

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session September 8, 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	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 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

Misty Rios, Executive Assistant, introduced the following City Council Cycle participants:

Melony Branham, Senior Programming Analyst

Tri Le, Budget Analyst

2 Review of Regular Agenda

2 City Operations Update

There was no operations update at today's meeting.

29 Resolution -- Approving Amendments to the The Irving Arts Center's Operational Policies, Food and Beverage Section, and Approving the IAC Catering Agreement to be Used by Caterers who Want to be Included on a Preferred Catering List.

Mayor Gears requested that this item be pulled from the agenda so it can be discussed at the Audit and Finance Committee level as well as have the full Council present for discussion.

36 Ordinance -- Amending Chapter 24 Entitled "Offenses - Miscellaneous" of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving Adding Article VIII. Illegal Smoking Products to Prohibit the Use, Purchase, Possession, and Sale of Illegal Smoking Products Containing Certain Plant, Plant Products or Derivatives, Chemical Compounds Applied to Plants, and Plant Products and Their Derivative or Other Substances, and Ingestion Devices Used in Connection with the Illegal Smoking Products

David Coulon, Police Captain, presented a power point presentation on K2 and SALVIA in order to educate the council on the adverse effects of these two drugs and the danger they pose to children.

- 39 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case No. S1007-0074 to Allow Two Digital Signs at 7660 N. MacArthur Boulevard - North Dallas Bank & Trust Co., Applicant/Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for signage at 7660 N. MacArthur Boulevard. He noted staff's support of the applicant's request.

- 40 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

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to redevelop the large property to six single family homes. Mr. Bloom described the applicant's development plan, noting that the proposed plan is consistent with surrounding lots and staff supports the applicant's request. He confirmed that due to 57% of neighboring properties opposing this case a three-fourths vote of the City Council is required for this case to be approved.

Council had several questions regarding the proposed plan's feasibility and its impact on the neighborhood.

Council recessed at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 1:17 p.m.

3 Litter Abatement and Corridor Maintenance Program Update

Chris Michalski, Parks & Libraries Director, presented the litter abatement and corridor maintenance program which is intended to focus on enhancing the visual image of the community, enhancing the appearance of major corridors and abating litter on major corridors. He noted that staff will also focus on increasing education and litter awareness programming, expanding the partnership between Parks and Code Enforcement, and continuing to improve mowing and trimming operations on MacArthur Blvd, Beltline Road and SH 356.

4 Innovative Capital Improvement Delivery Methods

Steve Metzler, Senior Civil Engineer presented the innovative project delivery methods that have been standardized for effectiveness. These processes have been implemented to shorten project completion dates and minimize traffic impact as well as maximize an improved culture for finishing out projects effectively.

5 Serving Irving--Community Services Update

Chris Michalski, Parks & Libraries Director, presented community services that serve Irving which include citywide programs and activities, cultural activities, activities for special needs, and activities for seniors and youth.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:10 p.m.

- 6** Real Property - Discussion Relating to New Libraries
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.072

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary