

## **Minutes - November 5, 2001**

Darien City Council Meeting Minutes: 11.05.01

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2001 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORKSHOP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 5, 2001

### 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 David Hagen  
Morgan Cotten Joseph Marchese  
Sean P. Durkin James Tikalsky  
Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Also in Attendance: Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk  
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer  
Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney  
Rick O. Curneal, City Administrator  
Edward Musial, Chief of Police  
JoEllen Charlton, Director Community Development  
Barbara Richards, Director of Finance & Administration  
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 - October 15, 2001

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2001 as presented.

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

Abstain: Hagen

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

## 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Durkin said he attended the Darien Club Homeowners Association meeting; the homeowners wanted to know if the two islands on Darien Club Drive could be eliminated due to maintenance.

Alderman Durkin received email from Beryl and Roberta Jacobson, 6820 Bantry Court, who supported the proposed Dominick's.

Alderman Biehl was contacted by:

\* Steve Kotwica, 414 71st Street, who was pleased with DuPage County's response due to sanitary sewer backup on October 13. Mr. Kotwica remained concerned about stormwater overflow into sanitary sewers.

\* Robert Budney, 713 69th Street, who supported the proposed Dominick's project.

Alderman Cotten was contacted by:

\* Ed Foster, 3120 Grandview, who raised a question about responsibility for plumbing repair. Asst. Director Rodgers clarified that the homeowner was responsible for all plumbing after the "B-box".

\* Aaron Marshall, 7555 Wakefield Drive, who said that due to placement of parkway trees, the parkway needed restoration.

Mayor Soldato commented about Dominick's. He said that Council granted Dominick's a ninety-day extension, that the City would work with them and that concerns and/or comments should be directed to Director Charlton.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "SNUG HUGS FOR KIDS DAYS" (November 1 through December 12, 2001)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and declared November 1st through December 12th as "Snug Hugs for Kids Days in Darien". He urged all Darien residents to support this worthy effort by donating clothing. Chris Vosnos, Manager of Merlin's Muffler in Darien, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the City for its support.

Mayor Soldato noted that Council received a memorandum from the Holiday Home Decorating Committee. The Committee noted that they would like residents to include patriotic decorations, along with traditional displays, to show how America works together within Darien.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... stated that the Holiday Home Decorating Contest would be judged from December 10th through December 15th between 7:00-10:00 P.M. She said that awards would be presented at the December 17th City Council meeting.

... said that the Annual Treasurer's Report was filed with the DuPage County Treasurer and the DuPage County Clerk on October 23, 2001.

... noted that the Environmental Committee rescheduled their November 21st meeting to November 14th at 7:00 P.M.

... invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, November 17th, from 9:00-10:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.

... announced that the Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th, was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

... stated that the Police Pension Board would hold a Special Meeting on November 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Curneal stated that "Holiday Home Decorating Contest" winner homes could be viewed via the Darien Trolley. He said that reservations could be made beginning December 3rd by contacting City Hall and that there were two tours per evening planned for December 26, 27 and 28.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development Director JoEllen Charlton introduced Planner Nancy Hill who displayed a slide presentation that showed the status of various projects within Darien. They included:

- \* Alpine Banquet - an addition onto the existing structure and relocation of an existing gazebo.
- \* Society of Little Flower - parking lot expansion.
- \* Shrine of St. Therese - addition to existing building and placement of sidewalk along eastside of Bailey Road.
- \* Popeye's - minor PUD amendment for facade renovation.
- \* Plainfield Office Building (Siever's Development) - two of the three proposed office buildings were shown under construction; construction being done where two single-family homes previously stood.
- \* Darien Corporate Center (Rockwell) - indicated office building under construction near Plainfield Road and two warehouse/office/distribution buildings under construction near Lemont Road.
- \* Crossroads of Darien (83rd Street & Lemont Road) - indicated Walgreen's and the retail center; she noted that several small one-story office buildings would also be constructed;
- \* Ashbrook Place - consisted of twenty-one multi-family townhomes.
- \* Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Rectory - constructed west of the existing church.
- \* DiCosola Subdivision - showed public improvements; she said the subdivision would include six single-family homes.
- \* 6709 High Road - a single-family residence where the owner obtained a variation for garage addition; homeowners also took advantage of the "building permit fee waiver holiday".
- \* a home that obtained no permits.

Planner Hill informed Council that she prepares a monthly "Project Status Report" to keep them apprised of on-going projects; she noted that Administrator Curneal included the report with his "Administrator's Report".

Director Charlton suggested that people view the development sites to see their overall effectiveness on the City. She noted that developments were required to meet Code, which included landscaping requirements, and that residents were pleased with the results because they often exceeded their expectations. She reviewed the construction process - before, during and after. Director Charlton commented that there were many individuals and departments involved with the projects and that these accomplishments were because of team effort. She expressed pride because staff always remained focused and because residents were involved and concerned about the developments.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 01-02-13

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve payment of Warrant

Number 01-02-13 in the amount of \$189,036.92 from the General Fund; \$6,046.24 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$12,497.25 from the Impact Agency Fee Fund; \$1,515.78 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; \$358.50 from the Special Service Area Tax Fund; \$24,657.63 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$105,999.24 from the Water Operations Fund; \$152,487.51 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/18/01; \$12,997.55 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/18/01; \$22,338.44 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/18/01; for a total to be approved of \$527,935.06.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, 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 October 8, 2001 meeting. She announced that the next scheduled meeting would be on Monday, November 12th, at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee - Chairman Hagen announced that the next scheduled meeting would be on Monday, November 12th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl stated that the November 28th meeting had been rescheduled to November 19th at 6:30 P.M.

## 13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no agenda related questions or comments from the audience or Aldermen.

## 14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council

## 15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-29-01 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (MFT Tree Trimming Project 01-00000-02GM)

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-42-01 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (8205 Cass Avenue)

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, 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 RELEASING A BOND FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE FOR THE ASHBROOK PLACE, L.L.C. (Ashbrook Place)

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-01 A RESOLUTION RELEASING A BOND FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE FOR THE ASHBROOK PLACE, L.L.C. (Ashbrook Place) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

## 17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Mayor Soldato recognized and welcomed LaMar Rodgers, who was sitting in the audience. He noted that Mr. Rodgers worked for the City in the Public Works Department for many years.

Alderman Marchese stated that the Hinsdale South High School Football Team had a record of 11-0 and with three more wins, they could secure the State Championship within the Class 7A Division.

Alderman Cotten thanked the Darien Lions Club and Darien Park District for hosting the Halloween Party at the Sportsplex.

## 18. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LITIGATION SECTION 2(c)(11 OF PUBLIC ACT 88-261

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Section 2(c)(11) of Public Act 88-261, with no action to be taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

## 19. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. and upon proper reverse roll call, adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Mayor

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City Clerk

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All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 11-05-01.

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