

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2013**

The Irving City Council met in work session January 24, 2013 at approximately 2:08 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 Agenda for Special Meeting
 - 5 Resolution - Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Developer to Design, Construct, and Operate a Convention Center Hotel
It was noted that this item will be discussed in Executive Session.
 - 6 Resolution - Authorizing the Taking of Bids for the Sale of Multiple Land Tracts Located in Heritage Crossing
Doug Janeway, Chief Development Officer, described the proposed process for accepting bids for the sale of various land tracts in the Heritage Crossing District.
Councilman Gallaway requested this item be postponed to the first meeting in February so that more public input may be taken.
 - 7 Resolution - Approving an Engagement Agreement with a Law Firm for Legal Services in Connection with the Negotiation of an Employment Agreement with the City Manager
Charles Anderson, City Attorney, noted that this resolution would allow the City to engage an outside legal counsel so that there are no conflicts during negotiations of the city manager's agreement. He recommended this discussion occur in executive session.

2 Alcohol Ordinance Review

Steven Reed, Assistant Director of Development Services, described the proposed changes to the R-AB ordinance and how the changes would affect staff administratively.

Council and staff discussed the recommendation and the comments made at the January 10 Council meeting. They also discussed where the legal team derived their legal research and whether or not this has been vetted through other entities to ensure it will stand if passed.

The council took a consensus as to whether or not to make a change at tonight's meeting. The consensus was to make an overall change of 50/50 throughout the city; and allow 30/70 within an overlay district in the Urban Center or throughout the Las Colinas Association area as a whole. The Mayor and Council would first like to hear from residents this evening.

3 PID/TIF Projects

David Pettit with Benner Bennett Pettit, Inc., presented the plans for the new Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 3 and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 4 as well as the plans for Public Improvement District No. 1 and Public Improvement District No. 2.

4 Heritage Crossing Properties

This item was discussed during the review of the special meeting agenda.

5 Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Charter Review Propositions for the May 2013 Election

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman Gerald Farris
Councilman Dennis Webb
Councilman Michael Gallaway
Councilwoman Rose Cannaday
Councilman Brad LaMorgese
Councilman Roy Santoscoy
Councilman Joe Putnam

The following Charter Review Committee members were present:

Oscar Ward, Chairman
Kensley Stewart
James Baker
Rick Binde

Council and staff discussed the Charter changes proposed by the Charter Review Committee.

Article III. Corporate Powers

The Council was in favor of the following amendments:

Sec. 1, Sec. 4, Sec. 22(a), Sec. 24, Sec. 26(b), and Sec. 26(d)

The Council was in opposition of adding the following as an amendment to the Charter:
Sec. 32 (a) and (b)

Article IV. Officers and Elections

The Council was in favor of the following amendments based on gender neutral language and revisions due to court orders or statutory changes:

Sec. 1, Sec. 2, Sec. 4, Sec. 5, Sec. 6, Sec. 8 and Sec. 12

Sec. 9 (a) and (b) – the Council was in favor of these amendments but revised the language to reflect “a final conviction of a felony...” and delete any reference to a misdemeanor.

Sec. 10 – the Council was in favor of this amendment

Sec. 11 – the Council amended the monthly salary for the mayor to \$1200 and council members to \$900. No changes to section (a) and (c); section (d) will be deleted.

Sec. 15 (a) – the Council agreed to include an amendment that would reference the City Council Code of Ethics to be included. Councilman Joe Putnam provided recommended language for this amendment.

The Council was in favor of the following amendments:

Sec. 25, Sec. 26 and Sec. 32

Article V. Taxes and Taxation

The Council was in favor of the following amendments:

Sec. 3

Article VI – Recall

Sec. 1 (a) – the Council agreed to most of the amendments in this section and changed the number of days to allow 45 days to submit a recall petition for a single member district and 90 days to submit a recall petition for an at-large district to the City Secretary’s Office.

The Council was in favor of the following amendments:

Sec. 1 (b), (c), (e), (g) (h), (i), and (j), with a revision in (d)

Article VIII – City Manager

The Council was in favor of the following amendments:

Sec. 1, Sec. 2, and Sec. 3

The Council was in favor of deleting the following amendments:

Sec. 6, Sec. 7, Sec. 8, and Sec. 9

Article IX – General Provisions

The Council was in favor of the following amendments:

Sec. 3, Sec. 8, Sec. 9

Sec. 10(a) and (b) with some revised wording

Sec. 10(c) and (d) can be deleted

Sec. 11

Article XI Initiative and Referendum

Sec. 1 through Sec. 8 – the Council was in favor of these amendments and agreed to make this Article into one proposition

It was the consensus of the Council to order a Special Charter Election with several amendment propositions and asked staff to draft the language for the February 7, 2013 Council meeting to order the election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 4:17 p.m.

6 Economic Development Negotiations-Convention Center Hotel

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Council elected to recess and come back to the charter proposition amendments after the special session.

Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m. following the special meeting.

Council adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary