

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
August, 6, 2008**

The Irving City Council met in work session August, 6, 2008. The following members were present/absent:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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	Absent	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Thomas Spink	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

Mayor Herbert Gears called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

**1** Review of Regular Agenda

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

**1** City Manager's Report

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez announced that the Planning & Inspections Department had received an award from the American Planning Association, Texas Chapter and recognized the staff with an "On the Spot Award".

**4** Resolution -- Support of Legislation Establishing a Public Law School in Dallas, Texas

Harry Joe, a member of the University of North Texas Board of Regents, presented the item and asked the Council's support in bringing the first public law school to the City of Dallas and the metroplex.

Councilman Thomas Spink commended this project.

**18** Resolution -- Award of Bid to C. Green Scaping, L.P., in the Net Amount of \$771,352.15 for the Tim Markwood Park Project

Councilman Sam Smith requested a presentation on this item.

Construction & Building Services Director Casey Tate described the plan for the park, including the proposed amenities. He noted that they did not award the alternates.

**41** Resolution -- Approving Purchase Contracts for the Acquisition of Six Fourplexes Located at 2917, 2921, 3001, 3005, 3009, and 3013 Tudor Lane - GreenPoint Mortgage, Property Owner

**42** Resolution -- Approving Purchase Contracts for the Acquisition of Three Fourplexes Located at 2801, 2809, and 2821 Tudor Lane - Central Mortgage Company, Property Owner

Deputy City Attorney Brenda McDonald presented companion items 41 and 42. She noted that the purchase of the properties, by the City, is being funded by different funding sources.

Councilman Lewis Patrick and Councilman Smith asked if the neighboring school had shown interest in the properties or had any plans of expansion.

Attorney McDonald stated that these items represent the purchase of nine properties from two owners and confirmed that staff is working on options for the use of the properties with the IISD as well as other entities that might have an interest.

Mayor Gears asked that Mammen Glass & Mirror also be contacted about this property.

Councilman Rick Stopfer suggested future funding of similar projects be discussed in the Community Services Committee.

- 44** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0010 for A-Square Investments Located at 1215 South MacArthur Boulevard - City of Irving, Applicant - Reza Nan, Owner
- 45** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0011 Located at 1401 South MacArthur Boulevard - City of Irving, Applicant - South MacArthur Church of Christ, Owner
- 46** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0012 for Childcare Network Located at 1115 West Shady Grove Road - City of Irving, Applicant - Joe McComb, Owner
- 47** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0013 for Walgreens Located at 1006 West Shady Grove Road - City of Irving, Applicant - Jays WG Texas LP, Owner
- 48** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0014 for Mr. Jim's Pizza Located at 1215 West Shady Grove Road - City of Irving, Applicant - Murtaza Investments/Riaz Hussian, Owner
- 49** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0015 Located at 1119 West Shady Grove Road - City of Irving, Applicant - Fundamental Baptist Church, Owner
- 50** Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case No. S0807-0016 for El Pollo Regio Located at 1105 West Shady Grove Road - City of Irving, Applicant - Stephanie Basinger, Owner

Planning & Inspections Director Gary Miller gave an overview of items 44-50.

Managing Director Paul Gooch noted that the property owners had been very cooperative in this project to replace old pole signs with monument signage to improve the appearance of this intersection.

Councilman Stopfer asked if the owners had given up the right to reinstall a pole sign at this intersection.

Director of Small Business & Workforce Development with the Chamber of Commerce Denise Demonbreun confirmed that relinquishing pole sign rights was in the agreement each property owner signed.

**51** Resolution -- Approving Sale Agreement with the Hugo Municipal Authority for the Purchase of Water

Public Works Director Jim Cline reviewed the terms of the agreement allowing the Hugo Municipal Authority to sell certain volumes of water from Hugo Lake to the City of Irving and noted that this will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Herbert Gears confirmed the importance of this agreement and the City's long term water use.

**52** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC08-0035 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) District Uses - Approximately 25.75 Acres Located on the South Side of Rochelle Road, West of Esters Road - Gibraltar Land Development, LLC, Owner - JDJR Engineers and Consultants, Inc., Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the item.

Councilman Stopfer asked for the number of homes in this development.

Mr. Bloom clarified that there are between 84-86 homes in the development with a minimum of 2,000 square foot floor plans.

Mayor Gears requested the average price of the homes for the Thursday meeting.

**2** Old Red Museum Presentation

This item was not discussed and postponed to a future work session agenda.

**3** Discuss Six Sigma Plan Review Process Improvement

Planning & Inspections Director Gary Miller presented the plan review process and how the Lean Six Sigma program has improved efficiency by 85% and intensified staff's focus.

Acting Assistant Director of Public Works - Engineering Mike Walter described the measurement and analysis of the current process and the customer's needs.

Traffic Engineer Manager Dan Vedral described the improvements from Six Sigma which included teaming, development software and regular "stand-up" meetings.

**4** Development Status Report

This item was discussed after item 5.

Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Chris Wallace gave an overview of current development projects, noting that these projects represent a \$5.2 billion investment within the city.

Chamber Vice President of Economic Development John Bonnot gave an overview of corporate projects and new residential construction.

Mr. Wallace updated the Council on the Chamber's goals, strategies and Irving's sub-markets. He also noted that the City will be featured in the Economic Report airing on Fox and CNN, which will highlight some of the global headquarters located in Irving.

Councilman Smith requested advertising the air dates for the CNN Headline News and Fox Business Network shows featuring Irving.

Mayor Gears requested the Chamber pursue the motion picture industry as a focus area.

Chamber Director of Heritage District Development Don Williams described the City's business incentives compared to other cities and note that they are competitive due to the City's location. He added that staff is reviewing other incentive options to increase competitiveness.

Councilman Smith noted that the City of Irving has a 75% commercial tax base and requested information on if any other city in the area has a similar tax base.

**5** Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber - Economic Development Update

Director Dr. Bud Weinstein and Associate Director Dr. Terry Clower, with the University of North Texas Center for Economic Development, described the marketing improvement study used to update the target marketing strategies for the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Clower gave an overview of the labor market categories and areas within the city that represent opportunities.

Councilman Smith asked what the next step will be in market focusing.

Chamber President Wallace confirmed that the chamber will be looking into the target markets found in the study.

**6** Pet Registration

Mayor Gears requested this item be postponed to September 3, 2008.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 3:15 PM.

- 7 Consultation with Attorney-Agreement for Genghis Khan Exhibit
- 8 Pending Litigation - Irving Flood Control District Section III v. City of Irving and Irving City Council
- 9 Regular Agenda Items (if required)

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 5:15 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Carroll, TRMC  
City Secretary