

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session November 10, 2010 at 11:18 a.m. 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	Late	12:17 PM
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Roy Santoscoy	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Mike Gallaway	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

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

Mike Sheets, Micro-Computer Specialist
Ray Cerda, Recreation Manager

2 Review of Regular Agenda

1 City Operations Update

Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, will present the operations update at tomorrow night's meeting.

7 Resolution -- Reimbursing the City of Irving for Capital Expenditures for Streets, Parks, Libraries, Water/Sanitary Sewer Projects and Municipal Drainage Public Improvements in Advance of the Fiscal Year 2011 Bond Sales

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, explained the process of a reimbursement resolution and the need for why the City does them each year.

8 Resolution -- Authorizing the Mayor to Waive the City of Irving's Allocation of State of Texas Recovery Zone Bonds

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of how the Davis-Bacon Act impacts the allocation of State of Texas Recovery Zone Bonds.

9 Resolution -- Approve Allocating Savings Associated with the Refunding of General Obligation Bonds as a Loan to Provide Payment Relief to a Portion of the Convention Center Certificates of Obligation, Series 2001 and 2009, and the Terms of Repayment of the Loan.

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, explained the restructuring of existing

General Obligation (G.O.) debt and allocating savings and capacity associated with the restructured G.O. bonds to provide payment relief to a portion of the 2001 Convention Center Certificates of Obligation through 2019, so that the City's tax rate will not increase as a result of the deficiency to make payments on the Convention Center certificates of obligation.

- 14 Resolution -- Approving a Sales Contract for the Acquisition of Property Located at 124 South O'Connor Road

Paul Gooch, community Services Director, described the land acquisitions, noting that the purchases will be funded by North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). He gave an overview of the Heritage Crossing Communications Committee's recommendation to have control of the property remain with the City. An updated sales contract has been distributed to the Council.

Council and staff discussed the third-party appraisals required by NCTCOG and the different values reported by the Dallas Central Appraisal District noting the appraisals reflect current market values. Councilman Gallaway requested copies of the appraisals.

Doug Janeway, Chief Development Officer, stated that the purchase amounts will be credited to the Comerica credit facility which gives funding flexibility for future redevelopment opportunities.

- 16 Resolution -- Adopting the City of Irving's Legislative Program for the 2011 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature

Jonathan Bazan, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Services, presented an overview of Legislative issues for the 2011 82nd Texas Legislative session.

- 29 Resolution -- Approving the Single Source Award to Black Box Network Solutions for the Purchase of an E911 Alert System

Larry Boyd, Police Chief, noted that staff is recommending this item be pulled from the agenda for further review.

- 31 Ordinance -- Waiving the Statutory Maximum Contribution Rate to the Texas Municipal Retirement System Under Chapter 855 of the Texas Government Code.

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, informed the Council that the City is meeting its Charter requirement to stay within the cap. The City does have to pay the rate that TMRS is requiring but this is not an indication that the City is above its Charter cap.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 38 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit #S1006-0009 to Construct a Five Foot Tall Wall Sign in Lieu of a Three Foot Tall Wall Sign Previously Approved by City Council - Property Located at 302 West Irving Boulevard - McDonald's Corporation, Applicant/Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for a wall sign. He noted staff recommends approval of the request.

- 39 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit #S1009-0047 to Allow Digital Signs on Existing Theme Tower - Property Located at 2190 East John Carpenter Freeway - Clear Channel Outdoor, Applicant - Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, Agent

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to allow a digital sign on a theme tower. He noted staff recommends approval of the request.

- 40 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 (Postponed at the September 23, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to allow an electric fence on South Belt Line Road. He noted staff recommends denial of the request.

- 41 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0035 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-7.5 (Single Family) Uses - Approximately 1.9 Acres Located at 1328 Etain Road - Jose Rodriguez, Applicant/Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for redevelopment of a current residential lot into two residential lots. He noted staff recommends approval of the request.

- 42 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0038 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for R-AB (Restaurant with Accessory Use of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premise Consumption) Uses - Approximately 2,273 Square Feet Located at 975 West John W. Carpenter Freeway - D.C. Rightside, Applicant - Dunhill Partners, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for a restaurant with alcohol sales. He noted staff recommends approval of the request.

- 43 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0040 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for ML-20 (Light Industrial) Uses - Approximately 1.8 Acres Located at 2436 River Hill Road - JDJR Engineers, Applicant - AAA Auger Holdings, Inc., Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to allow a reduced setback between buildings. He noted staff recommends approval of the request stating the proposed improvements to the property will make a positive impact in the area.

- 44 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0044 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for Wall Signs - Approximately 0.21 Acres Located at 212 West Irving Boulevard - JPT Graphics, Applicant/Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to allow additional wall signage on Irving Boulevard. He noted staff recommends approval of the request, including waiving the application fee.

Council recessed at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Work session items 3-8 were not presented at today's meeting. Staff convened straight into executive session.

3 Strategic Plan Goal 6 Results

This item was not discussed at today's meeting.

4 Strategic Plan Goal 7 Results

This item was not discussed at today's meeting.

5 Strategic Plan Goal 8 Results

This item was not discussed at today's meeting.

6 Volunteers in Policing

This item was not discussed at today's meeting.

7 Community iALERT Program

This item was not discussed at today's meeting.

8 TIF No. 2 - Irving Boulevard

This item was not discussed at today's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:21 p.m.

9 Legal Advice - Entertainment Venue

Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

10 Legal Advice - Potential Lawsuit against Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

11 Legal Advice - DFW Revenue Sharing Agreement

Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 4:37 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary