

Minutes - March 17, 2003

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 17, 2003 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
MARCH 17, 2003

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 requested everyone to remember those serving in our armed forces and then 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 Joseph Marchese
Morgan Cotten John F. Poteraske, Jr.
David Hagen James Tikalsky
Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer
John B. Murphey, City Attorney
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Robert Pavelchik, 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 — March 3, 2003

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2003, as presented.

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

Abstain: Biehl

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Poteraske was contacted by

* the Carpello family, 7100 block of Gold Grove, in regard to a mailbox knocked down due to snow plowing; it was repaired and they thanked the City for its prompt service.

* Rupi Singh, Vice President of Norman Court Townhomes, in regard to drainage problems; they were instructed to contact Director Dreyer.

Alderman Cotten received email from and was contacted by Mary Toniolo, 8492 Sandalwood Court, on behalf of the Water Tower Court homeowners. They were concerned about the Crossroads, particularly grading and seeding, removal of a trailer from the site, replacement of the Water Tower Court sprinklers along the property line, and cleanup/maintenance of the site. They would like results this spring.

Alderman Biehl was contacted by Larry Voss, 201 Janet Avenue, who was concerned about a conversation he had with Staff.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS: KEVIN D. JONES & RICHARD A. PHILLIPS

Mayor Soldato welcomed the two new officers and their families. He introduced Mr. Louis Scaglione, Chairman Fire and Police Commission, and Chief Pavelchik. The Mayor also introduced Carol Gierut and Frank Noverini, members of the Fire and Police Commission. Chairman Scaglione administered the Oath of Office to Probationary Police Officers Kevin D. Jones and Richard A. Phillips. They were presented to the Mayor and Council and received a round of applause from all.

Mayor Soldato

...thanked the Chamber of Commerce for offering him the opportunity to speak about the State of the City at their luncheon.

...noted that the noise study along Route 83 and Frontage Road began last week. He said that the results of the study should be available in mid-April.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman

...commented that instatement of Economic Interest forms and Ethic Statements needed to be completed and returned, respectively, to DuPage County / City Clerk's office on or before May 1.

...invited everyone to join Mayor Soldato for Coffee on Saturday, March 22nd, from 9:00-10:00 A.M. She noted that the Coffee would be held in conjunction with the Darien Chamber of Commerce Expo at Ashton Place, 341 75th Street, Willowbrook.

...reminded everyone to vote in the Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 1st. Polling places would be open from 6:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana

...commented that Public Works employee Pete Kline, while snow plowing, witnessed a car fire; he alerted the residents and contacted the Police Department.

...reminded Council that groundbreaking for Wight & Co. was scheduled for March 18th at 9:00 A.M.

...thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their assistance with the Police Department's additional K-9 unit. He noted that Wight & Co. and Wal-Mart both committed to assist. He noted that Wal-Mart was proposing an addition/remodeling improvement to their existing store, which would be a minor amendment that would be reviewed by the Planning/Development Committee.

Alderman Biehl inquired if there were plans or drawings for the proposed project at 75th Street and Cass Avenue. Mayor Soldato thanked Alderman Biehl for bringing this forward for discussion because of misinformation disseminated in Alderman Hagen's campaign literature. Mayor Soldato read the misleading statement contained in a "coffee invitation".

Mayor Soldato clarified that the triangle was to be redeveloped according to the Comprehensive Plan. The City needs to ascertain the value of the land; Administrator Vana was directed by the City Council to locate an appraiser and he interviewed four. The information would then be presented to Council in order to approve the hiring of an appraiser. He noted that Alderman Hagen, while campaigning, informed residents that the City was committed to a TIF District or that an incentive would be needed; Mayor Soldato stated that there was no commitment. He read into the record, a letter from Warren Johnson, Superintendent of Darien Public School District 61, which inquired about the status of a TIF District; that "the administration of District #61 is comfortable with the process established and awaits more information as we all continue to work positively together to provide the best opportunities for the children, the school district, and the community of Darien"

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Robert Pavelchik

...commented that there was a promotional exam scheduled for the end of April; seventeen patrol officers showed interest and would take the exam.

...mentioned that Officer Ralph Menzione, when not involved with DARE, has acted as mediator for neighborhood disputes; he encouraged residents to utilize this service.

...updated Council about an arrest that rid the City of a criminal; the arrest started with an anonymous telephone call to City Hall.

Alderman Hagen complimented Staff for the Citizen of the Year Dinner/Dance; he inquired why a police officer was on duty for the festivity.

Chief Pavelchik responded that due to the expected large crowd an officer was assigned, as a security measure, in case assistance was necessary.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-22

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-22 in the amount of \$36,663.93 from General Fund; \$27,953.66 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$13,315.55 from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; \$10,620.33 from Water Fund; \$2,557.50 from S.S.A. Tax Fund; \$299.90 from Water Depreciation Fund; \$471.75 from Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$176,964.98 from General Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/06/03; \$18,709.69 from Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/06/03; \$26,190.05 from D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/06/03; for a total to be approved of \$313,747.34.

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. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT ñ FEBRUARY 2003

City Treasurer Donner reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of February 2003 with the following year-to-date fund balance: General Fund \$1,026,617; Water Fund \$486,695; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$832,669; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$402,416; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$75,745.

Treasurer Donner noted for the record that the amount received from DuPage County last month, \$93,000+, and would appear in the March report.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee ó Chairman Weaver noted that the Committee would meet on April 14th at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee ó Chairman Hagen noted that the Committee would meet on March 24th at 6:30 P.M. and that there were two items on the Agenda.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee ó No report.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were no Questions and Comments to come before the City Council.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Soldato noted that New Business Item A had been moved to the Consent Agenda as Item F.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIRD ANNUAL DARIEN DASH, A 5K RUN/WALK, ON MAY 4, 2003, BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE DARIEN DASH WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND CONTINUES: 71st Street to Richmond Avenue; south on Richmond Avenue and following Cherokee Drive to Darien Lane; north on Darien Lane and following Timber Lane to Seminole Drive; north on Seminole Drive to 71st Street; west on 71st Street to Beechnut Lane to Hinsbrook Avenue; east on Hinsbrook Avenue to Wilmette Avenue; north on Wilmette Avenue to 69th Street; east on 69th Street to Bentley Avenue; south on Bentley Avenue to 71st Street; east on 71st Street to northwest corner of Darien Community Park with access foremergency vehicles and local traffic at all times

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-07-03 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PUBLISHING THE UPDATED CITY OF DARIEN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-16-03 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE OF THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2003-02: Cardinal Fitness)

E. ORDINANCE NO. O-17-03 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY TO R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AND FINAL

ENGINEERING (PZC 2003-01: Farano Resubdivision)

F. RESOLUTION NO. R-08-03 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE (Kelley's Subdivision)

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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16. NEW BUSINESS

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Marchese announced that the Darien Lions Club was hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Eisenhower Junior High School on Sunday, March 23rd, from 7:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Alderman Biehl wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day.

Alderman Hagen noted that he was disappointed that Mayor Soldato brought up campaign issues earlier in the meeting. Mayor Soldato said that the intent of both was to avoid doing so; he commented it was necessary because Alderman Hagen's campaign workers had distributed erroneous information that affected all Council members and residents.

Warren Anderson, who lives on Chestnut Lane, commented that he attended the January 6, 2003 Council meeting when the Ordinance was approved for the redevelopment of the business district. He said that there was communication with one of the property owners within the triangle; that even though there were no prepared plans, diagrams or drawings that a concept had been developed. Mayor Soldato stated that there was no concept; Staff did meet with the owners and they were told that Council was determined to follow the Comprehensive Plan. Administrator Vana clarified that he utilized the term concept to reference a town center, a public meeting area. Mayor Soldato commented that a citizen group, over an eighteen month period, developed the Comprehensive Plan, which included not only commercial development but a downtown component. Mayor Soldato encouraged citizens to ask questions not to assume incorrectly.

Roy Sutherland, a resident of Water Tower Court and Vice President of the homeowners association, submitted petitions signed by the residents that requested Council to consider, during the budget process,

the painting of the water tower near their homes.

Sam Kelley, 7117 High Road, thanked the Council for approving his driveway; he said that people utilize it to turn around. He noted that the Citizen of the Year Dinner/Dance was crowded and that he was also concerned about the number of people in attendance. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Biehl 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 ClerkJFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 03-17-03.

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