

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2011**

The Irving City Council met in work session September 21, 2011 at approximately 1:10 p.m. The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Van Duynes	Irving City Council	Mayor	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	
Dennis Webb	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Recognizing Exceptional Employees

Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, recognized the recipients of the 2011 Exceptional Employees Award.

2 Review of Regular Agenda

2 Ordinance -- Public Hearing & Adoption of the 2011-12 City of Irving Fiscal Year Budget

Maura Gast, Executive Director of the Irving Convention and Visitor's Bureau, presented a program overview to the city council.

3 Ordinance -- Setting the 2011 Tax Rate and Levying the Tax as Required by the State of Texas Property Tax Code

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, provided an overview of the budget, including cost savings and expenditures to the 2011 Tax Rate. The Council generally discussed the budget and potential tax rate at. The City Manager recommended .5958 per \$100 assessed value. If employee step increases are added back into the base budget the tax rate would be set at .5986 per \$100 assessed value. By general consensus the council directed the City Manager to set the tax rate at .5986 per \$100 assessed value.

Councilman Philipp suggested that all contracts over \$500,000 be evaluated, by a Council committee, to look for cost savings in all major contracts before they are renewed long term.

Council recessed at approximately 3:00 p.m.
Council reconvened at approximately 3:15 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 10 Resolution -- Approving an Agreement Between the City of Irving and the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce to Provide Annual Funding for Economic Development Services for the City of Irving, Texas

This item will be postponed to the next meeting, October 6, 2011.

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

This item will be postponed to the next meeting, October 6, 2011.

- 22 Ordinance -- Amending Section 41-23 of Chapter 41 of the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving Texas, by Adding an Annual Registration Fee for Backflow Prevention Testing

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, described the proposed registration fee.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 24 Resolution -- Granting Temporary Use Permit G1107-0016 to Allow a Recycling Collection Center - Property Located at 3602 North Belt Line Road - Reimagine Recycling LLP and Kroger Texas, LP, Applicants

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request for a temporary recycling center. Staff recommends approval of this item on a temporary basis of 6 months, and if it works out the applicant will come back for primary use approval.

- 25 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC11-0010 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) Uses and Pole Sign - Approximately 1.4 Acres Located at 4095 North Belt Line Road - Fries Restaurant Management, Applicant - Blair Family Trust, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, noted that this item has been withdrawn.

- 26 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC11-0034 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for Restaurant and Outside Dining Uses - Approximately 0.79 Acres Located at 4970 North O'Connor Boulevard - Texas Development Services, Applicant - Albert Restaurant Group LLC, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request. Staff recommends approval of this item per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- 27 Ordinance -- Amending Subsection 35-16(e)(1)a of Section 35-16 of the City of Irving Land Development Code Part IV (Subdivisions) to Provide an Exception for Lots that Comply with the Area Requirements of the R-40 Single Family District - City of Irving, Applicant

Steve Reed, Planning & Development Manager, described the proposed ordinance changes.

- 28 Ordinance -- Amending Section 52-25a FWY Freeway District and Section 52-25 M-FW Freeway District Regulations of Part V Repealed Zoning Districts of Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 1144 of the City of Irving, Texas, by Amending the Required Setback and Screening Requirements for Accessory Parking - City of Irving, Applicant.

Steve Reed, Planning & Development Manager, described the proposed ordinance changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 4:28 p.m.

- 3 Legal Advice - City of Hugo v. Nichols, et al.

Council adjourned from executive session at approximately 4:44 p.m.

Council adjourned the work session at approximately 4:46 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary