

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2012**

The Irving City Council met in work session February 22, 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

Councilman Webb began the meeting with a prayer.

1 City Operations Update

The City Manager indicated he has met with each Council person regarding the new strategic plan. Also, he has sent letters to every board and commission member requesting their input. Last, Fire Chief Mario Molina provided an update to response times for fire trucks reaching structure fires.

2 Heritage Crossing Update

It was noted that mediation efforts will be updated during Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

7 Resolution -- Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Dallas County Elections Department to Administer the Regular Municipal Election to be Held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, for the Purpose of Electing City Council Places Four (4), Six (6) and Eight (8), and Subsequent Run-Off Election If Necessary

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary, noted that updated early voting locations have been provided. Irving early voting locations include the Irving Arts Center, City Hall and Valley Ranch Public Library.

10 Resolution -- Suspending the Effective Date of Atmos Mid-Tex's Requested Rate Change to Permit the City Time to Study the Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates

Jon Bazan, Business & Civic Affairs Director, described the process in suspending the requested rate increase submitted by Atmos.

- 11 Resolution -- Approving the Receipt of Additional Funds from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Vicki Ebner, Assistant Director of Community Resources, explained the proposed allocation of additional grant funding.

- 16 Resolution -- Approving the Purchase from Sterling McCall Ford for Replacement Ambulances through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Program

Mario Molina, Fire Chief, described the equipment replacement process, noting that all ambulances are outfitted with standard equipment.

- 17 Resolution -- Approving and Accepting the Bid of H2O Solutions, LLC for an Annual Contract to Provide Water Storage Tank In-Service Cleaning and Special Diving Services

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, described the water tank cleaning process.

- 18 Ordinance -- Calling a Regular Municipal Election to be Held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, for the Purpose of Electing the Position of City Council Places Four (4), Six (6), and Eight (8), and Calling a Subsequent Run-Off Election, If Necessary

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary, noted that the local runoff election date has changed to June 23, 2012, due to a possible primary date of May 29, 2012.

- 19 Ordinance -- Amending the Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas, by Adding a New Chapter Entitled "Boards, Commissions, and Committees"; Providing for Uniform Guidelines for All Boards, Commissions, and Committees Appointed by the City Council; and Repealing Certain Resolutions and Ordinances Relating to Boards and Commissions

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary, reviewed the proposed guidelines applicable to all boards.

Council agreed to amend the ordinance by including wording regarding special consideration for absences and clarifying term limits and multiple board language.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 20 Ordinance -- Calling a Special Election to be Held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, for the Purpose of Submitting a Measure to the Voters on Funding the Entertainment Venue Project by Pledging the 7 Percent Hotel Occupancy Tax Currently Supporting the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Arts and Museum Programs

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, described the proposed proposition language.

Max Duplant, explained the bond rating timeline.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 21 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC11-0056 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for Digital Monument Sign - Approximately 45 Square Feet Located at 210 East Sixth Street - Waldrum Signs, Applicant - Irving Church of Christ, Owner

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

- 22 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC11-0062 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for R-AB (Restaurant with Alcoholic Beverage Sales) Approximately 8,061 Square Feet Located at 925 West John Carpenter Freeway, Suite #100 - Crazy Fish, Inc., Applicant - Las Colinas Dunhill, Owner

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

2 Keep Irving Beautiful

Rick Hose, KIB Coordinator, described the Keep Irving Beautiful initiatives and programs done throughout the year.

3 Neighborhood Improvements Update

Teresa Adrian, Code Enforcement Director, provided an update on neighborhood improvements. These improvements include cleaner and safer properties through code enforcement and corridor enhancements through litter abatement, screening and solar lighting.

4 Highway 183 and Infrastructure Update

Jose Madrigal, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented a general overview of the Highway 183 project, noting the vision to be cleaner, better and safer. Irving is not just looking at one area but projects as a whole. The reconstruction of Highway 183 has been a collaborative effort between the Chamber of Commerce, Code Enforcement, Capital Improvement Programs, Business and Civic Affairs, Water Utilities and Streets/Traffic.

John Terrell, Vice President of Commercial Development for the DFW International Airport, presented a Land Use Plan, Business Model Analysis, International Economic Development Council's key findings and recommendations, as well International Commerce Park recommendations to the Council.

5 Internal Controls Update

Regina Givens, Finance Controller, provided an update on payment processing procedures to ensure that payments are efficient, controlled and timely.

Council and staff discussed the process for payments based on professional services agreements.

Council recessed at approximately 3:16 p.m.
Council reconvened at approximately 3:36 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 5:01 p.m.

**6 Legal Advice - Heritage Mediation
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071**

Council adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary