

Minutes - May 19, 2003

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky at 7:05 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation as prescribed by Section 2(c)(11) and Collective Bargaining as prescribed by Section 2(c)(2) of Public Act 88-261.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Upon reverse roll call, the City Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

MAY 19, 2003

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Carmen D. Soldato.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Soldato asked the Color Guard from Eisenhower Junior High School to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL — The Roll Call of Aldermen by City Clerk Coleman was as follows:

Present: Richard Biehl James Tikalsky

David Hagen Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

John F. Poteraske, Jr.

Absent: Morgan Cotten Joseph Marchese

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor

Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk

Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer

John B. Murphey, City Attorney

Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

Gregory Dreyer, Community Development Director

Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works

Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM — There being five Aldermen present, Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — May 5, 2003

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2003, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Poteraske reported that

* Mary Anderson, 1400 block of 77th Street, inquired about the Senior Housing project on 83rd Street & Lemont Road.

* Bernard Durkin, 1600 block of Holly Avenue, requested hot patching in the center of the street where water ponds after rain.

* in front of 1325 Darien Club Drive the street also needed repair.

* Tony & Lottie Borowski, 1400 block of 77th Street, and Gladys Macy, 1400 block of Sequoia Lane, asked to be placed on the Eisenhower Fall Leaf Pickup Program and they inquired about the Senior Taxi Program.

* Rupi Singh, President of Norman Court, discussed numerous issues including exposed cable wires, which was resolved.

* Ray Barone, 1700 block of Gigi Lane, stated that the walkway next to his home that leads to Fairview School was totally under water due to recent heavy rains; he was also concerned about ponding water the remains for long periods of time behind the school.

Alderman Biehl met with Rich Ray, Crest Road, regarding the Dale Basin.

Mayor Soldato stated that the County needed to complete the project.

Administrator Vana commented that the approved plan maximized the capacity with a marshy type area; he noted that it holds 6-12¹/₂ of water on the north end, which it was not supposed to do. Administrator Vana stated that part of the basin needed to be raised by placing dirt and the County wanted to wait until the next phase, which would be in August. Alderman Biehl would like the project fixed and not wait until August.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO BUSINESS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve appointments to Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission: Michael Coren, Donald Cozzolino, Cynthia Dahl and Gloria D. Jiskra, as presented.

Mayor Soldato stated that the Commission would review the 75th Street & Cass Avenue corridor to achieve the City's economic development initiative. He noted that the Commissioners brought forward professional and real estate substance, which included Mike Coren, Chairman of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, and Cyndi Dahl, representative of School District #61.

Alderman Hagen expressed concern that the Commission was rather small in size; he asked if other residents volunteered, who had expertise, could they be added to the Commission. Mayor Soldato agreed that it could be beneficial.

Mayor Soldato noted that Alderman Poteraske would serve as the Liaison for the Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Cynthia Dahl; she received congratulations and a round of applause from the audience.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION — "JON P. LARSON DAY"(May 31st)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation that honored Jon P. Larson as he retired from School District #61 after twenty-five years of dedicated service. The Mayor proclaimed May 31, 2003 as Jon P. Larson Day within the City of Darien. He presented Mr. Larson with the Proclamation and honorary Jon P. Larson street sign, which would be placed on Park Avenue. Mr. Larson accepted the Proclamation and sign; he said he was blessed and thanked everyone for the years spent within Darien.

C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION — "MICHAEL GORMLEY DAY"(June 1st)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation that honored Mike Gormley as he retired from School District #61 with more than thirty years of dedicated service. The Mayor proclaimed June 1, 2003 as Michael Gormley Day within the City of Darien. He presented Mr. Gormley with the Proclamation and honorary Mike Gormley street sign, which would be placed on Adams Street. Mr. Gormley accepted the Proclamation and sign; he reflected on his professional life, thanked everyone, and stated that Darien really Makes a Difference.

D. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION — "RIVERS MONTH" (Month of June)

Mayor Soldato noted that the Proclamation would be forwarded to DuPage County.

Mayor Soldato

...commented that DuPage County Chairman Schillerstrom wanted to heist the DuPage Water Commission from municipalities. Various mayors have traveled to Springfield in an effort to have the matter resolved; a Bill would be introduced and passed, which could take the Water Commission and make it a County division. He said that twenty-five mayors and municipalities were in unanimous opposition because it would not benefit the communities. Mayor Soldato and Administrator Vana planned to travel to Springfield on May 20th on behalf of Darien, a DuPage County community, to voice opposition of the DuPage Water Commission being turned over to the County.

...announced that he visited the business offices of the Walsh Forum, a nationally broadcasted radio show, which was hosted from Darien on Plainfield Road. He introduced Dick Walsh and Ron Roscoe, who were long-time Darien residents; they updated Council on their show. Mr. Walsh stated that the "Walsh Forum" would feature Mayor Soldato on Sunday, May 25th, Channel WYLL, 1160 AM, at 4:30 P.M. He noted that speakers discuss current events and asked residents to tune in.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman

...announced that the Darien Police Pension Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday, May 20th, 7:30 P.M., at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

...informed everyone that City offices would be closed on Monday, May 26th, in honor of Memorial Day.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana thanked Public Works for their participation with the Open House on Saturday, May 17th. He stated that 90-100 residents participated in the activities.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development Director Gregory Dreyer

...commented that for the 2002-03 Fiscal Year, which ended on April 30th, 589 building permits were issued. Two-thirds of the permits were for minor improvements, such as: swimming pools, decks, fences, and sheds; 40 permits were issued for new single-family homes; 58 permits were issued for single-family additions/remodeling/alterations; and no new multi-family permits were issued.

...noted that staff was working with Gemini Construction of Glenbrook Development to cleanup the Crossroads Center site; he said that work was progressing.

...stated that staff was preparing a listing of pertinent information for all commercial and office space within the City.

...received the final draft report for the Noise Study in regard to Route 83 & I-55. He would review the report and make the results available to residents.

Alderman Weaver said that the City received the 2002 Annual Report for Tara Hill; Director Dreyer commented that it was available for Council review.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-26

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-26 in the amount of \$42,000.77 from General Fund; \$110,119.18 from Water Fund; \$8,034.06 from Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$320.00 from D.A.R.E. Fund; for a total to be approved of \$160,474.01.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: Hagen

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 1, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 03-04-02

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 03-04-02 in the amount of \$16,621.63 from General Fund; \$531.91 from Water Fund; \$5,838.06 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,083.32 from Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$13,011.98 from Joint Use Facility Fund; \$15.69 from D.A.R.E. Fund; \$183,453.61 from General Fund Payroll for the period ending

05/15/03; \$18,349.82 from Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/15/03; \$29,393.07 from D.A.D.C. Payroll for the period ending 05/15/03; for a total to be approved of \$268,299.09.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT — APRIL 2003

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of April 2003 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$1,575,282; Water Fund \$442,371; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$838,506; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$25,292; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$59,664.

Alderman Weaver inquired about the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund; Administrator Vana responded.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee ó Chairman Weaver noted that the Committee would meet on June 9th at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee ó Chairman Hagen noted that the Committee would meet on Tuesday, May 27th, at 6:30 P.M. due to the Holiday.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee ó Chairman Biehl commented that the Committee met prior to the Council meeting in regard to the 2003 Street Rehab Program. He stated that the Committee was scheduled to meet on May 28th at 6:30 P.M.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

Gloria Anderson spoke in regard to the number of people appointed to the Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission; she stated that all local taxing bodies should be represented on the Commission. Mayor Soldato advised that all local taxing bodies would be kept apprised of the Commission's progress and the lines of communication would be kept open.

14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-23-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, SECTION 2-4 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE REGULATING NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING AND SOLICITING FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR CASS 63 FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO HARRY W. KUHN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$409,715.80 FOR THE 2003 STREET REHAB PROGRAM

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, LIQUOR CONTROL REGULATIONS OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE SECTION 3-3-7-4(D) TO CREATE ONE ADDITIONAL CLASS D LICENSE

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, LIQUOR CONTROL REGULATIONS OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE SECTION 3-3-7-4(D) TO CREATE ONE ADDITIONAL CLASS D LICENSE

as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE DARIEN POLICE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CHAPTER #147 UNIT ìBî ñ NON-SWORN EMPLOYEES AND THE CITY OF DARIEN

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE DARIEN POLICE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CHAPTER #147 UNIT ìBî ñ NON-SWORN EMPLOYEES AND THE CITY OF DARIEN

as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Abstain: Poteraske

Absent: Cotten, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Tikalsky thanked Public Works for the great job with the Open House.

Alderman Hagen complimented staff in regard to the landscaping work done around City Hall.

Alderman Poteraske announced that the new Subsidized Taxi Program for seniors and disabled would have registration on May 29, 2003 between 10:00 A.M. and Noon at City Hall. He said that if anyone had questions, they should contact City Hall at (630) 852-5000 Extension 207.

John Ganzi, 2228 Donegal Drive, was in attendance with neighbors who supported the Mayor and City Council for their stance regarding the Tara Hill wetlands; each homeowner was identified by lot number. Mr. Ganzi submitted a letter dated October 12, 1992, from Mark A. Kazich, P.E., City Engineer, which stated the outlot (or Lot 10) in its entirety has been plotted as a wetland, drainage and detention easement. In my review, I have been advised that the portion of Lot 10 behind your property was not part of the wetland mitigation required as part of the subdivision. Therefore the type of landscaping you have planted outside your lot does not need to be removed and replanted with prairie or wetland plantings.

Alderman Biehl attended the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Dinner; he met former Administrator Rick Curneal, who is now the Transportation and Planning Director for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.

Bonnie Wagner, 2200 Donegal Drive, commented about a statement made at the last City Council Meeting about Tara Hill residents who backed up to the wetlands; it was stated that they knew the Mayor. She wanted the record to indicate that the residents do not know the Mayor; he was not doing them a favor; he was doing what was correct.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to adjourn.

VIA VOICE VOTE — MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Mayor

City ClerkJFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 05-19-03.

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