

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2011**

The Irving City Council met in work session March 23, 2011 at approximately 11:10 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	Late	2:00 PM
Gerald Farris	Irving City Council	Councilman	Late	2:00 PM
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 Review of Regular Agenda

1 City Operations Update

The operations update will be presented at tomorrow night's council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7 Resolution -- Approving an Engagement Letter with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP for Legal Services Related to the Entertainment Center Expedited Declaratory Judgment Litigation**

Karen Brophy, Senior City Attorney, described the engagement letter with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and their work on the entertainment center litigation.

Councilwoman Cannaday noted that these legal services are needed because the City is the defendant in a lawsuit filed by AEG and a former mayor against the City.

The Council and staff discussed the litigation budget and the amount spent on legal services for the entertainment center.

Councilman Philipp noted his concern with insufficient funds available to pay for additional legal services.

Mayor Gears clarified that the City's financial advisors work with the staff to allocate funds where needed, which includes legal services.

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, described the funding process, noting an anticipated refinancing will change the bonding structure terms to allow for additional cash flow.

The Council requested that a full presentation be brought back to them regarding financing structure options.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 21 Resolution -- Approving Final Plat - Enclave at TPC Las Colinas Phase 3 Revised - Approximately 0.4622 Acres Located at 4736 and 4740 Byron Circle - Parikh Family Revocable Trust, Applicant/Owner
Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the platting request. These are two residential lots becoming one and a "technical denial" is being recommended, which was explained to everyone.
- 22 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit S1102-0027 To Allow a Digital Off-Premise Advertising Sign - Property Located at 1608 N. Loop 12 - CBS Outdoor, Applicant - Spoon Industries, Owner
Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request. Staff recommends approval of this request.
- 23 Resolution -- Approving Special Sign Permit S1102-0028 to Allow a Digital Off-Premise Sign - Property Located at 3210 East John W. Carpenter Freeway - CBS Outdoor, Inc., Applicant - Roger Stebbins, Owner
Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request. Staff recommends approval of this request.
- 24 Ordinance -- Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Retail to Light Commercial and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for Retail and Mini-Warehouse with Caretaker's Quarters Uses in Zoning Case #ZC10-0050 - Approximately 7.2 Acres Located on the Southwest Corner of State Highway 161 and Walnut Hill Lane - Assured Group, Applicant - Don Valk, Owner (Postponed from February 17, 2011)
Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request and described the proposed Phase I and Phase II of the project, but stated that there is no guarantee that Phase II will be developed. He noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this zoning change but staff recommends denial of the request. Staff feels that office and retail is more appropriate for the area as stipulated in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Bloom confirmed that due to 24.8% of opposition within the 200 feet of the property $\frac{3}{4}$ approval of the Council is required to approve the case.
- 25 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC11-0001 - Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 1144 of the City of Irving, Texas, By Amending Section 52-35e. Nondepository Financial Institutions and Repealing Chapter 38 Entitled "Business Registration" of The Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas - City of Irving, Applicant (Postponed from March 3, 2011)
Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the proposed Code amendments for nondepository financial institutions.

APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

26 Mayor's Report

The mayor did not have a report at today's meeting.

Council recessed at approximately 1:11 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 2:00 p.m.

2 DART Orange Line Update

Gary Thomas, President/CEO of DART, presented an update on the Orange Line progress. The Dart Orange Line expansion is 9.3 miles and Phase 1 and Phase 2 are underway. These phases will lead to Irving Convention Center Station and Story Lane Crossing.

3 Green Advisory Committee Update

Fran Witte, Recycling Supervisor, gave an overview of the Green Advisory Committee's activities. Council directed staff to move forward with creating an ordinance to make this a formal committee.

4 Green Fleet Initiatives

Julie Boring, Inventory Operations Manager, described the programs and initiatives the Fleet Department is doing to be environmentally conscience.

5 West Irving Library Environmental Initiatives

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, presented an update on the West Irving Library.

6 Lean Six Sigma Results

George Gillespie, Parks Supervisor, gave an overview of a recent Lean Six Sigma project targeted at the city's auction process.

Members from the Streets Department reviewed how their department has used Lean Six Sigma to perform street cut repairs more efficiently.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 2:32 p.m.

- 7 Legal Advice - Donald Wayne Good v. the City of Irving, Texas, Irving Police Department, Chief of Police for the City of Irving, Individually and in His Official Capacity, and Fred Curtis, Individually and in His Official Capacity
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

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

Herbert A. Gears, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary