

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
January 23, 2008**

The Irving City Council met in work session January 23, 2008. The following members were present:

**Mayor**

Herbert A. Gears

**Council members**

Thomas D. Spink

Rose Cannaday

Allan Meagher

Rick Stopfer

Joe Philipp

Lewis Patrick

Beth Van Duyne

Sam Smith

Mayor Herbert Gears called the meeting to order 12:00 pm.

**1 DISCUSSION:** Review Of Regular Agenda

The Council reviewed the agenda and the following directions were noted.

**1** City Manager's Report

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez gave an update from the DART Board meeting on January 22, 2008 and noted positive financial findings.

Managing Director Nancy Bartlett introduced the new Contracts Administration Director Ramiro Lopez.

Public Works Assistant Director Jim Driscoll announced the Traffic Engineering Conference Jan. 24-26, 2008 at the Wyndham DFW North

Councilman Joe Philipp asked if the bus service for this conference was donated or paid for.

Public Works Assistant Director Driscoll confirmed that the conference was sponsored by TextITE and they have secured the buses, not the City.

City Manager Gonzalez announced the creation of DART project team, made up of staff members from the City and DART that will report quarterly to the Council with project updates.

Managing Director David Leininger stated that staff has met with DART representatives regarding right-of-way acquisition and real estate development. The meeting also included discussion of design, community input and creating a detailed timeline that will be brought back to Council.

Councilman Philipp emphasized the regional benefits of the Orange Line connecting the DFW International Airport with the City of Dallas.

Mayor Herbert Gears requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the DART meeting on January 22, 2008.

City Manager Gonzalez deferred the rest of the Manager's Report to the regular Council meeting.

- 6 Resolution -- Approving The FY 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant Agreement And Allocation To The Salvation Army
- 7 Resolution -- Approving The FY 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant Agreement And Allocation To Metrocare Services

Councilman Allan Meagher asked for the funding details.

Housing and Human Services Board Chairman Phil Smith explained the allocation of funds from the Salvation Army to Metro Care for counseling services. These are federal funds that must be based within a specific time frame and Metrocare can do this.

- 8 Resolution -- Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Irving And Dallas County For Accepting A \$1,520,000.00 Trail Development Grant For The Extension Of Campi3n Trails Connecting Twin Wells Park And Trinity View Park

Managing Director Paul Gooch stated that this item will be discussed in detail in Executive Session.

- 9 Resolution -- Approving The Reimbursement Of Capital Expenditures For Equipment, Facility Acquisition And Improvements To Streets And Highways, Libraries, Landfill, Animal Shelter, Fire Services Improvements, Police And Fire Training, A City Wide Radio System, Veterans Memorial Park, Water Street Infrastructure, Land On State Highway 183 For City Purposes And The Water System From Future Tax-Exempt Debt Obligations

Councilman Philipp asked for details on the plan.

Chief Financial Officer Max Duplant described the bond sale process and that the bonds for all of these projects will be sold at one time.

Councilman Philipp requested a schedule of funds spent and updates on reimbursements.

- 15 Resolution -- Purchases Funded In The 2007-2008 Budget Or Subject To Funds Being Appropriated In Future Fiscal Years

(B) Bids -- Award Of Bid To OMB Guns And GT Distributors, Inc. For Purchase Of Handguns For The Irving Police Department

Councilman Lewis Patrick asked how the guns were being disposed of.

Police Chief Larry Boyd stated that the used guns will be traded in or the officer may purchase the gun for personal use for \$225.00.

- 21** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #5690 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For C-W (Commercial Warehouse) Uses -- A 3.58 Acre Tract Located At 1635 East Irving Boulevard -- Sharon Barbosa-Crain, Applicant  
Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom described the updated site plan.

Councilman Philipp stated that clarification is needed on the applicant's landscaping and fencing commitments and requested current fencing details from staff. There followed lengthy discussion of these stipulations.

- 23** Ordinance -- Zoning Case ZC07-0064 -- Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) For R-6 (Single Family) Uses -- An approximately 0.15 Acre Tract Located At 610 Pin Oak Drive -- Keith And Sharon Robinette, Owners/Applicants

Senior Planner Bloom presented the case.

Councilman Philipp requested a time line of this case and an aerial picture of the neighborhood.

- 25** Ordinance -- Special Fence Project Plan #ZC07-0055 -- Approving A Variance To The Screening Fence Requirements Of Ordinance No. 8032 (Zoning Case #5261) -- Approximately 4.5 Acres Located At The Northwest Corner Of West Country Club Drive And Las Brisas Drive -- Head Construction, Applicant

Senior Planner Bloom presented the case and staff's recommendations.

Field Operations Manager Lawrence Crow described the retaining wall restrictions; suggested staff evaluate the engineer's specifications and present their finding to the Council at that time.

Council agreed that more information was needed and this item will be postponed for four weeks.

- 26** Resolution -- Approving An Addendum To The Economic Development Contract Between The City Of Irving And The Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber Of Commerce For The Purpose Of The Chamber To Add, Within Its Unified Economic Development Program For The City, An Additional Focus And Support For The Hispanic-Owned Business Within The City

This item was deferred to the Audit and Finance Committee for further review.

- 28** Committee And Liaison Report/Meetings

Councilman Sam Smith announced that the Council was invited to the Smithsonian Museum for a "behind the scenes" tour while attending conferences in Washington D.C. in March.

Arts Center Executive Director Richard Huff described the upcoming exhibits coming to Irving from the Smithsonian -- Genghis Khan.

Councilman Philipp requested a meeting with Smithsonian staff to convey the City's gratitude for this relationship and discuss future projects.

Councilman Smith announced that there will be a Community Services Committee meeting in February to discuss the smoking ordinance, kiosk signs and neighborhood enhancement.

**29** Mayor's Report

Mayor Gears asked the Council to establish a green initiatives citizen committee to review the City's current and future energy management. He asked that each Councilmember appoint two citizens to this 18 member committee.

Councilman Philipp requested a list of the applicants in the Parks and Recreation Board.

**2** **DISCUSSION:** Irving Police Department 2007 Crime Report

Police Chief Boyd stated the year 2007 had the lowest crime rate per capita in 20 years in Irving. He detailed the reduction in each crime category and described the initiatives that contributed to the reduction which included COMSTAT intelligence, crime-free multi-housing. He then showed a video depicting an officers day in the streets of Irving.

**8** **DISCUSSION:** Convention Center Design Update

Eric Jaffe with RMJM Hillier described the site for the Convention Center.

Barbara Hillier with RMJM Hillier described the design plan and the exterior design elements.

Councilwoman Beth Van Duyne asked about the possibility of underground parking on site.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Maura Gast stated that underground parking would lead to security issues and large corporations will not book conferences with that design.

Mayor Gears asked that Council be advised of the date and time of the technical meetings.

**3** **DISCUSSION:** Proposed Enforcement Plan For Parking Violations On Private Property and On-Street

Code Enforcement Director Teresa Adrian described the joint parking process which will increase efficiency and customer service by combining the efforts of the Police and Code Enforcement officers. She stated that an announcement of this implementation will be in the Spectrum and ICTN.

**5** **DISCUSSION:** Proposed Amendments To Carport Regulations

Urban Development Manager Steven Reed presented the proposed amendments which would limit the construction of carport options. This would include mapping where carports are approved and changing the zoning ordinance to create individual zoning cases for applicants. The proposed regulations would also prohibit garage conversions without other garage facility on site.

Councilman Philipp and Councilwoman Van Duyne suggested giving the residents a grace period before implementation.

Councilman Patrick noted his concern with the regulations on permitting.

Mayor Gears clarified Council's recommendation to start a timeline and requested staff bring back options on how to deal with carports that do not meet minimum standards.

Council discussed garage conversions and agreed to further review.

Councilman Philipp requested the garage conversion section be reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee without delaying the carport regulations. The Council agreed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.

- 9** Litigation -- Shin Ho "Sam" Kim d/b/a Texas Lunch Box vs. City of Irving And The Building And Standards Commission
- 10** Litigation -- Inform vs. City of Irving
- 11** Parks And Open Space Land Acquisition -- Rochelle / Northgate
- 12** Parks And Open Space Land Acquisition -- Campión Trails
- 13** Delaware Creek Drainage Improvements

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session.  
The time was 5:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary