

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session July 7, 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	Absent	
Mike Gallaway	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

Mayor Herbert Gears called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

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

Larry Gomez, Code Inspector

Diana Soto, Teen Court Coordinator

2 Review of Regular Agenda

1 City Operations Update

Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, introduced the following video:

Celebration of the Fourth of July

Brett Starr, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the upcoming budget cycle events.

5 Resolution -- Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for the Expansion of an Existing Convention Center

Brenda McDonald, Real Estate and Development Director, clarified that this item is to qualify for the Entertainment Venue and Convention Center hotel state rebate of sales and mixed beverage taxes.

6 Resolution -- Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Entertainment Center Development Agreement with Las Colinas Group, LP

Brenda McDonald, Real Estate and Development Director, provided a brief update to the Council regarding the financing of the Entertainment Venue.

- 18** Ordinance -- Budget Adjustment to the 2009-10 Fiscal Year Budget
Brett Starr, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, provided Council with a brief overview of the budget adjustments for consideration for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget.

- 19** Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit #S1006-0009 to Allow an LED Message Center, Front Wall Sign, Signage on the West Elevation, and Internally Illuminated Signs - Property Located at 302 West Irving Boulevard - Nick Fowlkes, Applicant - Heath Massey, Owner

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

- 20** Resolution -- Selection of Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem by the City Council

Mayor Gears noted that Rose Cannaday will be appointed Mayor Pro Tem and Rick Stopfer will be appointed Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

- 22** Resolution -- Establishment of and Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Committee

Mayor Gears stated that appointments will be made at tomorrow's meeting.

3 Water & Sewer System Fund Update

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, gave a presentation on the current state of the water and sewer system fund. He discussed what is needed regarding this issue, why the City should invest in infrastructure, the Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to the water and sewer system, a financial update and recommendations.

Council has requested information as to what the amount of rate increase is being requested for now and next year, how many dollars this will generate, as well as what the money is devoted towards (ie. normal operations, pipeline capacity replacement, and growth capacity).

Council directed staff to bring this item back for discussion on the work session and put the rate increase on the regular agenda for action at the next meeting.

4 DART Orange Line Update

Gary Thomas, President/ Executive Director of DART, provided an overview of the Orange Line construction and stated that they continue to look at their options for financing of the Orange Line and methods of continuing to move forward with the planned construction. While the original deadline may not be met the goal is to continue the progress.

Council expressed several of their concerns about both the financing and extension of the Orange Line and its timely completion.

Council recessed at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:50 p.m.

5 Legal Advice - Entertainment Venue Bond Structure
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

6 Real Property - South Irving Library
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.072

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 3:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
Acting City Secretary