



City of Irving City Manager's Report

August 2, 2006

Projects/Activities Updates

Certified Tax Roll – The city has received the final certified ad valorem tax roll. As the table below indicates, the net increase over prior year, including “Values in Dispute,” is \$1,391,366,771. Staff estimates for budgeting purposes were just slightly lower. Therefore, the most recent budget estimates provided to the City Council for the FY 2006-07 will serve as the basis for the final budget revenue projections.

Taxable Assessed Value As Certified by DCAD

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>New Construction</u>
Residential	\$4,178,351,815	\$4,469,619,767	7.0%	\$117,867,018
Commercial	\$6,587,738,100	\$7,399,463,109	12.3%	\$254,033,280
Bus Pers Prop	<u>\$3,025,891,167</u>	<u>\$3,225,485,630</u>	6.6%	<u>\$2,584,000</u>
	\$13,791,981,082	\$15,094,568,506	9.4%	\$374,484,298
Values in Dispute	<u>\$241,641,444</u>	<u>\$330,420,791</u>		<u>\$13,740,560</u>
	<u>\$14,033,622,526</u>	<u>\$15,424,989,297</u>	9.9%	<u>\$388,224,858</u>
Net Additional Value from 2005 Roll		<u>\$1,391,366,771</u>		

Comcast/Time Warner Cable System Transfer – The transfer of the Comcast cable system to Time Warner closed on July 31, and Time Warner assumed operation of the Irving system on Aug. 1. At this time, there will be no changes to the system in areas of local contacts, customer service availability, etc. (see attached letter).

Verizon Carriage of Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Cable Channels – On July 25, Verizon activated five of the six PEG channels for the City of Irving, including the three ICTN government channels (30, 31, 32), the North Lake College/Dallas Community College channel (35), and the Irving ISD channel (33). The public access channel has not yet been activated since that broadcast signal originates with Comcast (Time Warner) and the two companies have not yet signed an interconnection agreement. Once Verizon ensures that they are broadcasting proper video and audio for the PEG channels, they will place advertisements in the local papers announcing the carriage of these channels on their cable system.

Water services update – With the current hot and dry weather conditions, demand for water remains very high. The average daily water use for each of the four weeks in July increased from approximately 44 million gallons per day (MGD) the first week to approximately 56 MGD this past week. We are also experiencing some peak day demands in the mid-60s on watering days. The city's primary water source, Lake Chapman, is now approximately 12.5 feet below the conservation level. Water Utilities is working on a new operating agreement with all the entities that pump water from the lake. This new agreement should provide more protection of each entity's share of water. Along with the dry weather conditions, we have experienced an increasing number of water main breaks. Many Metroplex cities are dealing with the same issue. These water lines have been repaired as soon as possible, and we have not had any adverse impact to date. Water customers have initially responded well to the watering restrictions, but water demands continue to increase due to the hot weather.

2006-07 Budget Calendar – Following are significant dates in regard to the budget calendar.

Aug. 11	Delivery of preliminary budget to City Council
Aug. 18-20	City Council Budget Retreat
Aug. 23	City Council Work Session
Aug. 24	City Council Meeting - resolution expressing intent to raise tax rate
Aug. 31	Publish notice of public hearing
Sept. 6	City Council Work Session
Sept. 7	City Council Meeting - public hearing on 2006-07 budget
Sept. 8	Publish notice on tax rate vote
Sept. 14	Special Called Meeting - public hearing on 2006-07 budget
Sept. 15	Publish notice on tax rate vote
Sept. 20	City Council Work Session
Sept. 21	City Council Meeting - adoption of the 2006-07 budget and tax rate

Recognitions/Awards

Sid Fuller Named FB Police Chief – Irving Assistant Police Chief Sid Fuller has been hired as Farmers Branch police chief. Fuller has been with the Irving Police Department since 1983, and was promoted to assistant police chief in 2001. He will assume his new position in Farmers Branch on Aug. 21.

Upcoming Events/Activities

20th Anniversary of Irving Central Library – Aug. 6, 2 p.m., Irving Central Library. The 20-year celebration will feature a free International Tea Party for the community. Dolores Snyder, author and English tea authority, will join a panel of experts representing China, Argentina and India to discuss the history and cultural significance of tea. Guests can sample teas while learning about etiquette and brewing techniques.

9th Annual Transportation Summit – Aug. 8-11, The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport. Hosted by the City of Irving, this annual summit brings elected officials and industry experts together to discuss every mode of transportation and other issues affecting highways, transit, high-speed rail, seaports, aviation, security, safety and financing.

Special Library Exhibit – Aug. 18-Sept. 29, Irving Central Library. "Forever Free, Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" examines Lincoln's efforts to abolish slavery during the Civil War and includes reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, engravings, lithographs and cartoons. The free exhibit is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.