

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2012**

The Irving City Council met in work session November 7, 2012 at approximately 1:10 p.m.
The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Van Duyne	Irving City Council	Mayor	Present	
Mike Gallaway	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Roy Santoscoy	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Dennis Webb	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Joe Putnam	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Brad LaMorgese	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Gerald Farris	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Spink	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Review of Regular Agenda

- 11 Resolution -- Nominating Zale Corporation to the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank for Designation as a Qualified Business and an Enterprise Project Under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer, described the improvements Zale Corporation is planned to implement with the state tax rebate.

- 20 Resolution -- Accepting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant for 2012 Brownfields Community-Wide Petroleum Assessments

- 21 Resolution -- Accepting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant for 2012 Brownfields Community-Wide Hazardous Substances Assessments

Doug Janeway, Chief Development Officer, stated that Irving is one of two Texas cities to receive these grants; noting that these funds will be used in various areas throughout the city.

- 22 Resolution -- Approving a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Irving and Gateway Planning Group, Inc., for Heritage Crossing Consulting

Jon Bazan, Business & Civic Affairs Director, described the consulting work proposed for the Heritage Crossing district.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 37 Resolution -- Supporting the SH 183 Expansion Project Along with the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Appointing a Representative for the Senate Bill 1420 Committee

Staff confirmed their recommendation to appoint Ramiro Lopez to the Senate Bill 1420 Committee.

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 38 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC12-0055 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-7.5 (Single Family) Uses - Approximately 0.21 Acres Located at 2601 Quail Ridge - James Cox, Applicant/Owner

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

- 39 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC12-0056 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for R-AB (Restaurant with Accessory Use of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption) - Approximately 0.99 Acres Located at 1000 West John Carpenter Freeway - Fuzzy's Tacos, Applicant - Taco Venture VII, LLC, Owner

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

- 40 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC12-0064 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for Automotive Rental with Used Automobile Sales as a Permitted Accessory Use to Allow Used Auto Sales in Conjunction with Automobile Rental Operations - Approximately 1.45 Acres Located at 1700 East Airport Freeway - The Hertz Corporation, Applicant - Susan Schneider, Owner

Ken Bloom, Chief Planner, noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends this item be postponed to the December 13, 2012 council meeting.

- 41 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC12-0066 - Granting PUD (Planned Unit Development) for S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for R-AB (Restaurant with the Accessory Use of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premise Consumption) - Approximately 3,465 Square Feet Located at 925 West Royal Lane, Suite #140 - Bamboo Garden Restaurant, Applicant - Minnova Group 2 LLC, Owner

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

recommends approval.

- 42 Ordinance -- Zoning Case ZC12-0049 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) Uses with a Variance to the Separation Requirements Between an Establishment Selling Alcoholic Beverages and a Public School - Approximately 3.2 Acres Located at 515 South MacArthur Boulevard - O'Brien Architects, Applicant; Kroger Texas, LP, Owner

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

The Council generally discussed the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation, pointing out the pros and cons as well as the reasons why it should or should not be passed. Several questions were asked and answered from a legal perspective and crime perspective.

Council recessed at approximately 2:45 p.m.
Council reconvened at approximately 3:10 p.m.

- 44 Resolution -- Annual Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees, to Fill Two-Year Terms Expiring November 2014, and Various Unexpired Terms

The sovereign appointments will be discussed in executive session.

2 Team HOPE (Helping Others Prosper Everyday) Results

Lana King, Team HOPE representative, gave an overview of the group's activities and fundraising results.

3 Improving Processes to Create Competitive Advantages

Christine Hadley, Development Services Manager, described the improvement to the plan review process, noting plan review has decreased from 15.7 days to 4.8 days.

4 Request for Supplemental Advertising Funding for Downtown

Ray Cerda, Parks & Recreation Director, and Parks staff presented the request for supplemental funding and the additional need for advertising for the holiday events for the downtown Heritage District. There are six additional events planned for the South Irving and staff is seeking \$75,000 for radio advertising.

Council and staff discussed the new events. It was noted that the budget adjustment would be come back to Council at the January meeting.

5 Council Rules of Procedure

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, described the issues and questions that have come from the current Rules of Procedure passed by Council in May 2012.

Council and staff discussed proposed changes.

It was the consensus of the Council to change the following:

- 1) Mayor and Council can add items to the agenda until 4:30 p.m. Thursday as a guideline. The City Manager can add items up to noon on Friday and may remove items as needed from the agenda.
- 2) Add a "New Business" item to the work session agendas for Council to mention items they would like to see on future meetings.
- 3) Remove the requirement for the City Manager to send a draft agenda by noon on Thursday but allow the City Manager to send out a draft agenda as requested by any council member.
- 4) Requests for a special meeting and/or agenda items be submitted to the City Manager and copied to the City Secretary and City Attorney.
- 5) The City Attorney will draft agenda item language requested by any council member.
- 6) External speakers invited to speak at a work session by a majority of the council members.
- 7) Citizen Forum be moved to the beginning of the meeting, allowing speakers that have not spoken in the last three months to speak before recurring speakers. It would be limited to 30 minutes and any remaining speakers would be heard at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Anderson clarified the process of Point of Order and Motion to Call the Question.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 5:16 p.m.

6 Lawsuit - Las Colinas Group v. City of Irving

Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.071

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 5:16 p.m.

Council adjourned the work session at 5:38 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary