

**WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE IRVING CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2014**

The Irving City Council met in work session April 16, 2014 at 1:09 p.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	Absent	
Dennis Webb	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Joe Putnam	Irving City Council	Councilman	Present	
Rose Cannaday	Irving City Council	Councilwoman	Present	
Brad M. 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

1 City Operations Update

Max Duplant, Chief Financial Officer/Interim Assistant City Manager, announced that the following awards have been received: 2014 Healthiest Employer Award for Cities by the Dallas Business Journal; Fit Friendly Organization by the American Heart Association; and The Platinum Award for Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting by the Comptroller's Office. Judge Anderson accepted the Traffic Safety Award for 2014, being the only large Municipal Court in the State of Texas to receive this award seven consecutive times.

Wayne Lee, City Engineer, provided an update on O'Connor Road and the South Irving Library. South Irving Library has steel columns going up and progress is being made. O'Connor Road has all the main lanes paved; some side roads are closed as they are working on driveways and entrances.

Larry Boyd, Chief of Police, provided the Council with an update regarding a dangerous dog situation that occurred in the city. They are working with the court to find an appropriate outcome for the animal.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8 Resolution -- Awarding a Contract to Gilbert May, Inc., DBA Phillips/May Corporation, in the Amount of \$526,333.00 for the Northgate Drive Gateway Project

Gene Moulden, Senior Landscape Architect, spoke about the proposed construction of two entry gate monuments at the intersections of Tom Braniff Drive and Carl Road on Northgate Drive. This item was discussed in depth and the council generally agreed that the idea for entry gate monuments are good for Irving, but they should be placed in areas with a high traffic volume and be located throughout the entire city.

- 16 Ordinance -- Approving a Sales Contract Between the City of Irving and Mike Murray for the Sale of Property Located at 225 S. Jefferson Street in the Amount of \$51,250.00 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Special Warranty Deed Upon Receipt of the Consideration for the Grant, Sale, and Conveyance of the Property

Doug Janeway, Business Affairs Interim Director, noted that items 16, 17, 18, and 19 are all properties that the city is selling. Item 16 is below what the intended sell price was set to be based on upgrades that are going to be necessary to prepare the property for sale. The property was on the books for \$87,500.00 and is being sold for \$51,250.00.

- 17 Ordinance -- Approving a Sales Contract Between the City of Irving and Ahm B. Ullah for the Sale of Property Located at 315 S. Jefferson Street in the Amount of \$137,600.00 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Special Warranty Deed Upon Receipt of the Consideration Stated in Contract for the Grant, Sale, and Conveyance of the Property
- 18 Ordinance -- Approving a Sales Contract Between the City of Irving and Janet Saldana Castorena for the Sale of Property Located at 410 S. Jefferson Street in the Amount of \$97,000.00 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Special Warranty Deed Upon Receipt of the Consideration Stated for the Grant, Sale, and Conveyance of the Property
- 19 Ordinance -- Approving a Sales Contract Between the City of Irving and Solace Construction, LLC for the Sale of Property Located at 1719 Cripple Creek Drive in the Amount of \$61,000.00 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Deed Without Warranty Upon Receipt of the Consideration for the Grant, Sale, and Conveyance of the Property

ZONING CASES AND COMPANION ITEMS

- 21 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0009 - 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-Premises Consumption) Uses - Approximately 3,589 Square Feet Located at 6550 N. MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 100 - Snappy Salads, Applicant - Tuscan Shopping Center, Owner

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

- 22 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0001 - Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Retail to Low Density Residential and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) Uses Approximately 20.62 Acres on the North Side of Interstate Highway 635 and the South Side of Ranchview Trail, West of Valley Ranch Parkway - DDC, Inc., Applicant - Prime Ventures Group, LLC, Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, noted that the applicant requested this case be postponed until the May 8, 2014 council meeting.

- 23 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0003 - Granting S-P-1 (Detailed Site Plan) for C-C (Community Commercial) and Nondepository Financial Institution Uses - Approximately 0.3673 Acres Located at 1432 North Belt Line Road - Wellshire Financial Services, LLC, Applicant - 1432 Beltline LLC, Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, noted the applicant requested this zoning case be withdrawn.

- 24 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0005 - Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Change the Recommended Land Use from Retail to Low Density Residential and Retail and Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) and C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) Uses - Approximately 7.8 Acres Located on the West Side of Esters Road, and the East Side of State Highway 161, South of Walnut Hill Lane - JDJR Engineers and Consultants, Applicant - North Star Othel, Ltd., Owner

Kenneth Bloom, Chief Planner, noted that the applicant requested this case be postponed until the May 8, 2014 council meeting.

- 25 Ordinance -- Zoning Case #ZC14-0010 - Granting S-P-2 (Generalized Site Plan) for R-6 (Single Family) Uses - Approximately 0.23 Acres Located at 1103 Carver Lane - Janet Rubio, Applicant/Owner

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

Council moved to the first work session item for discussion. After the discussion council moved back to the regular agenda.

2 Legislative Discussion

Vilma Luna, HillCo Partners, spoke about current trends in legislative issues and political dynamics at the state and federal level. Voter turnout is lower than normal, there are many new representatives and senators in all statewide offices and there are some election results that remain uncertain due to runoffs.

Frank Sturzl, HillCo Partners, followed Ms. Luna and provided input to questions the council posed.

3 FY 2014-15 Budget Process

Bret Starr, Budget Administrator, presented an overview of the budget process, the budget calendar, and the budget environment for 2014-15.

4 South Library - Discovery Zone

Amanda Hipp, Senior Librarian, will present this presentation at tomorrow night's council meeting.

5 Green Advisory Board Bike Initiatives Update

Ramiro Lopez, Assistant City Manager, introduced the Chairman of the Green Advisory Board, who then introduced Ms. Funk.

Francesca Funk, member of the Bike Lane Task Force, a subcommittee of the Green Advisory Board, presented a presentation on the Green Advisory Board Bicycling Initiative Update. A cycle tract is being requested so that members of the community can ride their bikes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council convened into executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code at approximately 3:28 p.m.

6 Deliberation--Proposed Economic Development Incentive Offers
Texas Open Meetings Act § 551.087

Council reconvened from executive session at approximately 4:13 p.m.

Council adjourned the work session at 4:13 p.m.

Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings, TRMC
City Secretary