

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 31, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session March 31, 2010. 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	Late	11:25 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 a.m.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

**1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants**

Linda Murray, Executive Assistant, introduced the following City Council Cycle Participants:

Bonnie Selman, Records Technician City Secretary's Office

Linda Velazquez, Planning & Inspections Office Coordinator

**2 Review of Regular Agenda**

**1 City Manager's Strategic Plan Update**

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced Ramiro Lopez, Director of Intergovernmental Services. Mr. Lopez recognized the water department for their contributions to the city. He also recognized Todd Reck, the Director of Water Utilities. The City of Irving Water Utilities Department won the award for outstanding utility for 2010, which recognizes the best utility in the State of Texas. Mr. Reck also recognized many of his employees who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Gonzalez also recognized Gary Miller, who has been named the Building Official of the Year for the State of Texas.

Mr. Gonzalez presented the following video: Water Utilities Employee Recognition

Councilman Philipp questioned the library surveys mentioned on the City Manager's Report. He suggested publicizing the technology improvements that are planned for the West Library.

Mr. Gonzalez noted that two technology surveys have been distributed to the community seeking feedback on what type of technology the citizens would like to see at the new library. He also noted that some technology upgrades are being piloted at the Valley Ranch Library.

Paul Gooch, Community Services Director and Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Projects Director described input being gathered from the schools and technology to better focus the library's curriculum.

Councilman Philipp requested staff to contact the other school districts within the City as well.

**9 Resolution -- Approving Allocation of Sponsorship Funds and Food Donations Generated from Implosion of Texas Stadium**

Mr. Meagher asked how the decisions were made as to how the beneficiaries were received. It was indicated that Housing & Human Services created the criteria, one stipulation being that the organization receiving the funds had a relationship with the Dallas Cowboys and benefited from the football games at Texas Stadium in the past.

Mayor Gears noted that this allocation is only the first wave of funding and there will be other funding opportunities.

**18 Resolution -- Establishment and the Appointment of Convention Center Community Opening Events Task Force**

This Task Force will essentially put back to work former board members who were involved when the Irving Convention Center planning began. The dates for the Task Force will run from June 2010 - March 2010. This will be a nine member task force.

**3 Economic Development - Quarterly Update**

Chris Wallace, President of the Irving Chamber of Commerce, presented the quarterly economic development updated. Among the items discussed were retention and expansion of businesses, industries and retail entities. Leasing activity to include 585,839 square feet in office space and 1,182,785 square feet in industrial and flex space was reported. Other items discussed include areas of media coverage, business recruitment and marketing, retail recruitment, transportation and infrastructure, the SH-183 overlay district, and Irving Boulevard Redevelopment.

**4 Resident Report Video**

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez introduced the resident report video.

Councilwoman Cannaday congratulated the staff on a job well done at the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Council recessed at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 1:05 p.m.

**5 Water Utilities Employee Recognition**

This item was covered under City Manager's Report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**6 Legal Advice - City of Hugo v. Nichols, et al.**

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 1:08 p.m.

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 1:33 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shanae Jennings, TRMC  
Acting City Secretary