

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2009**

The Irving City Council met in work session March 25, 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	Absent	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Thomas Spink	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

Mayor Herbert Gears called the meeting to order at 12:15 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 an On the Spot Award to Tim Green from Intergovernmental Services Department for his work with the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Senior Management Analyst Melissa Baker introduced the City Council cycle participant, Brad Simpson with Information Technology.

4 Resolution -- Supporting the United States Congress to Enact Legislation Facilitating Access to Appropriate Financing for Cities and Furthering Our Nation's Economic Recovery Efforts

Mayor Gears described the federal program for municipal bond funding that is before the US Senate, noting that the City has compiled a great deal of bipartisan support from around the country and will continue to work with legislators in Austin as well as in Washington DC on this proposed legislation. He stated that he has been appointed to the Metro Economic Committee with the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The Council commended the Mayor's leadership in this area.

5 Resolution -- Supporting the Texas Local Option Transportation Act (TLOTA) for the 81st Texas Legislative Session

Councilman Rick Stopfer described the proposed Act, stating the importance of equity for DART member cities and the ability to use Local Option Transportation financing for Irving transportation- related projects. He also noted that staff is working with Representative Linda Harper-Brown to support transportation in the region.

8 Resolution -- Approving a Waiver of the Six-Month Notice of Claim Requirement as Requested by Joe Simpson

9 Resolution -- Approving a Waiver of the Six-Month Notice of Claim Requirement as Requested by United States Postal Service

Councilman Lewis Patrick requested a presentation on items 8-9.

City Attorney Charles Anderson reviewed the claims, noting that the waiver has been recommended by the City's Claims Board for both cases.

17 Resolution -- Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for the Development of Plans and Specifications for the Demolition of Texas Stadium

Mayor Gears requested a presentation on this item.

Real Estate Services Assistant Director Doug Janeway described the agreement to complete design demolition specifications within 90 days with demolition slated for next year.

Councilman Patrick asked if staff had advertised the demolition.

Mr. Janeway confirmed that ICVB Executive Director Maura Gast has been looking into entities that may be interested in demolition plans.

20 Resolution -- Approve Professional Services Agreement with the Burrell Group Relative to the City's M/WBE Program Objectives and Stated Participation Goals for the Irving Convention Center

ICVB Executive Director Maura Gast stated that this agreement with Burrell will ensure M/WBE participation throughout the construction of the Convention Center.

Councilwoman Beth Van Duynes requested more information on the terms of the agreement to be provided tomorrow evening as she is concerned about the cost of this contract.

34 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC09-0004 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) Uses - Approximately 0.35 Acres Located at 520 West Sixth Street - Mohammed A. Memon, Owner/Applicant

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case, noting that the property has had no code violation in the past five years, and the City has received ten letters in support of the case.

Councilwoman Rose Cannaday asked who would pay to close off the driveway as noted in the site plan.

Mr. Bloom clarified that the owner is responsible for funding the paving of the parking lot and installing the required landscaping.

- 35** Ordinance -- Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from High Density Residential to Low Density Residential and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) in Zoning Case #ZC08-0054 - Approximately 5.107 Acres Located on the West Side of Homestead Court, West of Compton Road - James Trinkle, Applicant - Victor Abraham, Owner (Postponed at March 5, 2009 City Council Meeting)

Senior Planner Kenneth Bloom presented the case, noting that the applicant wishes to proceed.

Mayor Gears confirmed that he had also spoken to the applicant and expects the applicant to withdraw before the Council meeting, stating that a $\frac{3}{4}$ approval of the Council is required and many Council members have noted their opposition to the request.

- 36** Resolution -- Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees to Fill Two-Year Terms Expiring November 2010, and Various Unexpired Terms for the Following: Arts Board and Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 2** Six Sigma Update on Police Recruiting

Police Chief Larry Boyd presented the Six Sigma recruiting and hiring process results which included a reduction in processing time, targeted marketing, website enhancements, and the new bonus and lateral entry programs.

Councilman Sam Smith noted his support of the bonus initiative.

City Manager Gonzalez recognized the Six Sigma Team.

- 3** State Highway 183 Project Status Update

TxDOT Deputy District Engineer Bob Brown presented the SH 183 project update. His presentation included detailing the proposed managed free lanes and tolled express lanes along SH 183 and described the 183 Corridor, noting that Right of Way acquisitions were ongoing. He also updated the Council on projects along SH 635, Highway 161 and the DFW Connector. He noted that the Highway 161 Phase II and III will open in August 2009. Mr. Brown reviewed the funding sources and stated the importance of the Diamond Interchange construction beginning on schedule.

Councilman Rick Stopfer thanked TxDOT for their work.

Councilman Allan Meagher noted his concern that the Highway 161 exit at Conflans Road is a proposed toll exit when previous plans had the Conflans Road exit as a free exit.

Mr. Brown stated that the current plans submitted to the state include a toll exit at Conflans Road. He explained that this is a regional decision.

Councilman Rick Stopfer stated that the City has talked to NTTA regarding additional landscaping maintenance on TxDOT controlled areas of Highway 161 which could lead to possible future legislation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 2:10 PM.

- 4 Legal Advice - Benavidez v. City of Irving
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 2:25 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Carroll, TRMC
City Secretary