

Minutes - February 7, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Biehl at 7:00 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease as prescribed by Section 2(c)(5) and Collective Bargaining as prescribed by Section 2(c)(2) of Public Act 88-621 with no action to be taken.

Clerks Note: Due to time constraints, no discussion of Collective Bargaining occurred.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Tikalsky, Weaver

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Cotten at 7:30 P.M. to move into Open Session.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

FEBRUARY 7, 2005

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 led 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 John F. Poteraske, Jr. Morgan Cotten James Tikalsky David Hagen Kathleen Moesle-Weaver 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 David Skala, Deputy 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 seven Aldermen present, Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — January 17, 2005

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2005, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl communicated with Ken Ritzert, 6700 block of Alabama. Mr. Ritzert was concerned with the new configuration of the intersection at 67th Street & Clarendon Hills Road; he requested additional signage. The matter was directed to the Administrative/ Finance Committee for review.

Alderman Cotten received email from: * Mr. Eisner who was concerned with Comcast and their non-responsiveness. * Ron Nagy, Woodmere Subdivision, regarding barking dogs in Bruce Lake Subdivision.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOANN DINELLO 2005 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

Mayor Soldato welcomed JoAnn DiNello, her family and friends. He turned the meeting over to Alderman Weaver, the liaison for the Citizen of the Year Committee; she read into the record the Resolution honoring JoAnn DiNello.

It was motioned by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve

RESOLUTION NO. R-02-05 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOANN DINELLO AS 2005 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver, Soldato, Coleman, Monaghan, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

JoAnn DiNello accepted the Resolution and received a round of applause from the audience and Council. JoAnn thanked everyone for the honor bestowed upon her and she said that she wanted to share the recognition with all volunteers.

Alderman Weaver commented that the Citizen of the Year Dinner/Dance would be held on Saturday, March 5th, at Alpine Banquets; she said that reservations for the dinner/dance could be made by contacting City Hall and that tickets were \$25.00 per person.

Mayor Soldato thanked the Citizen of the Year Committee for their efforts and hard work. He mentioned that the Committee members were Kathy Abbate, Joan Graham, Debby Heniff, Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, and David Mendez.

B. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COFFEE AND CAKE RECEPTION

Mayor Soldato announced that the cake and coffee reception would take place in the Lobby immediately following the City Council meeting. He offered a special thanks to Caribou Coffee for their donation toward the reception and for their donations to JoAnn DiNello for the "We Care" packages.

Mayor Soldato requested that Item B under the Consent Agenda be moved to New Business as Item B.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... stated that the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for February 15th had been cancelled.

... informed everyone that City offices would be closed on Monday, February 21st, for Presidents Day. She announced that due to the Holiday, the City Council meeting would meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.

... invited everyone for Coffee with Mayor Soldato, which would be held in conjunction with the Darien Chamber of Commerce Expo, on Saturday, February 19th from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. at Ashton Place located at 341 75th Street in Willowbrook.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

.... stated that he had provided Council with a copy of a complaint that had been filed with the DuPage County Stormwater Committee for the proposed project at 67th Street & Bentley Avenue; he said that the complaint contained accusations which were unfounded.

.... spoke about a comment that recently appeared in a local newspaper article; it pertained to the drive-thru window for the proposed Steak 'n Shake.

... said that Alderman Poterasko asked him to poll the Council in regard to televising the upcoming budget meetings; he asked the Aldermen to respond to him by Friday.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT – No Report.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 04-05-18

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve payment of Warrant Number 04-05-18 in the amount of \$96,079.69 from the General Fund; \$24,554.69 from the Water Fund; \$40,077.05 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$4,303.74 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center Fund; \$1,865.10 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$214,428.41 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/20/05; \$23,844.12 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/20/05; \$26,024.38 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/20/05; for a total to be approved of \$431,177.18.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from the January 10, 2005 meeting. She announced that the Committee would meet on Monday, February 14th, at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee — No report.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — No report.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were no Agenda related questions or comments.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Soldato reminded Council that Consent Agenda Item B regarding Amvets had been moved to New Business as Item B.

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

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

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-03-05 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2004-20: 1418 PLAINFIELD ROAD)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PLAT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE CREST ROAD STORMWATER PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-03-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PLAT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE CREST ROAD STORMWATER PROJECT as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (DARIEN TOWNE CENTRE PUD, 2189 75th STREET, ILLINOIS AMVETS COLLECTION CENTER AT WAL-MART)

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve an Ordinance Granting a Minor Amendment to an Approved Planned Unit Development (Darien Towne Centre PUD, 2189 75th Street, Illinois Amvets Collection Center at Wal-Mart) as presented.

Mayor Soldato spoke about the new drop-off box at the northwest corner of the Jewel parking lot; he indicated that the site was a disaster and resembled a garbage can. He requested that Council table this item until the next meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to Table the Ordinance Granting a Minor Amendment to an Approved Planned Unit Development (Darien Towne Centre PUD, 2189 75th Street, Illinois Amvets Collection Center at Wal-Mart) until the next meeting.

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

Nays: Hagen

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0 TABLING MOTION CARRIED

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Biehl congratulated Public Works for their tremendous job of plowing snow during the last storm. He thanked the Citizen of the Year Committee for all of their efforts; he commended the Committee for their selection of the 2005 Citizen of the Year, JoAnn DiNello. Alderman Biehl congratulated JoAnn DiNello.

Alderman Tikalsky announced that the Darien Lions Club would host their annual blood drive on Tuesday, February 15th, in the Lace School Gym from 4:30-8:00 P.M.

Alderman Cotten received a flyer from the Darien Women's Club that announced their annual fashion show called "Spring Fling in the City". The event is scheduled to be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle on March 6th; tickets could be obtained by calling 971-3026.

Kris Sant congratulated JoAnn DiNello, the 2005 Citizen of the Year. He thanked Council for placement of the tsunami donation information on the cable station.

Debby Heniff, 1509 Winterberry Lane, informed everyone that Mr. Sant went to help the tsunami victims; she said that he drove a bulldozer for sixteen hours per day. She commented about an article that appeared in the Daily Herald regarding Don Krieger, Attorney for the Darien Park District; she read a portion of the article aloud and said that she had copies for distribution. She spoke about improper actions of the Darien Park District.

Neil Christensen, 8525 Creekside Lane, introduced himself as a candidate for the position of Commissioner for the Darien Park Board. He said there were two Board Commissioner vacancies and that voters would have the opportunity to vote on April 5th; he indicated that the terms for the Commission positions were for six-years each.

Frank Noverini also introduced himself as a candidate for the position of Commissioner for the Darien Park Board.

Gary Gullickson, Field Coordinator for Amvets Service Foundation, wanted to clarify that they were a manned-center not a drop box site.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor

_____ City Clerk

JFC/jr All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 02-07-05.