

**IRVING CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
April 2, 2008**

The Irving City Council met in work session April 2, 2008. The following members were present:

Mayor

Herbert A. Gears

Council members

Thomas D. Spink

Rose Cannaday

Allan Meagher

Rick Stopfer

Joe Philipp

Beth Van Duyne

Sam Smith

Councilman Lewis Patrick was not in attendance.

Mayor Herbert Gears called the meeting to order at 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 Gonzalez deferred the Manager's Report to the Regular Council meeting.

3 Resolution -- Authorizing The Booking Policies For The Provision Of Services At The City Of Irving/Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau Convention Center Facility

Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Maura Gast presented the proposed booking policies.

Councilman Joe Philipp asked what the legal changes included.

Director Gast described the changes in the identification procedure and noted that the hotels are in agreement with the changes.

Councilman Philipp asked if the proposed five million dollar insurance and twenty-five thousand dollar bond were adequate.

City Attorney Charles Anderson confirmed that the figures were sufficient and would get the booking agency's attention.

Councilman Philipp stated that he is concerned that the bond amount is too low.

City Attorney Anderson stated that staff will work on new language on the bonding provision and include a sliding scale based on high or low risk clientele.

- 4** Resolution -- Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Contract Between The City Of Irving On Behalf Of The Irving Convention And Visitors Bureau And The American Society Of Association Executives For A Corporate Partner Sponsorship

Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Gast stated that this is the third renewal of this agreement.

- 18** Resolution -- Amending Resolution No. 5-24-07-191 Authorizing An Agreement Between North Texas Council Of Governments And The City For The Heritage District Landbanking Project By Including Project Map And Final Valuation Forms; And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement

Public Works Director Jim Cline clarified that the amendment is necessary as the original agreement did not include the map of the area.

- 23** Ordinance -- Revising The Schedule Of Classified Personnel For The Fire Department Effective April 1, 2008 And July 1, 2008

City Attorney Charles Anderson stated that this revision is required by state law when personnel changes are made in Police or Fire Civil Service positions.

- 27** Ordinance -- Amending The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 1144 Of The City Of Irving, Texas By Comprehensively Regulating Accessory Buildings Including But Not Limited To Maximum Size, Locations, Uses, Numbers And Exterior Building Material Requirements In Residential Zoning Districts

Mayor Herbert Gears suggested holding a public hearing regarding the ordinance amendment as he has been asked by citizens to slow down on code amendments that impact property.

Council discussed citizens' concerns including green houses, proposed platting requirements and the need for definitions regarding accessory buildings.

Mayor Gears suggested a temporary moratorium on upcoming cases while the ordinance is under consideration.

City Attorney Anderson stated that the City is limited by law on moratoriums and would not be able to establish one in this case.

Managing Director David Leininger clarified the proposed restrictions and explained that special uses can still be approved by the site plan process.

Council agreed that definitions were needed and scheduled a Public Hearing on the ordinance amendment for April 17, 2008.

Managing Director Leininger stated that staff will create a public handout which will include definitions. He also stated that staff will look at the site plan process for residential areas.

31 Resolution -- Approving A Gas Well Permit To Dale Operating Company For Drilling, Operations, And Production Of Sadeghian 1H Well, Located At 1500 Valley View Lane

Planning and Inspections Director Gary Miller presented the resolution.

City Attorney Anderson clarified the ownership issues as there are three individuals that hold an undivided interest in the property, however, this is not the City's concern.

Councilman Philipp asked which state agency oversees this process.

City Attorney Anderson stated that the City defines the site and the Texas Railroad Commission requires a permit defining the site and the drilling company.

There followed lengthy discussed regarding land ownership, the number of wells on the site and the location of the transmission lines.

37 Mayor's Report

Mayor Gears announced the formation of a community advisory committee for the McDougal development. He also asked that the Council members nominate two members at the April 17, 2008 meeting.

Councilwoman Beth Van Duyne stated that the Communications Committee has a list of interested citizens, she and will forward that list to all of the Council.

2 **DISCUSSION:** Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber - Economic Development Update On Strategic Goal Accomplishments And Market Activity

Irving Chamber President Chris Wallace and Vice President of Economic Development John Bonnot presented this status report on the marketing strategy and economic development work plan. The presentation included an update of the Irving Economic Development Partnership, noting an increase in private investment within the City of Irving, as well as the City's development strategies of corridor improvements, lease rates and occupancy rates.

Councilman Philipp suggested City representatives appear before the Dallas Central Appraisal District property boards to assure that infrastructure is valued correctly.

City Manager Gonzalez stated that the Chamber staff would be able to attend the DCAD meetings.

Councilman Philipp requested tracking of the under supplied retail needs in the sub markets.

Chris Wallace stated that studies have been done and that citizen input also helps guide the retail trends.

City Manager Gonzalez stated that staff has been looking at incentive options to compliment the market and will bring back proposal within the year.

John Bonnot stated that the Chamber will bring back the University of Dallas economic development study in June.

3 DISCUSSION: Carports

Urban Development Manager Steven Reed stated that the changes to the ordinance regarding carports are scheduled to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 7, 2008.

The Council concurred that this ordinance should move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary