

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session October 6, 2010 at 11:24 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	Present	
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:

Shelle Womack, Budget Analyst
Lt. Steve Gibbs, Fire Prevention Specialist

2 Review of Regular Agenda

1 City Operations Update

The City Operations Update will be provided at tomorrow night's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

6 Resolution -- Approving a Policy for the Coverage, Submission, and Payment of City Council Travel Expenses

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed travel policy for City Council and generally fielded questions from Council.

12 Resolution -- Authorizing the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau to Purchase Advertising Space in the Media

Councilman Philipp questioned the advertising budget to see if it could be lowered due to the projected shortfall in the Convention Center debt service.

Maura Gast, Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, confirmed that staff reviews the advertising opportunities closely to get the greatest returns but does not feel reducing the proposed advertising budget

further would benefit the opening of the Convention Center.

Council confirmed that the Convention Center debt service will be discussed at the Audit & Finance Committee meeting the following day.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 30 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0030 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-7.5 (Single Family) District Uses - Approximately 1.644 Acres Located at 1412 East Union Bower Road - JDJR Engineers and Consultants, Inc., Applicant - Carole Bogart, Owner (Postponed from September 23, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Sheba Ward, Zoning Planner, described the applicant's request to redevelop a property on E. Union Bower. She noted that staff has not received an update from the applicant since the postponement at the last Council meeting.

Councilman Stopfer noted that during discussions with the applicant, it was mentioned that if the City would participate in funding the drainage costs on Daywood, the applicant may consider reducing the lots from six to five which is the wish of the neighborhood. He asked staff to look at the numbers to see if the City could fund the drainage.

Councilman Patrick noted his concern with setting a precedent of funding private development to offset developer's costs.

Council discussed the option to postpone the item again to see if the applicant and the neighborhood could reach a compromise.

31. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gears provided an update on the Bond Validation court case. He indicated the challenge is to avoid delay tactics from the opposition and keep the focus on the merits of the case. The City did ask that a bond requirement be placed on the challengers. In order for this to occur the court had to find that the opponent's case had no merit and no chance for success. The court did find that the case has no merit and no chance for success, therefore, a bond in the amount of \$10 million in cash must be put up before they opponents can choose to proceed with this case. The City will not wait to see what occurs regarding the oppositions side.

Council recessed at approximately 12:54 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 1:35 p.m.

3 Small Business Update

Don Williams, Economic Development Director- Chamber of Commerce, provided a general overview and update on Small Businesses within Irving as well as a campaign to shop Irving.

4 State Highway 183 Update

Doug Janeway, Assistant Real Estate Director, presented an update on State Highway 183 that included the proposed configuration, TxDOT Right-of-Way progress, soundwalls, project appearance, business and resident relocations, economic development on 183, and a communications plan.

5 Goal 2 Update

Chris Hooper, Housing & Human Services Director, presented an update on Goal 2 which addressed results for property codes, building and standards, multifamily, health, Keep Irving Beautiful, neighborhood communications, speaker's bureau, neighborhood enhancements, housing development, housing counseling and homelessness services.

6 Goal 3 Update

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on Goal 3 which focused upon economic development in regards to the Entertainment Venue, Water Street, Texas Stadium, Heritage Crossing, Irving Boulevard Redevelopment, Irving ED Partnerships and the DART Orange Line.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:52 p.m.

7 Legal Advice - DFW Revenue Sharing Agreement
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

8 Legal Advice - Ex Parte City of Irving
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 4:08 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary