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Irving City Council Work Session
Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM
City Hall, First Floor, Council Conference Room
825 West Irving Boulevard, Irving, TX 75060

The Irving City Council met in work session on March 11, 2021 at approximately 10:02 a.m. The following members were present/absent:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mayor Rick Stopfer	Irving City Council	Mayor	Present	
John C. Danish	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Allan Meagher	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Mark Zeske	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Phil Riddle	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
J. Oscar Ward	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Al Zapanta	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Kyle Taylor	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Wm David Palmer	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	

Councilman Meagher and Councilman Zeske joined by Zoom.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1 Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda

The following individuals signed up to speak on items on the agenda:

Jobby Mathew, 7128 Arches Ave., Irving, TX- Items 8,9,10

Tia Singer, 7218 Arches Ave., Irving, TX - Item 8, 9, 10

2 City Operations Update

- COVID-19 Update and City Response

Jason Carriere, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the City's response. He also provided information on the vaccine rollout plan for City employees and the status of the Irving/Grand Prairie vaccination site.

Council convened into executive session pursuant Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code to discuss Work Session item No. 7 and items 8, 9, 10, and 13 on the regular agenda at approximately 10:16 a.m.

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 12:18 p.m.

Council recessed at approximately 12:18 p.m.

Councilman Zeske arrived in person at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 1:05 p.m.

3 Review of Regular Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8** Resolution -- Accepting Dedication of Park Land Relating to the Development Agreement with Parkside Land West LP and Parkside Land East LP for Development of the Parkside Estates Project

Philip Sanders, Assistant City Manager, provided information on items 8, 9, and 10 related to the Parkside Estates public areas. His presentation outlined the City's maintenance responsibilities, the proposed maintenance responsibilities of the HOA, and information on maintaining the drainage facilities within the development.

Danny Opitz, representing Hines Development, spoke about what they are doing to ensure this development is ADA compliant.

- 9** Resolution -- Accepting Dedication of Public Access, Recreation and Trail Easements Relating to the Development Agreement with Parkside Land West LP and Parkside Land East LP for Development of the Parkside Estates Project

- 10** Resolution -- Authorizing a Maintenance Agreement with the Parkside Neighborhood Homeowner's Association, Parkside Common Association, and the City of Irving for the Parkside Estates Project

4 September 30, 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation

Jeff Litchfield, Chief Financial Officer, presented the September 30, 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Sara Dempsey with Weaver described the annual audit process and noted the result was "unmodified" which is the highest result given.

Council and staff discussed bonded debt and how the City weathered the expected revenue decreases during the beginning of the pandemic.

5 Fiscal Year 2022 Employee and Retiree Compensation and Benefits Discussion Series

- Texas Municipal Retirement System Overview: Cost of Living Adjustment Overview

Jeff Litchfield, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) plan in the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS).

- Pension Obligations Bond Discussion

Jeff Litchfield, Chief Financial Officer, described pension obligations bonds.

Chris Janning, Hilltop Securities, discussed the increase in the interest rates and expected inflation.

Julie Partain with Bracewell, provided background on implementing a pension obligation bond plan.

Council and staff discussed the pension bond process.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the pension obligation bond process.

Council recessed at approximately 3:12 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 3:30 p.m.

6 Irving Future in Focus (Budget, Services & 5-Year Outlook):

- Parks and Recreation

Joe Moses, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the Parks and Recreation Department's current budget, services, and a five-year outlook for the department related to personnel, service enhancements, 5-year Future in Focus and budgetary needs.

Mike Griffith, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the services provided by park maintenance division.

Council and staff discussed the tree farm, ADA amenities, increasing revenue, and fees at the Irving Golf Club.

Amy Kinkade, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the services provided by the recreation division.

Council and staff discussed the need for more lifeguards to expand the hours at the indoor pools.

- Planning and Community Development

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

- Library

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

- Code Enforcement

Teresa Adrian, Code Enforcement Director, presented the Code Enforcement Department's current budget, services, and a five-year outlook for the department related to personnel, service enhancements, 5-year Future in Focus and budgetary needs.

- Inspections

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant Section 551.074 of the Texas Local Government Code to discuss work session item 8 at approximately 5:05 p.m.

- 7 Legal Advice - City of Irving V. SEJ Properties, LP, Et Al.
Open Meetings Act § 551.071
- 8 Personnel - City Manager –
Open Meetings Act § 551.074

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Richard H. Stopfer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary