

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2010**

The Irving City Council met in work session September 22, 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	Late	12:30 PM
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

2 Introduction of City Council Cycle Participants

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

Darryl Rublein, Communications Manager
Sara Tebes, Circulation Supervisor

3 Review of Regular Agenda

1 Ordinance -- Public Hearing & Adoption of the 2010-11 City of Irving Fiscal Year Budget

Bret Starr, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, indicated that the cost of providing a step increase, which is for 63% of the work force, is \$953,000. He noted that not all employees are eligible for an increase due to reaching the maximum pay grade for that position. General Government step increases are provided at the discretion of the department head based on performance. Civil Service, to include Fire and Police, is solely step-based and will be provided regardless of performance. Step increases for Police would be \$171,000 and for Fire would be \$147,400. This information was requested by Council and provided for informational purposes only.

CONSENT AGENDA

16 Resolution -- Approving a Contractor for the Construction of the Irving Entertainment Center at Las Colinas

Brenda McDonald, Real Estate & Development Director, indicated that this is the City's consent to use Balfour Beatty/Azteca as the general contractor for the construction of the Entertainment Center at Las Colinas. She confirmed that by approving this resolution, if the Council chooses to move forward with the project, that Balfour Beatty Azteca will be the firm that constructs it.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 27 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case No. S1009-0010 to Allow a Digital Sign - Property Located at 100 W. Oakdale Road - Charter Builders, Applicant - Irving Independent School District, Owner
- 28 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case No. S1009-0016 to Allow a Digital Sign - Property Located at 4601 N. MacArthur Boulevard - Charter Builders, Applicant - Irving Independent School District, Owner
- 29 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case No. S1008-0025 to Allow a Digital Sign - Property Located at 101 E. Union Bower Road - Charter Builders, Applicant - Irving Independent School District, Owner
- 30 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case No. S1008-0026 to Allow a Digital Sign - Property Located at 900 N. O'Connor Road - Charter Builders, Applicant - Irving Independent School District, Owner
- 31 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit Case No. S1008-0027 to Allow a Digital Sign - Property Located at 3700 N. MacArthur Boulevard - Charter Builders, Applicant - Irving Independent School District, Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for digital monument signs, one at each school, which includes items 27-31. Staff supports the applicant's request.

- 32 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0018 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-O (Commercial Office) and Parking Uses - Approximately 4.7 Acres Located at the Northwest Corner of Riverside Drive and Teleport Boulevard - Riverside Commons Holdings, LLC, Applicant - One Realco Land Holdings, Inc., Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for parking uses near the RIM offices on Riverside Drive. He noted staff's support of the request and confirmed that the Las Colinas Association has also approved the applicant's proposed plan.

- 33 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 9, 2010 City Council Meeting)

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, stated that the applicant has requested postponement to the October 7th Council meeting.

Council indicated they would still prefer to see a compromise between developer and the residents regarding this zoning case.

- 34 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC10-0032 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for P-O (Professional Office) and Training School Uses - Approximately 7.7 Acres Located at 400 East Airport Freeway - JDJR Engineers and Consultants, Inc., Applicant - Ford Leasing Development Company, Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request to allow an aircraft maintenance training school at 400 E. Airport Freeway. He noted staff's support of the applicant's request.

APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

- 35 Mayor's Report

Mayor Gears stated that the Heritage Crossing Communications Committee has been meeting. They are coming together and beginning to grasp their role in the ongoing efforts for redevelopment in the area. The Committee members have begun to take ownership of the vision for redevelopment. He confirmed that the downtown area/Main Street will be preserved as the downtown area. Mayor Gears has asked for the City Manager's assistance in attending to the Heritage House and wiring of that house so that it remains safe. The roof also needs to be replaced on the old Fire Station and there is a commitment that this building will be preserved.

4 Maximizing Services and Minimizing Costs

Lynda Johnson, Chief Performance Officer, presented ways the City has used Lean Six Sigma to minimize costs.

The Council recessed at approximately 12:30.
The Council reconvened at approximately 1:20 p.m.

5 Savings Realized through Grant Funding

Kathryn Guerra, Management Analyst, presented ways the City has utilized grant funding effectively.

6 Goal 1 Update

Gary Miller, Planning & Inspections Director, provided an update on Goal One of the Strategic Plan.

7 City Council Travel - Policy and Practice

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, presented recommendations to the Council for a proposed City Council Travel Policy and received input regarding a proposed policy.

Several Council members felt there should be one policy for Council and one policy for employees.

Council provided direction to staff that until there is a specific policy for council

members, council will follow the same policy as employees and reimburse according to the staff policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:33 p.m.

- 9 Legal Advice - Ex Parte City of Irving, Texas; cause no. 10-11029 (Entertainment and Hotel Project Public Financing)

Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 3:30 p.m.
Council adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary