

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DARIEN  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 22, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Joseph Marchese - Chairman, Alderman Halil Avci, Alderman Ted Schauer, Dan Gombac-Director, Elizabeth Lahey-Secretary

Chairperson Marchese called the Municipal Services Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 1701 Golfview Drive – Petitioner seeks a variation to reduce the required rear yard setback from 30 feet to 12.5 feet in order to construct an addition.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He stated that the petitioner is proposing to construct a sunroom addition on the back of the home. He reported that the Committee received the plat of survey, site plan and elevation plan. Mr. Gombac reported that the PZC approved the request at their meeting and that there were no residents objecting.

The petitioners and their architect were present. The architect reported that the existing home is all masonry and that they would like to match the stone facing. He stated that the room will be predominantly windows.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Avci that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2013-01 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the petition as presented.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**B. Ordinance – Text Amendment Section 5A-5-8-2(A), Fence Regulations. Consideration of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum permitted height of fences from 6 feet to 8 feet within rear yards and corner side yards for residential lots adjacent to Cass Avenue, Plainfield Road and 75<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the proposed fence height has been a topic of discussion for residents that are adjacent to the County roadways. He reported that the PZC held a meeting and recommended approval.

Chairperson Marchese stated that he would like to see architectural uniformity with all of the fences at an 8-foot height.

Mr. Gombac stated that staff can try to encourage 8 ft. high fences but that he did not think mandating this would be appropriate. He suggested bringing it to the City Council in a workshop session.

Alderman Schauer and Alderman Avci stated that although uniformity would be nice that it may be a burden on residents if they have to replace their fence.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Avci made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Marchese that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2013-02 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the petition as presented.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**C. Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Rag’s Electric Company for the removal and replacement of certain lighting fixtures at the Public Works Facility located at 1041 South Frontage Road.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He stated that this contract is from a grant which was applied for last year. He reported that the grant is for the removal and replacement of lighting fixtures. The proposed lighting will save energy savings long term. He further reported that the Public Works facility garage area currently does not provide optimum illumination.

Alderman Avci suggested that staff consider looking at Public Works for heat loss because of the walls.

Chairperson Marchese stated that the Council needs to take a look at the Public Works facility itself for long term.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Avci made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Rag’s Electric Company for the removal and replacement of certain lighting fixtures at the Public Works Facility located at 1041 South Frontage Road.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**D. Resolution – To extend a contract with North American Salt Company for the purchase of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$187,141.80.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the contract with North American Salt Company is for next year. He reported that the vendor rolled over the current pricing, and did not increase the cost as per the contract extension.

Alderman Schauer questioned if the City saved anything in 2011.

Mr. Gombac reported that the City saved approximately \$100,000.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Avci to approve a Resolution to extend a contract with North American Salt Company for the purchase of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$187,141.80.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**E. Resolution – Illinois Department of Transportation authorizing the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax Funds.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the City uses motor fuel tax funds for expenditures related to various street maintenance functions. He reported that the funding provides for expenditures for items such as salaries, the purchase of rock salt, cold and hot bituminous surface mixes, storm sewer related items, various aggregate materials and road striping.

Mr. Gombac reported that because the motor fuel tax funds are utilized, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of the proposed funding relating to the general maintenance items is required.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Avci to execute an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution authorizing the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the FY 2013/14 General Maintenance items in the amount of \$523,640.00 for a period from May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**F. Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal from McCann Industries in the amount of \$104,200.00 for one demonstrator (demo) unit 2010 MacLean MV-2 Four Wheel Drive Articulating Municipal Tractor with a plow, mower deck and flail mower.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the multipurpose piece of equipment is to be utilized primarily for sidewalk plowing and grass mowing. He reported that the machine is a 2010 demo unit and would replace a 2001 trackless mower and snow plow.

Mr. Gombac stated that staff got creative on the bidding and included specifications for a refurbished, demonstrator and a new piece of equipment. Upon review of the bids, Staff presented the Committee a recommendation for a demo unit.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Avci to approve a Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal from McCann Industries in the amount of \$104,200.00 for one demonstrator (demo) unit 2010 MacLean MV-2 Four Wheel Drive Articulating Municipal Tractor with a plow, mower deck and flail mower.**

Upon voice vote, **THE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously 3-0.

**G. Minutes – March 25, 2013 – Municipal Services Committee**

**Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the March 25, 2013 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Upon voice vote, **THE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously 2-0. Alderman Avci abstained.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director provided the Committee with a brief overview of the storm. He stated that he would like to survey the residents asking why and how the water from the storm affected them.

Mr. Gombac reported that the City was not declared a disaster area at this time.

Chairperson Marchese thanked Alderman Avci for serving on the Committee and for his attention to detail. He encouraged Alderman Avci to stay involved.

Alderman Avci thanked the Committee and stated that he enjoyed his term.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Chairperson Marchese announced that the next meeting is to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Avci. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Elizabeth Lahey**  
Secretary

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**Joseph Marchese**  
Chairperson

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**Tina Beilke**  
Alderman

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Absent  
**Joerg Seifert**  
Alderman