

MINUTES
Irving City Council Work Session
Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 2:30 PM
City Hall, First Floor, Council Chambers
825 West Irving Boulevard, Irving, TX 75060

The Irving City Council met in work session on April 16, 2020 at approximately 2:30 p.m. The following members were present/absent:

Councilmen Riddle, Taylor and Palmer attended via Zoom.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mayor Rick Stopfer	Irving City Council	Mayor	Present	
John C. Danish	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Allan Meagher	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Dennis Webb	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Phil Riddle	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
J. Oscar Ward	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Al Zapanta	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Kyle Taylor	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Wm David Palmer	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 City Operations Update

James Childers, Assistant City Manager, introduced April Reiling the new Communications Director.

-Energy Contract Update

Melissa Baker, Public Works Administration Manager, presented an update on the city's energy contract.

-COVID-19 Update and City Response

Chris Hillman, City Manager, recognized several individuals and businesses that donated personal protective equipment, food, and hand sanitizer.

Jason Carriere, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an update on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council and staff discussed what nonprofits dealing with the homeless should do when someone they are helping looks to have COVID-19 symptoms.

Mayor Stopfer noted that some hoteliers have offered to provide quarantine sheltering.

Joe Moses, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information on portable restroom facilities available throughout the city for pedestrian use, especially while recreation centers and libraries are closed.

Mr. Childers noted that other locations are under review and will look into hand washing stations.

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, updated the Council on water valve repairs on N. MacArthur and Rochelle.

2 Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda

The following individuals signed up to speak on items on the agenda:

Pat O'Reilly, 405 Plantation Dr., Coppell, TX- WS item #1, but had disconnected before speaking time.

Ruby Sevcik, 2405 Kings Country Dr., Irving, TX- WS item #1

3 Review of Regular Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5** Resolution -- Take Appropriate Action Concerning Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency to Address COVID-19

Council and staff discussed extending the declaration of local disaster to the May 8, 2020 so Council will consider this again at the May 7, 2020 council meeting.

- 7** Resolution -- Awarding a Contract to SYB Construction Company, Inc., in the Amount of \$2,145,357.46 for the Oakdale-Rindie Water & Wastewater Improvements Project

Councilman Taylor asked for information on how many projects SYB Construction was doing in the city at the moment.

Councilman Riddle asked when the Southwest Interceptor project was going to be completed.

Pat Lamers, Capital Improvement Program Director, confirmed that SYB has three current projects and the interceptor project is still under way; the city is receiving liquidated damages since the project was not completed on time.

- 10** Resolution -- Approving the Second Amended and Restated Temporary Construction Easement Agreement Between the City of Irving and the State of Texas by and through the Texas Transportation Commission for Use of the Former Stadium Site

Dan Vedral, Traffic & Transportation Director, outlined the extension of TxDOT's use of the former Stadium Site.

- 13** Resolution -- Approving Change Order No. 4 in the Not-To-Exceed-Amount of

\$198,662.00 to the Contract with Crescent Constructors, Inc., for the Urban Center Lift Station Project

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, outlined the contract changes for the Urban Center Lift Station Project.

4 Former Stadium Site Lease Agreement 2nd Amendment

This item was reviewed during the review of the regular agenda.

5 Transportation Investment Summit Update

Melissa Baker, Public Works Administration Manager, presented the plans for the Transportation Investment Summit.

Council and staff discussed possibly cancelling the Summit for 2020 due to the current climate.

It was the consensus of the Council to cancel the 2020 Transportation Summit.

6 Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) of the Irving Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund (FRRF) Presentation

David Florance with the Irving Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Board presented the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) of the Irving Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund (FRRF). He noted that they are working on the ballot language for a vote of the fund members in the next two to three months with implementation of January 1, 2021.

Several Council members asked for additional information on all the proposed changes to the retirement fund to be brought to a future meeting.

7 Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update and COVID-19 Response

Beth Bowman, President/CEO of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, presented the Chamber's quarterly update and how the Chamber has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. She outlined the positive results of the second quarter, but noted that there has been a significant impact to small businesses which will change the results for the third quarter. She presented videos related to headquarters thanking the essential services industry.

David Pfaff, Chairman of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, presented information on the importance of retaining businesses and how the Chamber of Commerce has been a resource to the small businesses.

Councilman Taylor asked about available training and educational opportunities geared toward recession-proof jobs.

Ms. Bowman confirmed that the Chamber works with Workforce Solutions of Greater

Dallas and the Workforce Commission and currently lists the available Irving jobs online.

8 Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update and COVID-19 Response

Mary Ann Kellam, President/CEO of the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, presented the Chamber's quarterly update and how the Chamber has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

9 City COVID-19 Financial Update Discussion

Jeff Litchfield, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the COVID-19 financial impact. He noted the City is expecting a revenue shortfall of over \$16.5 million in the general fund and an estimated \$8.4 million reduction in hotel occupancy tax collected. He described how the City will make up the general fund shortfall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant Section 551.072 and Section 551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code to discuss the below items at approximately 6:28 p.m.

- 10** Real Estate Negotiations - 512 S. O'Connor -
Open Meetings Act § 551.072
- 11** Economic Development Negotiations - Project Blossom –
Open Meetings Act § 551.087
- 12** Economic Development Negotiations - Project Resurrection –
Open Meetings Act § 551.087

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 7:22 p.m.

Council adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Richard H. Stopfer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary