

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2012**

The Irving City Council met in work session April 4, 2012 at approximately 1:05 p.m. The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Van Duyne	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 Review of Regular Agenda

Council agreed to take items on the agenda out of order to assist guest who are here to speak.

1 City Operations Update

Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, presented On-the-Spot awards.

CONSENT AGENDA

9 Resolution -- Approving a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Irving and Focused Advocacy for Legislative & Regulatory Services

Jonathan Bazan, Business & Civic Affairs Director, described the legislative services Focused Advocacy does for the City of Irving at the state level.

10 Resolution -- Supporting the SH 183 Expansion Project in Partnership with the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Allows for the Appointment of the City's Representative and Alternate on the Senate Bill 1420 Committee

Ramiro Lopez, Public Works Director, noted the importance of the city's support for this project and stated that the appointment to the 1420 Committee will be on the April 19 meeting.

12 Resolution -- Approving an Agreement with a Faith-Based Organization to be Used Toward Homelessness Prevention Efforts

Vicki Ebner, Community Resources Assistant Director, presented the proposed agreement with faith-based organizations to assist with homeless prevention.

Anna Heil, with Irving Bible Church described the program, noting that multiple churches have signed on to provide assistance in all parts of the city.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 14 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC11-0059 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for R-AB (Restaurant with Alcoholic Beverages) - Approximately 0.06 Acres Located at 114 East John Carpenter Freeway, #100 - Bear Design Build, Applicant - Greenway-Restaurant Complex, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends approval.

- 15 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC12-0006 - Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use to Low Density Residential and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) Uses - Approximately 18.64 Acres Located at 2939 Esters Road (North side of West Rochelle Road, West of Esters Road) - Alhamra Land Development, LLC, Applicant - Oscar Renda, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, presented the applicant's request, noting staff recommends approval per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. It was noted that the opposition is 40.82% of the property within 200 feet due a opposition letter received from DFW International Airport which owns land adjacent to this site. A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the City Council is required for this request to be approved.

- 16 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC12-0009 - Granting TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District Uses - Approximately 9.75 Acres Located at 890 Lake Carolyn Parkway - Catalyst Urban Development LLC, Applicant

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

2 Veteran Services

This item was moved to third on the agenda.

Susan Rose, Civic Affairs Assistant Director, described the current initiatives to support veterans which include job recruitment, Housing and Human Services programs, military leave for city employees.

3 House District 106 Update

This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

Rodney Anderson, House Representative, provided an overview of state redistricting that has affected District 106 in Irving.

4 Legislative Update

This item was moved to second on the agenda.

Snapper Carr and Brandon Aghamalian with Focused Advocacy, outlined the timeline leading up to the next legislative session. They also described local issues, such as utility and franchise fees.

5 Update on Entertainment Venue Financing

This item was moved to fourth on the agenda.

Paul Gooch, Community Services Director, outlined the next steps in the project. A bond rating meeting with S & P will be scheduled for the next week.

Jason Hughes with First Southwest updated the Council on the proposed financing structure for the Entertainment Venue. He described the bond structure and associated considerations and risks moving forward, which may affect the City's long-term General Obligation rating. Mr. Hughes noted that the final interest rate will not be determined until the time the bonds are sold.

Council and staff discussed the project revenue projected by Innovation Group; it was noted that First Southwest is asking for an update of revenue based on post recession tracking.

Representatives from First Southwest; Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer; and Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, confirmed that their recommendations are to not exceed \$128 million in city bonds for this project.

Julie Partain with Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, described the flow of funds with the proposed contingency accounts and options in place if shortfalls occur.

Noe Hinojosa with Estrada Hinojosa clarified the proposed fund streams from the City and Las Colinas Group.

Council recessed at approximately 3:59 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 4:10 p.m.

6 Ethics Committee - Ethics and Meeting Procedures

Councilman Farris asked that this item be postponed to April 10 in the afternoon so that a public hearing can be placed at the April 19 Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not convene into Executive Session at this meeting.

Council adjourned at approximately 5:36 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary