

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2009**

The Irving City Council met in work session February 4, 2009. 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 | Present | |
| 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 | |

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

DISCUSSION TOPIC

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

1 Review of Regular Agenda

1 City Manager's Strategic Plan Update

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez presented a communication update and advised that the Manager's Report will be in video format at the regular meeting.

5 Resolution -- Adopting the North Texas Crime Commission Legislative Program for the 2009 81st Session of the Texas Legislature

Police Chief Larry Boyd reviewed this program.

Councilwoman Rose Cannaday requested an overview of the sobriety check point program.

Chief Boyd described the City's support for this program on the state's legislative agenda. He said that some legislative representatives were concerned that this will cause racial profiling.

Councilwoman Cannaday also questioned the proposed prepaid cell phone restrictions on the state's agenda.

Chief Boyd stated that selling prepaid cell phones with no identification requirements has become a federal drug crime issue and noted that the Dallas County Commissioners have passed a similar resolution in support of these initiatives.

6 Resolution -- Amending Consulting Agreement with Clarion Associates LLC to reduce scope and cost of Development Ordinances Rewrite

7 Resolution -- Assignment of Consulting Agreement with Clarion Associates LLC for Development Ordinances Rewrite to the Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

8 Resolution -- Approving Addendum No. 2 to the Agreement Between the City of Irving and the Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce to Provide Economic Development Services for the City of Irving, Texas

Real Estate & Development Director Brenda McDonald described items 6-8, identifying the changes to the Clarion contract that will reduce cost and time. She noted that the Chamber of Commerce contract amendment includes that transfer of a City employee and the responsibility of this contract to this entity, as well as the implementation of the Irving Corridor, the new museum, and the neighborhood projects.

Councilman Philipp clarified that the employee will remain with the City and asked who will prepare the zoning map.

Director McDonald stated that the map could be done by the City.

12 Resolution -- Approving Amendment No. 3 to Maloney Strategic Communications for Services Related to the Design of Marketing Materials for the 2009 Transportation and Infrastructure Summit

Councilman Sam Smith asked that the marketing materials have continuity so that it is not a reinvention every year.

Public Works Director Jim Cline confirmed that this will be done.

13 Resolution -- Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Entertainment Center Lease Agreement with Las Colinas Group, LP

Mayor Herbert Gears requested a presentation on this item.

Director McDonald reviewed the terms of the lease.

Councilman Smith asked for details on the funding for the arts that are included in the contract.

Director McDonald clarified the agreement will make available space each year for fundraising events for arts organizations and noted that a formal policy will come back to the Council for review once the venue is closer to completion. While reviewing the lease she also noted that the City will not be responsible for the construction, maintenance, or replacement of items in the entertainment center with the approval of this agreement.

Councilman Joe Philipp questioned the lease term.

Director McDonald confirmed that the lease agreement is for 25 years with options for extension.

Councilman Philipp noted the importance of the arts funding and the reserve funds within the agreement.

Mayor Gears commended Director McDonald and the staff for their efforts.

- 14** Resolution -- Approving an Assignment of Contract of Sale to the City of Irving for the Acquisition of Commercial Property Located at 524 South Rogers Road - Sierra Plateau, LTD., Assignor

Mayor Gears requested a presentation on this item.

Real Estate & Development Assistant Director Doug Janeway described the property acquisition located at the corner of 6th Street and Rogers Road from Sierra Plateau, LTD.

Managing Director Paul Gooch noted that this will improve the visibility and accessibility to Keeler Park.

- 24** Ordinance -- Amendment to Chapter 11 of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances: Long Term Care Facilities

Mayor Gears requested a presentation on this item.

Code Enforcement Manager Darrell Hammond described the City's local inspections of long-term care facilities, noting that Irving is the only city in the state doing local inspections. He stated that this is just an update of a fourteen-year old ordinance.

- 27** Ordinance -- Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Low Density Residential to Light Commercial and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-OU-2 (Commercial Outdoor) and Warehouse Uses in Zoning Case #ZC08-0071 - Approximately 2.75 Acres Located at 425 South Loop 12 and 1720 Landmark Road - JDJR Engineers, Applicant - Equipment Southwest, Inc., Owner (Postponed from January 22, 2009)

Director McDonald stated that staff has received a letter from the applicant withdrawing the case.

- 28** Resolution -- Appointment to the Irving Flood Control District Section III to Fill One Two-Year Term Expiring January 2011

Councilman Rick Stopfer stated that Rakesh Patel has been nominated for this appointment.

- 2** North Central Texas Council of Governments Irving Projects Update

North Central Texas Council of Governments Director of Transportation Michael Morris presented the top twelve transportation projects that affect the City of Irving. His presentation included updates on BNSF, Cottonbelt and Orange Line rail projects, as well as, SH 183 and the Diamond Exchange roadway projects.

The Council discussed talks with the DFW Airport staff regarding right of way for the DART Orange Line into the airport.

Director Morris asked to be included in the negotiations with DFW Airport as his agency as been working with them closely on other projects.

Councilman Allan Meagher stated that he disagrees with the SH 161/ Conflans exit being a tolled exit.

Director Morris stated that work will continue on the extension of SH 161 to Interstate 20, and he agreed that the Conflans exit should be a free exit. He said that he will get

back to the City Manager within two weeks on this issue.

Councilwoman Beth Van Duyne asked what the North Central Texas Council of Governments' priorities were in relation to Irving.

Director Morris noted that the Orange Line work is strong and is now focused on the extension of the line into the airport. He also requested that the City keep active communication with the DFW Airport and support the Cottonbelt line which will increase the Orange Line ridership and will not slow down the Orange Line project.

3 Economic Development Quarterly Update -- Chamber

Greater Irving/ Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce President Chris Wallace described the Chamber's goal to increase the tax base, noting that 75% of the current tax base is commercial. His presentation included the business recruitment/ marketing initiatives and the economic development projects being worked and those under construction.

Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Director John Bonnett described the office and warehouse space occupancy and availability, as well as, the business retention program.

President Wallace announced that seventeen local businesses that have entered in the US Chamber Business of the Year competition this year.

4 Irving Boulevard Implementation Strategy

Advanced Planning Manager Kevin Kass presented the implementation strategy, the guideline principles, catalyst projects, and the funding mechanisms. He also described the action plan, which includes a new division in the Chamber of Commerce and voluntary membership dues. He noted that staff will be bringing more funding discussions to the Planning & Development Committee.

Mayor Gears suggested including Kevin Kass in meetings with mall representatives for future development.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 3:35 PM.

5 Real Property Deliberations
(Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.072)

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary