

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session February 17, 2010. 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	Late	11:59 AM
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 11:00 AM.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

Executive Assistant Linda Murray presented the following City Council Cycle Participants:
Michell Adams, Web Content Specialist with Corporate Communications
Robert Longhorn, Landscape Architect

2 Review of Regular Agenda

The following regular agenda items were reviewed and discussed:

1 City Manager's Report

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced Police Chief Boyd. Chief Boyd indicated that there is a new logo that will be implemented on the police vehicle fleet as additional cars are rolled out within the department.

5 Resolution -- Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Gideon Toal to Provide Consultant Services Within Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1.

Staff requested that this item be pulled from the agenda. It will be brought back before council at a later date.

10 Resolution -- Approving a Discretionary Service Agreement Between the City of Irving and Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC., for the Undergrounding of Overhead Electric Facilities in Front of the MacArthur Pump Station

It was asked why the pump station was rebuilt and staff indicated that the facility is about 60 years old and pumps were failing; it had exceeded its usability age.

16 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC09-0043 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-O (Commercial Office) and Senior Living Facility Uses - Approximately 4.807 Acres Located at 3501 North MacArthur Boulevard - Baldwin Associates, Applicant - SCS Capital Group, LLC, Owner (Postponed at the January 14, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Staff indicated the applicant's request for indefinite postponement.

17 Ordinance -- Zoning Case # ZC09-0055 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for Townhouse, Retail and Mixed Uses - Approximately 4.98 Acres Located Between South Delaware Street, South Britain Road, East Second Street, and East Fourth Street - Heritage District, LLC, Owner/Applicant

Staff indicated the applicant's request for postponement to April 1, 2010.

19 Resolution -- Confirming the Appointment by the City Manager of a Commissioner to Serve on the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission to a Term Expiring November 2012

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez indicated that Richard Schleier will be confirmed as the appointment to serve on the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission.

3 Discussion--Potential Issues for a May 2010 Home Rule Charter Amendment Election

Chief Financial Officer Max Duplant spoke regarding the issues as they pertain to the discussion for a Charter Amendment as it relates to the current cap of 15.75% on employee retirement benefit contributions from the City.

The Council discussed at length the options available to remove, to adjust, or keep the Charter cap and the ability to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to current and retired employees. Future state legislation regarding TMRS contributions was also suggested.

Charter amendments can only be held once every two years; therefore, Council requested that the City Attorney review the additional items that were recommended by the Charter Review Committee.

After Council discussion, the questions to be posed on the Charter Amendment will be as follows:

Whether or not to remove the cap.

Whether or not the Council shall provide the option to allow the City Manager to sign and execute contracts.

Whether or not to eliminate or amend the designation of the Treasurer position within the charter.

Whether or not to allow residents to vote on the issuance of bonds and warrants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Charles Anderson read the Mayor and Council into Executive Session at 12:18 p.m.

4 City Attorney - Personnel

5 Litigation - Keith Lepak, et al. vs. City of Irving

Mayor Gears announced that the Council will now reconvene in Open Session. The time was 12:45 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
Acting City Secretary