

Minutes - December 19, 2005

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. BY MAYOR KATHLEEN MOESLE WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 19, 2005 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

DECEMBER 19, 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 Weaver.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weaver led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Supervisor Ragona was as follows:

Present: William R. Durkin Sylvia McIvor Carolyn A. Gattuso John F. Poteraske, Jr. Joseph A. Marchese Kathleen Moesle Weaver

Absent: Richard A. Biehl

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor JoAnne E. Ragona, Clerk's Office Supervisor Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Public Works

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting of December 5, 2005 & Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of December 5, 2005

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2005 & Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of December 5, 2005, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Durkin, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Biehl

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Weaver received an email from Valli Gupta, 6624 Ridge Road, in regard to cars parked in driveways over sidewalks and snow removal from sidewalks; Mayor Weaver submitted a copy of the email for the record. Mayor Weaver reminded residents that according to City Ordinance it was prohibited for vehicles to block sidewalks; she indicated that there was no Ordinance for shoveling walkways.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "LEE SCHACHT DAY" (January 6, 2006)

Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation that honored Lee Schacht on her retirement from the Indian Prairie Library with more than twenty years of dedicated service; Mayor Weaver declared January 6, 2006 as 'Lee Schacht Day'. Ms. Schacht accepted the Proclamation; she thanked Council and residents for their continued support. She indicated that the Indian Prairie Library was a 'State of the Art' facility and that it was one of the most utilized libraries in DuPage County. She said that Darien was a great community to live, to learn and to grow.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "A DAY TO HONOR LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ASHOK MEHTA" (January 8, 2006)

Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation and proclaimed January 8, 2006 as 'A Day to Honor Lions International President Ashok Mehta'; she urged citizens to take cognizance of the special events arranged for this time. Mayor Weaver indicated that she would attend the dinner on January 8th and that she would present the Proclamation to Dr. Mehta.

C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH" (December 2005)

Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation and declared the month of December 2005 as 'Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month'. She called upon all citizens, government, agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools, and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs.

D. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER JOHN ALIMISSIS

Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Chief Pavelchik. He congratulated Commissioner Piccoli, an Illinois State Police Officer, who recently graduated from the FBI National Academy. Chief Pavelchik introduced Fire and Police Commissioners Noverini and Piccoli. Commissioner Noverini administered the Oath of Office to John Alimissis. Officer Alimissis was presented to the Mayor and Council; he received congratulations from the City Council and a round of applause from those in attendance.

E. RECOGNITION OF AUXILIARY OFFICER WILL HEIN

Chief Pavelchik provided a brief background of the Auxiliary Volunteer Organization, which began in 1976. He indicated that Auxiliary Officer Will Hein began his volunteer service with the City on February 21, 1977 and retired effective September 1, 2005. Officer Hein was presented with his badge, name tag, and a photograph.

F. LETTER OF COMMENDATIONS: OFFICER MICHAEL LOREK, OFFICER RICH STUTTE, AND DETECTIVE DAVID STOCK

Chief Pavelchik indicated that on September 14th, Officer Lorek made a routine traffic stop for a minor equipment violation; he was assisted by Officers Stutte and Rolf. They observed drug equipment within the vehicle; the driver was arrested and had been operating an indoor cannabis cultivation system. The officers were presented with a Letter of Commendation.

Chief Pavelchik said that Detective David Stock initiated an internet investigation; an individual was arrested on September 22nd for unlawful solicitation of a child and faced felony charges. Detective Stock was presented with a Letter of Commendation.

G. RECOGNITION OF 2005 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Mayor Weaver welcomed the Holiday Home Decorating Contestants and Committee; she thanked committee members Chairperson Jeannette Campo, Anna & Herman Fein, Cindie Hagen, and Gene Kolling for their time and efforts. Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Chairperson Campo, who described the recent change in the contest, which was that homes had to be nominated in writing in order to be a contestant. She indicated that homes were judged on creativity, originality and theme; she described the homes of the finalists.

Honorable Mention Certificates were presented to: * Sulkowski Family, 1517 Winterberry Lane * Spano Family, 8225 Bailey Road

Chairperson Campo announced the 2005 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners: * Fifth Place Winner was The Zytnowski Family, 530 69th Street; Mayor Weaver presented them with a Fifth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check. * Fourth Place Winner was The Zipsie Family, 701 70th Street; Mayor Weaver presented them with a Fourth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check. * Third Place Winner was The Brehm Family, 7725 Florence Avenue; Mayor Weaver presented them with a Third Place Certificate and a \$50.00 check. * Second Place Winner was The DiViscour Family, 341 Plainfield Road; Mayor Weaver presented them with a Second Place Certificate and a \$100.00 check. * First Place Winner was The Poon Family, 8124 Portsmouth Drive; Mayor Weaver presented them with a First Place Certificate and a \$200.00 check.

Chairperson Campo noted that the City was offering FREE Trolley Tours to view the Holiday Home Decorating contest winners; tours were scheduled for December 27th, 28th, and 29th; reservations were required and could be made by contacting City Hall at 852-5000.

Mayor Weaver...

... noted that there were refreshments in the lobby.

... commented that Buona Beef was interested in opening a restaurant at 75th Street & Cass Avenue.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Supervisor Ragona...

... stated that the Planning/Development Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 26th, had been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 27th.

... noted that the December 20th Environmental Committee meeting and the December 21st Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had been cancelled.

... reminded everyone that City offices would be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday; City offices would also be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year holiday.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana stated that he had no report.

Alderman Poteraske inquired when the Sound Wall survey would be completed; Administrator Vana responded that it would be early February.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Pavelchik presented his report under "Mayor's Report".

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 05-06-15

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 05-06-15 in the amount of \$106,113.42 from the General Fund; \$93,732.01 from the Water Fund; \$22,181.72 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$3,812.16 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$345,857.50 from the Joint Use Facility Fund; \$374.64 from the D.A.R.E Fund; \$244,574.32 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/08/05; \$24,606.30 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/08/05; \$30,754.53 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/08/05; for a total to be approved of \$872,006.60.

Mayor Weaver asked when Council would view reporting on the new charge cards and if it would be attached to the Warrant; Administrator Vana responded that the first invoice had not been received; that the previous card had been eliminated; and that the reports could be included as a line item.

Roll Call: Ayes: Durkin, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Biehl

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

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2005

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of November 2005 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$4,643,612; Water Fund \$209,290; and Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$91,151.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Weaver presented, for the record, Minutes of the November 14, 2005 meeting. She announced that the Committee would meet on Monday, January 9, 2006, 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 to come before the City Council.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-32-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE SEATON GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL CONSULTING SERVICES

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-41-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20 (REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE AND FINES), OF CHAPTER 3 (LIQUOR CONTROL REGULATIONS), TITLE 3 (BUSINESS REGULATIONS), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-33-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERN-MENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-34-05 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (TREE TRIMMING)

Roll Call: Ayes: Durkin, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Biehl

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

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO WETLAND BUFFER LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE (DARIEN CORPORATE CENTER-ROCKWELL PUD)

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-35-05 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO WETLAND BUFFER LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE (DARIEN CORPORATE CENTER-ROCKWELL PUD) as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Durkin, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Biehl

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Marchese wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a very safe and prosperous New Year. He thanked Council for the Proclamation. He stated that this was the first time an International President was scheduled to come to Illinois, that there were 43,000 Lions Clubs around the World with millions of members. He indicated that the Darien Lions Club was proud to host the international event and he welcomed Dr. Mehta.

Mayor Weaver extended wishes for Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a wonderful, safe, and happy New Year.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor _____ City Clerk jr All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 12-19-05.