

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session June 23, 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	Present	
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 11:08 a.m.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

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

Jessy Hulm, Health Inspector

David Canady, Utility Operations Manager

2 24/7 Criminal Alien Program Update

Larry Boyd, Police Chief, provided an update on the Criminal Alien Program (CAP) and answered general questions from council.

3 Review of Regular Agenda

1 Public Hearing -- Public Input on the 2010-2011 City of Irving Fiscal Year Budget

Councilman Philipp requested that important dates for the budget be read aloud so that citizens would know their opportunity for involvement.

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, noted that State law requires that citizens are allowed the opportunity to speak on the budget. Two budget hearings have already been held.

Following are dates in which additional public hearings or budget related items will be addressed:

June 24 - public hearing

July 7 - council work session briefing

July 21- council budget briefing
August 2 - completed budget with updates to the City Manager
August 6 - notice of effective tax rate will be published
August 19- 21 - budget retreat
August 26 - public hearing
August 27 - published notice of vote on tax rate
September 9 - second public hearing
September 23 - the budget will be approved by council

2 City Manager's Strategic Plan Update

Paul Gooch, Community Services Director, introduced a video on the new West Aquatics Center.

5 Resolution -- Approving Approximately 1.43 Acre Tract Located in the 1700 Block of Sunnybrook Drive, to be Designated as Public Open Space for Municipal Uses

Sheila Hupp, Assistant Director of Management Operations, described the history of these properties and staff's recommendation to create a "pocket" park for the neighborhood. She noted that the City's original intent was to sell these properties once the drainage issues were addressed, but once the City started bringing the properties up to code, staff was approached by the neighborhood association to consider converting the properties into park space.

Paul Gooch confirmed that the proposed park space will be added to the park system at a very low maintenance costs.

6 Resolution -- Authorizing the Submission of an Application for a Permit Amendment Relating to the Hunter Ferrell Landfill

Brenda Haney, Solid Waste Services Director, explained that this item is an expansion of land that was bought and permitted approximately 13 years ago to better utilize landfill property and extend the use of the landfill by about 25 years.

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

Revenues to date and how they have been invested were requested to be provided by staff in the near future as it relates to this item.

9 Resolution -- Approving an Engagement Letter with Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P., for Legal Services Related to the 2010 Entertainment Venue Project Bonds

Brenda McDonald, Director of Real Estate and Development, provided a handout of debt structure for the 2.0 structure for series A and series B since this appears to be Council's focus. The team is looking for an acceptance of the structural concepts that were presented at the City's most recent Audit and

Finance meeting of June 22, 2010.

Noe Hinojosa, President of Estrada and Hinojosa, spoke to the Council regarding financing options for the Entertainment Venue.

A general discussion of financing options was discussed regarding the Entertainment Venue. The Mayor summarized that they would like staff to attempt to maintain two times coverage on the series A and series B and series C is up for discussion.

Council recessed at approximately 1:05 p.m.
Council reconvened at approximately 1:45 p.m.

An Audit and Finance meeting will be held on July 2, 2010 prior to the next agenda to discuss the Venue.

- 10 Resolution -- Approving an Addendum to the Employment Agreement Between the City of Irving and Tomas Gonzalez

Councilman Meagher wished to pull this item at this time so as not to discuss a pay increase but to conduct a performance review only.

Councilman Philipp indicated that the Council is required to do the performance review annually and agrees that the performance review still needs to be conducted.

Council would like to drop this item from the agenda for tomorrow night; however, they will still discuss the performance review in executive session.

- 13 Resolution -- Approving a Letter Agreement for Acquisition of Easements for the DART LRT Orange Line Project on Property Owned by BH O'Connor Partners, LP

Council discussed recent information from Dallas Morning News regarding DART's financial issues as it relates to the Orange Line expansion to the DFW International Airport.

Councilman Stopfer indicated that he intends to continue to work with DART and hopes that people discussing any matters as they relate to DART will seek out all relevant information.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 21 Resolution -- Approving Sign Variance #S1005-0024 - to Allow for Non-Street Facing Wall Signs at 2515 W. Airport Freeway - Consolidated Development Services/Whataburger, Applicant - MSC-1 LTD, Owner

Steve Reed, Planning Manager, presented the applicant's request for additional

wall signage for a new Whataburger on West Airport Freeway; he noted staff recommends approval of this variance request.

- 22 Resolution -- Approving Special Fence Plan #ZC10-0008 to Allow a Variance to the Fence Ordinance to Use Electrically Charged Fences - Located at 3100 South Belt Line Road - Sentry Security Systems, Applicant - FedEx Freight East Inc., Owner

Steve Reed, Planning Manager, presented the applicant's request for an electric fence at the FedEx property on South Belt Line. He stated that the Fire Department can not support an electric fence surrounding the property due to safety hazards to City staff in case of an emergency. Mr. Reed also noted that City Council denied a similar case in December of 2009 and that the Planning and Zoning Commission does recommend denial.

- 23 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0021 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) and Outdoor Seating Uses - Approximately 2,268 Square Feet Located at 3501 North Belt Line Road - the Dimension Group, Applicant - Town North SC Partner, Ltd., Owner

Steve Reed, Planning Manager, presented the applicant's request for outdoor seating for a Pizza Hut that will be located in the Tom Thumb shopping center at Belt Line and Northgate; he noted staff recommends approval of this request.

APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

- 24 Resolution -- Appointment to Boards, Commissions, and Committees, to Fill an Unexpired Term for the Housing and Human Services Board

James Dickens will be proposed as the appointee.

- 25 Mayor's Report -

Mayor Gears asked the Council to begin thinking about the process for building a new senior center, which was included in a previous bond package approved by the citizens, and with that, consider and discuss putting together a new advisory group for this center. The Mayor has requested that each council member think of approximately two people for this committee. This committee will think about what to build, how big, where to locate it, and what kind of programming and services should be offered, among other things. He requested the appointments to this committee be considered at the next Council meeting.

4 Internship Program

Diana Soto, Teen Court Coordinator, presented information about Irving's Internship Program and the various departments which have interns. The goal of the program is to create partnerships, mentor opportunities, volunteer opportunities, motivate, foster growth opportunities, assist personnel, create career awareness, education, investing in future leaders and promoting understanding of municipal responsibilities.

Departments which participate in the program include the Arts Center, CIP, Code Enforcement, Corporate Communication, Emergency Management, Housing and Human Services, Information Technology, Management Operations, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Inspections, Police Dispatch, Jail and Victim Services and the Chamber of Commerce.

5 Water & Sewer System Fund Update

This item was postponed to the next work session to be held on July 7.

Council took a short recess at approximately 3:08 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 3:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 3:35 p.m.

- 6 Legal Advice - Shin Ho "Sam" Kim D/B/A Texas Lunch Box v. City of Irving and City of Irving Building and Standards Commission
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071
- 7 Legal Advice - Pacific Manor, Inc. (Kings Manor) v. City of Irving Building and Standards Commission; Pending in the 44th and 298th Judicial District Courts, Dallas County, Texas
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071
- 8 Personnel - City Manager
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.074

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
Acting City Secretary