

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2013**

The Irving City Council met in special session in the Council Conference Room of the City Hall Complex on August 22, 2013 at approximately 8:45 a.m. The following members were present / absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Van Duyne	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	
Joe Putnam	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	9:00 AM
Brad M. LaMorgese	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Gerald Farris	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Spink	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	9:00 AM

Thursday, August 22

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

8:45 A.M. First Floor City Council Conference Room

Mayor Van Duyne called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45 a.m.

A. Budget and Strategic Plan Overview and FY 2013-14 Outlook

Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager, presented the overview of the budget as presented to the Mayor and Council in accordance with the Home Rule Charter.

B. Review of All Fund Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2013-14

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, introduced a video produced by ICTN that highlights the City's FY 2012-13 results.

Mr. Starr reviewed the proposed revenue and expenditures projections for FY 2012-13. He gave an overview of the major city funds, including the General Fund, Capital Improvement Program, General Debt Service, Water and Sewer System Funds, Municipal Drainage Utility Fund and Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. Mr. Starr stated staff recommends maintaining the tax rate of \$0.5986, which is above the effective tax rate and will require action by council.

He also noted that the City is maintaining AAA bond rating and concluded that the FY 2013-13 budget is structurally balanced.

C. Review of Public Input

No public input was given at this time.

D. Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #1—Promote Excellence in Land Use and the Image of Irving's Built and Natural Environment

Presented by Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director

- Inspections

Casey Tate, Capital Improvement Program Director, presented Goal #1 current year results, activities that supported Goal 1, and the Goal 1 proposed strategies.

2. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #2—Nurture and Promote Vital, Vibrant Neighborhoods

Presented by Teresa Adrian, Code Enforcement Director

- Code Enforcement
- Housing and Human Services

Teresa Adrian, Code Enforcement Director, presented Goal #2 results and future plans.

3. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #3—Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Successful Economic Development

Presented by Jonathon Bazan, Business & Civic Affairs Director

- Development Services
- Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau

Jonathan Bazan, Business & Civic Affairs Director, presented Goal #3 results and future plans.

4. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #4—Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

Presented by Larry Boyd, Police Chief

- Police
- Fire
- Municipal Court
- Animal Services

Larry Boyd, Police Chief, presented Goal #4 results and future plans.

Wayne Lambert, Municipal Court Supervisor, spoke regarding some teen court issues, juvenile case management, etc.

5. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #5—Promote and Support Unity in the Community

Presented by Christine Dobson, Library Services Director

Christine Dobson, Library Services Director, presented Goal #5 results and future plans.

6. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #6—Promote Effective Communication Among All Members of the Community

Presented by Susan Rose, Communications Director

- Communications

Susan Rose, Communications Director, presented Goal #6 results and future plans.

7. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #7—Excellence in Irving's Cultural, Recreational and Educational Environments

Presented by Ray Cerda, Parks & Recreation Director

- Parks and Recreation
- Library Services
- Irving Arts Center
- Museum

Ray Cerda, Parks & Recreation Director, presented Goal #7 results and future plans. There were no questions regarding this presentation.

Council recessed at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Councilman Meagher left the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce presented prior to the Goal 8 presentation. Various presenters and presentations were given.

8. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #8—Set the Standard for Sound Governance, Fiscal Management and Sustainability

Presented by Wayne Lambert, Municipal Court Director

- Mayor and City Council
- City Secretary's Office
- City Manager's Office
- Financial Services
- Strategic Services
- Non-Departmental
- HR/Performance Office
- City Attorney's Office
- Public Works
- Fleet

Wayne Lambert, Municipal Court Director, presented Goal #8 results and future plans.

9. Review of Public Input

Public Comments that were made by the viewership: Residents would like to see Whole Foods come to Irving and increased allocation for parks and recreation centers in Irving.

10. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #9—Enhance and Sustain Irving's Infrastructure Network

Presented by Brenda Haney, Solid Waste Services Director

- Capital Improvement Program
- Public Works and Transportation
- Public Works/Water Utilities
- Customer Service - Water Utilities
- Information Technology

Brenda Haney, Solid Waste Services Director, presented Goal #9 results and future plans.

11. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOAL #10—Set the Standard for Environmental Stewardship

Presented by Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director

- Solid Waste Services
- Municipal Drainage Utility

Todd Reck, Water Utilities Director, presented Goal #10 results and future plans.

E. Unfunded/Additional Items for Discussion

1. DISCUSSION: City Council Requests

Mayor Van Dyne requested that the City consider a cultural park for the City of Irving, since the city is so diverse and encourages the donation or implementation of public art. The City has received various requests from different diverse entities to allow donations and she would like to see a way to make that available.

Ray Cerda, Parks & Recreation Director, confirmed that a donation policy will be going to the Community Services Committee in the near future.

Councilman Danish requested future consideration of a new art piece in the Veteran's Memorial Park when funding is available.

Councilman Putnam requested consideration of a weather siren for southwest District 4.

G. Council Action

1. **Resolution RES-2013-261** -- Expressing Intent to Consider Adopting the Proposed Tax Rate

Councilman Putnam discussed if there was a necessity for additional contributions to the supplemental benefits program. He believes the chamber is about \$500K a year overfunded. He also listed several line items (approximately 10-12) which he thinks could be reconsidered, deleted or reappropriated, such as six sigma training, additional benefits for the new City Manager, Heritage Crossing consulting, evaluation of the Fire Fighter Pension program, Nancy Bartlett Contract, etc. He also suggested appropriating more money to fund vacant positions.

Councilman Danish discussed evaluating the Fire Fighters Pension Fund so that they can get back on track, and to terminate what is done under the

previous administration and allow a new administration to lay out benefits or leadership criteria as that person deems appropriate.

Councilwoman Cannaday reiterated that this resolution does not increase the tax rate and the proposed budget covers a lot of important programs.

Councilman Farris discussed how Heritage Crossing is at a pivotal point of development right now and wants to ensure that it is supported. He also discussed that there is a lot of value in the Chamber; he does not know whether their value is \$1 million or \$1.5 million but they do receive a lot of praise as the economical development arm of the organization.

Councilman Webb discussed not wanting to make any cuts to retirement funding, staff numbers or staff at all; he wants to make sure the employees are kept a priority.

Motioned by Councilman LaMorgese, seconded by Councilwoman Cannaday to express the intent to consider adopting a tax rate that will not exceed \$0.5986.

Motion approved 7-1.

Councilman Putnam voted in opposition to this motion.

Councilman Meagher was absent during this vote.

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, confirmed that public hearings will be set for September 5, September 12, with the final hearing and adoption set for September 19, 2013. He asked if Council had any other topics that they would like more information on.

Mayor Van Duyne agreed that a review the pension funds is needed as well as the consulting agreements.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Brad M. LaMorgese, Councilman
SECONDER:	Rose Cannaday, Councilwoman
AYES:	Van Duyne, Danish, Webb, Cannaday, LaMorgese, Farris, Spink
NAYS:	Joe Putnam
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

2. Resolution RES-2013-262 -- Approving Second Amendment to Option Agreement with Kiamichi Railroad Company, L.L.C., for Purchase of Right-Of-Way

Motioned by Councilman LaMorgese, seconded by Councilman Spink to approve Second Amendment to Option Agreement with Kiamichi Railroad Company, L.L.C., for Purchase of Right-Of-Way.

Motion approved 8-0.

Councilman Meagher was absent during this vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brad M. LaMorgese, Councilman
SECONDER:	Thomas Spink, Councilman
AYES:	Van Duyne, Danish, Webb, Putnam, Cannaday, LaMorgese, Farris, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

3. Resolution RES-2013-263 -- Temporary Use Permit G1308-0007- to Allow a Haunted House - Property Generally Located at 8225 Esters Boulevard - Royal Lane Holdings, Owner, Strangling Brothers Haunted Circus, Applicant

The applicant, the Strangling Brothers, 8222 Esters Blvd, spoke regarding the haunted house.

Motioned by Councilwoman Cannaday, seconded by Councilman Spink to approve Temporary Use Permit G1308-0007 - to Allow a Haunted House - Property Generally Located at 8225 Esters Boulevard - Royal Lane Holdings, Owner, Strangling Brothers Haunted Circus, Applicant.

Motion approved 8-0.

Councilman Meagher was absent during this vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rose Cannaday, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Thomas Spink, Councilman
AYES:	Van Duyne, Danish, Webb, Putnam, Cannaday, LaMorgese, Farris, Spink
ABSENT:	Allan Meagher

Maura Gast, Executive Director of the ICVB, gave an overview of the FY12-13 results of the ICVB and Convention Center and presented the proposed budget for the ICVB.

Richard Huff, Executive Director of the Arts Center, presented an update on the Arts Center programs. He noted that another major exhibit will be coming to the Arts Center in October 2014.

Council adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Due to the Council completing the budget discussions on Thursday, August 22, 2013; the Council did not convene on Friday, August 23, 2013.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary