

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session July 21, 2010. The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Herbert Gears	Irving City Council	Mayor	Present	
Allan Meagher	Irving City Council	Councilman	Absent	
Lewis Patrick	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rick Stopfer	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Gerald Farris	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Joe Philipp	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Roy Santoscoy	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Mike Gallaway	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

Mayor Herbert Gears called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

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

Carlos Narvaez, Sanitation Section Chief

Dwayne Yelton, Automotive Parts Supervisor

2 Review of Regular Agenda

1 Public Hearing -- Public Hearing to Gather Input on the Housing and Human Services Department 2010 Action Plan for Submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Chris Hooper, Housing & Human Services Director, noted that this public hearing is the third and final hearing needed before adoption of the Action Plan.

2 City Operations Update

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, recognized the budget staff and presented the award received by the Government Finance Association for Distinguished Budget Presentation.

5 Resolution -- Authorizing and Approving the Submission of the 2010 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Vicki Ebner, Housing & Human Services Manager, presented the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Action Plan.

- 7** Resolution -- Authorization to Redevelop Tudor Lane and Submit an Amendment to the 2009 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Chris Hooper, Housing & Human Services Director, presented information on the Tudor Lane Redevelopment Strategy. While much work has been done the work is not yet fully complete. Staff would still like to construct 11 single family detached homes and 14 single family attached homes.

- 9** Resolution -- Authorizing Assignment of Economic Incentive Previously Granted to the Realty Associates Fund VII, L.P. to Porteous Realty Investments

Item 9 is being pulled and will be brought back to council for consideration at a future meeting.

- 12** Resolution -- Approving the Creation of the Irving Entertainment Center Development Corporation; Approving the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws Thereof; Confirming the Appointment of the Initial Directors and Chairperson; and Containing Findings and Other Provisions Relating to the Subject

Brenda McDonald, Real Estate & Development Director, described the function of the Irving Entertainment Center Development Corporation, noting this is recommended by the City's financial advisor.

- 13** Resolution -- Approving a Reimbursement Resolution with the City of Irving for Entertainment Center Expenditures in Advance of the 2010 Entertainment Center Bond Sale

Brenda McDonald, Real Estate & Development Director, detailed the bond reimbursement process, noting this is recommended by the City's bond counsel.

- 25** Ordinance -- Final Reading - Amending Chapter 52 Entitled "Water and Sewer Rates" of The Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas, Providing for New Monthly Water and Sewer Rates

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, presented an overview of the need for a water rate increase; noting the importance of the continuation of keeping aging infrastructure current as well as maintenance of the systems intact. He described the benefits of the five-year plan to replace infrastructure south of Northgate.

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the legal requirements for debt service, and confirmed that this rate increase will keep the City above the required threshold.

Councilman Mike Gallaway asked for cost projections for small businesses.

Councilman Rick Stopfer described historical water and sewer system issues that have brought the City to this position.

Council discussed the importance of having a self-sustaining water system that provides quality water throughout the City.

Council agreed that more educational communication to the citizens is needed throughout the water rate process.

- 26** Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit S1005-0023 to Build a Monument Sign with a Combined Message Center Including Digital Images on the Corner of Ranch Trail and MacArthur Boulevard - Property Located at 8830 North MacArthur Boulevard - Valley Ranch Master Association, Applicant/Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for signage on MacArthur Boulevard. He noted staff's recommendation of approval of the request.

- 27** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0022 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-MF-2 (Multi-Family) Uses - Approximately 9.54 Acres Located at 1954 Shoaf Drive - Britain Way Apartments, Applicant - 1954 LTD, Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for expansion and enhancement of the multi-family property. He noted staff's support of these improvements.

- 28** Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0026 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) and R-TH (Townhouse) Uses - Approximately 3 Acres Located at 2807-3029 Tudor Lane - City of Irving, Applicant/Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the City's request to re-zone the area in preparation for the redevelopment on Tudor Lane.

Council recessed at approximately 2:05 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 2:46 p.m.

3 Problem-Solving Team Update

Jason Mullins, Police Sergeant, gave a presentation on the "Problem-Solving Team", which is a unit that identifies and responds to criminal trends within the City that have failed to respond to traditional policing methods. The team develops tactics to address the root causes of crime and disorder, thus improving the quality of life for Irving residents.

4 Code Enforcement Update

Guy Henry, Code Enforcement Director, presented results achieved by the code enforcement team over the past year. Following are some results attained:

- 1) 8,002 code cases have been resolved
- 2) 98% of the cases were closed voluntarily
- 3) 436 community service workers assisted with 163 mowing and cleaning projects for 1,562 hours worked
- 4) 10,144 illegal temporary signs were removed
- 5) News racks came into compliance
- 6) 32 code cases were referred to Housing and Human Services

7) 10 properties were completed by "Great Days of Service."

5 Mid-Year Crime Update

Larry Boyd, Police Chief, presented 2010 highlights of the Police Department, which include:

- 1) 32% decrease in robbery
- 2) 15% decrease in aggravated assault
- 3) 15% decrease in burglary
- 4) 19% decrease in vehicle theft
- 5) total of 22% decrease in violent crime.

6 Great Days of Service Presentation

Larry Gomez, Code Enforcement Inspector, gave a presentation on the Great Days of Service Program. The program is comprised of volunteers from mostly church organizations, with other organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, and the City's Code Enforcement Department to help homeowners with home repairs or landscaping needs. Code Enforcement's role is to refer properties to Great Days of Service Approval Committee, help with the application process, communicate with the homeowner if they are approved for the program regarding what they should expect as well as participate in a project. He noted that 21 projects have been completed this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not convene into Executive Session; Item 7 will be moved to the August 5, 2010 meeting.

7 Personnel - City Secretary
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.074

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
Acting City Secretary