

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session April 14, 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	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 11:00 a.m.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

**1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants**

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

Tanya Orms, Senior Accountant  
Bruce Jolley, Police Captain

**2 Review of Regular Agenda**

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

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez updated Council on the West Irving Aquatics Center and the Texas Stadium Implosion. He ran a video indicating the progress being made on this Center as well as a video showing the implosion of Texas Stadium.

**5 Resolution -- Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Irving and the Irving Flood Control District Section I for Desiltation and Maintenance Related to District Waterways**

Paul Gooch, Community Services Team Director - Mr. Gooch indicated that some levy damage was sustained and needs to be re-compacted and re-stabilized. This will be taken care of soon. Some modifications to the pump station will also be made.

Councilman Philipp requested a council presentation on Flood Control District Section 1 at a future Council work session where the Flood Control Board is also present.

- 8 Resolution -- Requesting Sign Variance Case #S1002-0018 Located at 861 West John Carpenter Freeway - Bailey and Galyen Attorneys at Law, Applicant - Phillip Galyen, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the sign variance request, noting the new business is seeking a wall sign. The previous tenant had a wall sign at this location and this tenant is requesting the same. Staff recommends approval of this request.

- 9 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC09-0061 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for P-O (Professional Office) District and Restaurant Uses - Approximately 2.9 Acres Located at 204 East Airport Freeway - Healthspace JVI, LLC, Applicant - Argonaut Holdings, Inc., Owner (Postponed from the March 4, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented this generalized site plan request for offices. This property will be remodeled for the appropriate use. Staff recommends approval of this item.

### 3 DART Orange Line Update

Gary Thomas, DART President/ Executive Director, presented information regarding the DART Orange Line. Mr. Thomas stated that the TRE bridge project is nearing completion which will certainly benefit Irving. The Green Line continues to move at a good pace and is on schedule and under budget. Regarding the Orange Line, December 2011 was the original schedule for Irving 1, December 2012 was the original schedule for Irving 2 to Belt Line. TxDOT must get their work done before DART can complete their work around the Diamond Interchange. There are some delays that have been associated with this and Irving 1 now looks to be completed in August 2012, but they are working to move it to late spring. Irving 2 deadline remains December 2012 at this point. The Blue Line is also under construction.

Mr. Thomas discussed the budget. Dart is primarily funded by sales tax. They do not sale bonds for specific projects. Also, sales tax cannot be raised to fund DART projects. All anticipated revenues and expenses are considered and this is how project completions are determined. Sales tax was down in 2009, which equated to a loss of about \$53 million; they are down about \$15 million this year. DART is managing the downturns this year and last year but, it is the 20 year budget forecast/projection that is being impacted the most. Most recently DART is being told there will not be a 5% growth per year but a 3% or 3.25% growth, which equates to \$2.5 billion less over the next 20 years. This decrease has prompted DART to review all operations and services as well as capital projects to ensure that they live within the forecast for sales taxes as well as transportation needs for folks within North Texas. He stated that funds are not being diverted from the Orange Line. All funds received from the Federal Government have been applied to Irving lines 1 and 2.

Phase 3 of the Orange Line is not under construction yet. Mr. Thomas does not have any answers as it pertains to Phase 3, when it will begin or how the sales tax will affect it.

When questioned about the Denton County Line, Mr. Thomas noted that the Denton County Line is owned by DART and Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) pays DART for operating costs based on fair market value. The Denton Line was funded by DCTA by paying for access to it.

Councilman Philipp questioned opportunities for other cities to join DART, and costs of service plans.

Mr. Thomas noted that it was requested that a smart card be built into the Texas Drivers License. There are 13 cities that are part of the DART system; the debt though is not a proportional debt. The funding plan for those 13 cities that seems to be the most viable plan is through a contract approach. It was requested that something like a 110% or 140% costs of service plan be looked at for a funding source.

Councilman Rick Stopfer questioned the use of the federal funding received. He discussed the importance of the Orange Line progress due to promised development along the line, noting the City's historic investment in DART.

Mayor Gears stated that his goal is to bring all 13 Mayors of the DART member cities together to discuss transportation opportunities in the region.

#### **4 Code Enforcement – Keep Texas Beautiful Award**

Rick Hose, Keep Irving Beautiful Coordinator, presented information about two awards that were received by the Keep Irving Beautiful team as well as the Code Enforcement Division. Staff won the First Place Governor's Awards, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Texas environment that have been made by government departments, divisions or agencies. Irving competed against other cities, counties, state agencies, regional agencies and military entities to win the award. They were also recognized with the Governor's Community Achievement Award for cities over 180,000. The criteria for this award is community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management.

Council recessed at approximately 12:56 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 1:47 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 1:47 p.m.

**5** Legal Advice - Dallas Area Rapid Transit Orange Line

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 1:50 p.m.

Council adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shanae Jennings, TRMC  
Acting City Secretary