

**CITY OF DARIEN
GOAL SETTING SESSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
October 29, 2018, 6:30pm**

Present: Mayor Kathleen Weaver, Alderpersons Ted Schauer, Lester Vaughan, Joe Kenny, Tom Chlystek, Joe Marchese, Tom Belczak, Sylvia McIvor, Treasurer Michael Coren, Clerk Joanne Ragona, City Administrator Bryon Vana, and Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac

Land Use Regulation and Oversight by City Council

The City Attorney and staff provided an overview of City's ability to regulate the use of property through planning/zoning, home rule authority, and State and Federal laws. *The consensus was to review the City Code and recommend revisions in land uses with the goal of minimizing uses that may pose a hazard. The City will also review code requirements regarding public notification in the case of an EPA violation.*

Standing or Parked Idling Motor Vehicles

Staff advised the State of Illinois regulates idling time of certain vehicles under some circumstances and advised the City currently can enforce this law as part of the State Uniform Traffic Code adopted by Darien. Some communities have adopted language more strict than the State. *The consensus was to develop a local ordinance regulating idling time of certain vehicles.*

I55 and Cass Corridor Improvements

Staff advised that at last year's Goal Setting the Staff presented a memorandum from Burke Eng, providing a concept plan for the gateway elements at Cass Avenue and I55 interchange. Due to the cost estimates of the project, the consensus of the Council last year was to not pursue the project any further. The Council also discussed with the ditch program planned to be finished over the next 3 years that there may be additional funds for other municipal projects. *The updated consensus was to revise the cost estimate for the gateway elements, at the Cass Avenue overpass at the I55 interchange, to include a sign saying Darien and associated railing enhancements.*

Darien Video

The Council discussed their interest in producing a marketing video for the City. Staff advised the probable cost would be from \$7,000 to \$10,000, depending on hours needed to produce the video. There was a general discussion on the goal of the video and the importance of updating the video periodically. *The consensus was to review this project in conjunction with the FYE 20 budget discussions.*

Storage of Garbage Containers, etc, on Residential Properties

Staff advised that City code regulates the location of refuse, recyclables or compostable material containers stored on residential properties and, specifically, that it is unlawful to place such containers anywhere between the front of the main building, or the side when facing the street, and the street. Some residents prefer not to store containers in their garages and they end up

storing them on the property in violation of city code, typically in the driveway. Alderman Vaughan advised that several residents on Maple in Ward 2 are having issues with their garbage can placement. This is because they live in raised-ranch style homes which don't naturally permit for storage of cans anywhere convenient except for the front of their homes. Several options were discussed and the *consensus was to amend the code to also allow all residents to store their garbage/recycling containers in front of the garage but in a container to be specified by the City.*

Future Expenditures

This item was discussed in conjunction with Cass Avenue and I55 corridor agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

KATHLEEN MOESLE WEAVER, MAYOR

JOANNE E. RAGONA, CITY CLERK