resolution No. RES-2008-271** -- Approving and Accepting the Bid of Bindery Systems, Inc. for the Purchase of a 30-Inch Hydraulic Paper Cutter

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 30 Resolution No. RES-2008-272** -- Renewing Annual Contract with Oasis Landscape Co. for Repair/Installation of Sprinkler Systems, Landscaping, And/Or Fences

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 31 Resolution No. RES-2008-273** -- Approving and Accepting the Bid of Jacobs Iron & Metals for the Sale of Brass Meters

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 32 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8963** -- Budget Adjustment for the 2007 - 2008 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition. There were no speakers.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Rick Stopfer, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lewis Patrick, Councilman
AYES:	Gears, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday
NAYS:	Beth Van Duyne, Thomas Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 33 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8964** -- Setting Hearings to Consider Annexation of Approximately 100 Acres of Land Located East of Tom Braniff Drive, South of the Trinity River, and West of State Highway Loop 12 As Petitioned by the University of Dallas

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 34 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8965** -- Accepting Bid by Heritage District L. L. C. for the Sale of Lots 1-6, Block 3, Original Town of Irving Located at 129 West Irving Boulevard and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Special Warranty Deed Upon Receipt of the Consideration Stated in Bid for the Grant, Sale, and Conveyance of the Property
The following registered in opposition on this item:

Elena Blake, 812 Murl

Jacqualea Cooley, 1633 Drexel

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 35 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8957** -- Final Reading -- Amending Chapter 33 Entitled "Refuse, Garbage and Weeds" of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas Establishing Fees for the Roll-Off Container Collection Program and the Sale of Mulch at the Hunter Ferrell Landfill

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 36 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8953** -- Final Reading -- Amending the Existing Gas Franchise Between the City and Atmos Energy Corporation to Provide for a Different Consideration Payable by that Franchise

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Gears, Van Duynes, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink	
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 37 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8966** -- Public Hearing -- Proposed Designation of a Commercial/Industrial Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. Fifty-Seven (57) Being a Tract of Land in the S.A. & M.G. Railroad Company Survey, Abstract Number 1450, City of Irving, Dallas County, Texas, and Being "Tract I" and "Tract II" As Described in a Deed to Earl B. Johnson, Recorded in Volume 90176, Page 3101, Deed Records, Dallas County, Texas

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition.

Vice President of the Greater Irving- Las Colinas Economic Development John Bonnot, Irving Economic Development Partnership, 5221 O'Connor Blvd., Irving Texas, gave a presentation on this item and companion item 38.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Spink, Councilman
SECONDER:	Rick Stopfer, Councilman
AYES: Gears, Van Duynes, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink	
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 38 Resolution No. RES-2008-274** -- Approving a Real Property Tax Abatement Agreement Between the City of Irving and Forward Air, Inc.

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition. There were no speakers.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rick Stopfer, Councilman
SECONDER:	Rose Cannaday, Councilwoman
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 39 Ordinance No. ORD-2008-8967** -- Zoning Case #ZC07-0068 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-MF-2 (Multifamily) Uses and Approving Multifamily Concept Plan #MF08-0002 - 26.865 Acres on the South Side of Royal Lane Approximately 1800 Feet East of Belt Line Road at the South End of Ridgepoint Drive - Sharon Barbosa Crain, Applicant (Postponed From March 13, 2008, City Council Meeting)

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition.

The applicant, Sharon Barbosa-Crain, 2608 Alan-a Dale, presented the case.

The following registered to speak in favor of this item:

Anthony Bond, 4109 W. Northgate #821

The following registered to speak in opposition of this item:

Rick Bidne, 4707 O'Connor Court

Joyce Pittman, 1401 Colony Drive

Jacqualea Cooley, 1633 Drexel Drive

The following registered in opposition, but did not wish to speak:

Elena Blake, 812 Murl

Councilwoman Van Duyne moved to postpone the zoning case. Seconded by Councilman Spink, the motion failed by a vote of 2-6, with the following voting in opposition. Mayor Gears, Councilmember's Patrick, Cannaday, Stopfer, Philipp, and Councilman Smith.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Lewis Patrick, Councilman
SECONDER:	Rick Stopfer, Councilman
AYES:	Gears, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday
NAYS:	Beth Van Duyne, Thomas Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

- 40 Resolution No. RES-2008-275** -- Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees to Fill Various Unexpired Terms for the Building and Standards Commission, Advisory Committee on Disabilities, Health Board, and Preservation and Redevelopment Board

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition. There were no speakers.

Councilman Stopfer moved that David Quins be appointed to Place 6 - a term expiring in November 2008 on the Advisory Committee on Disabilities.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rick Stopfer, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lewis Patrick, Councilman
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

- 41 Resolution No. RES-2008-276** -- Appointments to the Olde Towne Redevelopment Committee

Mayor Gears introduced the item and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition. There were no speakers.

Councilman Stopfer moved to appoint the following to the Olde Towne Redevelopment Committee Joann Goin, Margie Stipes, Vickie Sutherlin and Dennis Webb

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rick Stopfer, Councilman
SECONDER:	Rose Cannaday, Councilwoman
AYES:	Gears, Van Duyne, Patrick, Stopfer, Smith, Philipp, Cannaday, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

42 **Committee And Liaison Reports/Meetings**

Councilman Stopfer stated that they had a good Planning and Development meeting and staff brought forward the consultant that the city will enter into a contract with. The consultants were interviewed. People's property rights will be looked and see how they can be changed. This will be a challenge and take a lot of work.

Councilwoman Cannaday spoke about Flood District III and stated that the next meeting will be June 30, 2008.

43 **Mayor's Report**

There was no report given.

44 **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Citizens' Forum

Betty Yarbrough, 204 W. 7th Street, noted that she attended a meeting a City Hall that was hostile and argumentative. She would like to speak to the Council about the meeting individually.

Carol Wood, 613 Shalamar Place, thanked the council for all the hard work that they do, but she asked for City Hall to be more transparent. She stated that the city needs to stop passing ordinances without letting the citizens know. Public Inputs should be requested before ordinances are passed.

Michael McPhall, 815 Dixon Drive, spoke about play ground equipment that was burned down for the fourth time at Wyche Park. He asked that the equipment be removed if it cannot be protected from this vandalism.

Jacqualea Cooley, 1633 Drexel, spoke about multiple families in single family housing and how it is still a problem in the city. She also spoke about other issues in the city.

Oscar Ward, 608 Farine Drive, spoke about civility among the Council and stated that he agreed with Mr. Anthony Bond on this issue.

Robin Saxon, 805 Mary Lee Circle, was not present to speak.

Rhonda Barrientos, 517 Eight Street, addressed her concern with the current Irving animal control ordinances if they applies to an effective trap-neuter-release program for feral cats.

Steve Hollabaugh, 3209 Coronado Street, was not present to speak.

ATTEST:

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary