

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session October 20, 2010 at 11:14 a.m. The following members were present/absent:

| <b>Attendee Name</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Title</b> | <b>Status</b> | <b>Arrived</b> |
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| 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   | Absent        |                |
| Rose Cannaday        | Irving City Council | Councilwoman | Present       |                |
| Roy Santoscoy        | Irving City Council | Councilman   | Present       |                |
| Mike Gallaway        | Irving City Council | Councilman   | Present       |                |

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

**1 Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Teen Driver Safety Week**

This presentation was postponed to a future Council meeting date.

**2 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants**

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

Kim Haddad, ICVB Sales Manager

Phillip Weiner, Senior Internal Auditor

**3 Review of Regular Agenda**

**1 City Operations Update**

Paul Gooch, Community Services Director, recognized the Planning & Inspections Department in receiving the Certificate of Achievement Award from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Teresa Adrian, Management Operations Director, introduced the new Chief Technology Officer, Bradley Perrier.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6 Resolution -- Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement Between the City of Irving and Michaels Stores, Inc.**

John Bonnot, Chamber of Commerce Director of Business Recruitment, described the incentive agreement with Michaels Stores, Inc., which will be located in MacArthur Park on SH 635 and MacArthur Boulevard.

Mayor Gears asked the Chamber of Commerce to look at advertising the incentive agreement program available to retailers.

- 7 Resolution -- Approving a Sister Cities/International Trade Development and Assistance Center Services Contract with the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Cannaday asked for an update of the Sister Cities program.

Chris Wallace, Chamber of Commerce President, described the cities in the program and their activities, which are focused on business along with cultural and educational exchanges. He stated that a goal of this new fiscal year is to research a China/ India city to partner with in the future. Mr. Wallace also noted that representatives from Leon, Mexico will be traveling to Irving in December for a conference on medical tourism.

- 12 Resolution -- Approving and Accepting the Proposals of CIGNA Healthcare - Connecticut General Life Insurance Company (CGLIC) and National Vision Administrators, L.L.C. (NVA) for Annual Contracts to Provide Employee Health Benefit Insurance Coverages

Councilman Patrick asked for a presentation on this item.

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, described the bid proposal from Cigna noting a \$1.5 million savings while keeping the same services provided by the former insurance carrier.

Councilman Patrick asked about the Aetna Medicare program.

Ike Obi, Employee Services Administrator, confirmed that the current contract will not affect the retiree's Medicare plan but noted that retirees will have new healthcare options in the new year that will be presented soon.

### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 15 Ordinance -- Amending Chapter 33 Entitled "Refuse, Garbage and Weeds" of The Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas, by Modifying the Provisions for Enclosure Screening Materials and the Allowable Locations of Commercial Containers

Gary Miller, Planning & Inspections Director, presented the proposed amendments to Chapter 33 regarding the allowable material used for dumpster enclosures.

Chris Wallace, Chamber of Commerce President, confirmed that feedback from the business community has been reviewed and these changes show a balance

between businesses and city staff.

Council thanked staff for working with the business community on this solution.

- 16** Ordinance -- Amending Section 7-1 "Definitions"; Section 7-2 "General Provisions"; Section 7-3 "Special Provisions"; Section 7-4 "Prohibited Signs"; Section 7-5 "Nonconforming Signs"; Section 7-12 "Permits Required, Expiration, and Suspension or Revocation"; and Section 7-18 "Fee Schedule" of Chapter 7 "Billboards and Signs" of the Land Development Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas

Gary Miller, Planning & Inspections Director, presented the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 regarding signage provisions. Changes will affect pole signs, neon signs, and banners.

Council discussed the proposed changes and asked for more visual examples of what is and is not allowed.

### **ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS**

- 17** Ordinance -- Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Office to Senior Living Residential and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-O (Commercial Office) and Senior Living Facility Uses in Zoning Case #ZC09-0043 - Approximately 4.807 Acres Located at 3501 North MacArthur Boulevard - Baldwin Associates, Applicant - SCS Capital Group, LLC, Owner (Postponed at the February 18, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to zone a senior living facility on North MacArthur Boulevard. He noted staff recommends approval with the stipulation that the Planning & Zoning Commissions recommendation be met.

Councilwoman Cannaday noted her concern with the design and its compatibility with the surrounding properties.

- 18** 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 October 7, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to redevelop a residential site with six new homes. He noted that this item has been postponed at the last three Council meetings and staff has not received any revisions from the applicant. Due to the amount of opposition from the neighborhood, a ¾ vote of the Council is needed to approve the request.

Council discussed the neighborhood's opposition; a number of Council members noted their support of this development.

- 19** Ordinance -- Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Low Density Residential to Senior Living Residential and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-O (Commercial Office) and Senior Living Facility Uses in Zoning Case #ZC10-0037 - Approximately 7.2 Acres Located at 1525 Hard Rock Road - JDJR Engineers, Applicant - Edwin Bloomfield, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to zone a senior independent living facility on SH 161 and Hard Rock Road. He noted staff recommends approval.

Council recessed at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 1:53 p.m.

#### **4 Goal 4 Results**

Larry Boyd, Police Chief, presented an overview of the FY09-10 Goal 4 results. Goal 4 includes results from Police, Fire, Animal Services, Municipal Court and Information Technology. Highlighted results include the opening of the Animal Care Campus, integration of a business intelligence tool to aide Police in receiving information, enhanced cardiac and trauma emergency outcomes, a record low crime rate and youth initiatives. Chief Boyd showed a video about the First Offender Program.

#### **5 Veterinary Operations Update**

Dr. Qiana Cobb-Sinnie, City Veterinarian, presented an overview of the City's veterinary operations which includes medical staff, field operations and shelter staff. She stated that services include exams, sterilization, vaccination and after-hours assistance and described operational improvements that have been made at the Animal Care Campus.

#### **6 Goal 5 Results**

Mario Molina, Fire Chief, presented an overview of the FY09-10 Goal 5 results. Goal 5 supports diversity in the community. Highlighted results include public safety and community health outreach, as well as diverse educational, recreational and cultural opportunities. He also showed a video that illustrates the Goal 5 results.

#### **7 Proposed Sign and Dumpster Enclosure Amendments**

This presentation was discussed during the review of the Regular Agenda.

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:45 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**8** 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

**9** Legal Advice - Ex Parte City of Irving

Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 3:14 p.m.  
Council adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shanae Jennings, TRMC  
City Secretary