

Minutes - July 7, 2003

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 JULY 7, 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

JULY 7, 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 led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL ó The Roll Call of Aldermen by City Clerk Coleman was as follows:

Present: Richard Biehl, John F. Poteraske, Jr., Morgan Cotten, James Tikalsky, David Hagen, Kathleen Moesle-Weaver, Joseph Marchese

Also in Attendance:

Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Judith N. Kolman, Attorney
Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer
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 ó There being seven Aldermen present, Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ó June 16, 2003

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2003, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Weaver spoke with Mr. Ahmed from Hinsbrook Drive & Cass Avenue. Mr. Ahmed was concerned about dying evergreen trees along Cass Avenue; he would like to seek reimbursement from DuPage County for the trees.

Alderman Biehl spoke with Larry Smith of Carriage Greens; he was concerned about the streets on the eastside of Bailey Road not having "Stop" or "Yield" signs; Administrator Vana said that the issue would be forwarded to the Administrative/Finance Committee for review. Alderman Biehl received an email from Warren & Gloria Anderson, 533 Chestnut Lane, that requested the Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission meetings be taped and televised.

Alderman Cotten received letters from:

... Alex Pehas, 3040 Spring Green Drive; he complained about the lack of service provided by BFI.

... Derek Wlodarski, President of the Water Tower Court Homeowners' Association, 1) requested assistance to remove and replace existing broken curb and gutter on both sides of Beller Drive between Lemont Road and Sandalwood Court and 2) requested installation of "No Parking" signs on the south side of Hillside Lane and the east side of Meadow Lane.

Alderman Poteraske stated that there was a lot of storm damage during the past week, which included isolated power outages that affected 96 homes for over twenty-two hours; he asked that ComEd review their power grid within the City and perform aggressive tree trimming in rear yards.

Alderman Tikalsky received an anonymous email from a resident in regard to the condition of sidewalk on Woodland Drive. He also received an email from Sue Malone of Woodland Drive, who stated that she would like to see the Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission meetings televised.

Alderman Hagen received an email from Mr. Kirk in regard to vandalism to the fence behind the office development in the 8000 block of Cass Avenue.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Soldato

Ö informed Council that Administrator Vana and he met at the Dale Basin site with County Board District Three Representatives, Kyle Gilgis and Tom Bennington, and Tony Charlton of DuPage County in regard to the unfinished project. He noted that additional grading was to take place and that a stormwater drain pipe on Plainfield Road near Crest Road needed to be addressed due to outflow.

Ö commented that due to the recent severe storms, Public Works would perform a "special brush pickup" starting the week of July 14th; it was indicated that the "regular" brush pickup was scheduled for the week of July 21st.

Ö thanked the Darien Lions Club for another wonderful 4th of July Parade.

A. TRAFFIC NOISE STUDY AND NOISE ABATEMENT EVALUATION BY HUFF & HUFF, INC.

Mayor Soldato spoke about the background of the noise study and abatement evaluation along IL Route 83 in conjunction with the Village of Willowbrook, North & South Frontage Roads, and east & west of Cass Avenue. The study and evaluation were performed and submitted by Huff & Huff, Inc. He noted that he met with and forwarded the study to Senator Radogno in regard to funding and that the information would also be forwarded to Congresswoman Biggert. Mayor Soldato stated that residents were concerned about noise and safety from the roadways.

Mayor Soldato introduced Mr. LaDieu of Huff & Huff, Inc. who explained two studies. He said that the study for IL Route 83 was conducted with the Village of Willowbrook, which was separate from I-55 due to potential funding. Route 83 was not an accessed controlled roadway and did not qualify under Illinois First for funding; I-55 was an accessed controlled highway, which would be submitted to I.D.O.T. for fifty percent cross-share funding through the State of Illinois with Darien paying the remaining fifty percent. The studies identified the existing and future traffic noise levels, identified where those potential noise impacts would occur, and evaluated potential abatement techniques that could be conducted that exceed the criteria for noise abatement.

B. RECONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, FOR THE WARDS CREEK STREAMBANK STABILIZATION IN THE BROOKERIDGE SUBDIVISION

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Marchese to Approve Proposal for Engineering Services, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the Wards Creek Streambank Stabilization in the Brookeridge Subdivision, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman

invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, July 19th, from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M., at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

commented that the Cable Communications Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 17th, had been cancelled.

announced that the Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission scheduled a Special Meeting for Wednesday, July 9th, at 3:30 P.M. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana reminded everyone that a special brush pickup would begin on Monday, July 14th, due to recent storm damage.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Mengarelli

commented that due to the severe storms, over one hundred parkway trees were damaged. He reiterated that a special pickup would begin July 14th and that regular pickup would begin July 21st; wood chips would be available after the tub grinder processed the chips.

spoke about sandblasting equipment owned by the Department. He provided pictures of vehicles that indicated before and after sandblasting.

noted that the Street Rehab project was underway and would hopefully be completed by July 15th, weather permitting.

displayed reflective material that had been placed in the channel of STOP signs.

Administrator Vana complimented Public Works for a great job particularly for maintenance of vehicles.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 03-04-05

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve payment of Warrant Number 03-04-05 in the amount of \$88,849.25 from the General Fund; \$112,210.53 from the Water Fund; \$1,402.46 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,834.04 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$199,325.73 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 06/26/03; \$22,588.01 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 06/26/03; \$25,018.66 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 06/26/03; for a total to be approved of \$451,228.68.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Planning/Development Committee ó Chairman Hagen noted that the Committee would meet on July 28th at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee ó Chairman Biehl submitted, for the record, Minutes from the May 28, 2003 meeting. He noted that the July 23rd Committee meeting was rescheduled to July 28, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. in the Upstairs Administrative Conference Room.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ó 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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF WATER METERS FROM WATER RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,166.60

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ONE STREET LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF McADAMS ROAD AT WILCOX AVENUE

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-26-03 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2003-07: Lucky Star Restaurant)

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-27-03 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (7114 Hudson Street)

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-28-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VIII OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE DEALING WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-22-03 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (CURB AND SIDEWALK)

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-23-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND BRYON D. VANA

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, 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 VARIATIONS FROM THE LOCATION AND YARD REGULATIONS FOR DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 5A-5-9-2(A)(2) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2003-06: 7501 NORMAN DRIVE)

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to Approve Variations from the Location and Yard Regulations for Detached Accessory Structures Set Forth in Section 5A-5-9-1(A)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance (PZC 2003-06: 7501 Norman Drive), as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: None

Nays: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 0, Nays 7, Absent 0

MOTION FAILED

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ó GENERAL

Alderman Marchese thanked Mayor Soldato for placement of the Streambank Stabilization item on the Agenda, he thanked the Council for their approval of the item, and he thanked Administrator Vana and Staff for their review of the issue.

Alderman Biehl thanked the Darien Lions Club and City Departments for their help with the 4th of July Parade.

Alderman Tikalsky requested that the Emergency Disaster Plan be reviewed at the next Goal Setting Session.

Alderman Poteraske thanked Indian Prairie Library for the invitation to participate in their 15th Anniversary Celebration.

Al Cimaglia, 1400 Pine Cone Court, stated that he was concerned about the operation of the Darien Park District, a separate entity. He thanked the City for televising the Park District Board meeting on its cable channel. He encouraged residents to attend future meetings.

Kurt Mach, 1500 Evergreen Lane, thanked the City for televising the Park District Board meeting. He expressed concern about the Park District and requested that the City continue to televise the Park District Board meetings.

Maggie Kroniek, 1521 Darien Club Drive, thanked the City for airing the Board meeting and requested that the City continue to do so. She noted that the Board proposed implementation of a two-minute time limit for people to speak before the Board. She noted that the Park District Board meetings were held on the third Monday of each month and urged residents to attend. She suggested that the Board utilize the City's Council Chambers for their meetings, which would allow them to be televised and replayed for resident information.

Ken Babkus, 8420 Creekside Lane, stated that he sent a letter Governor Blagojevich in regard to Wards Creek; he presented the letter to Alderman Marchese. He thanked Council for resolving the issue.

Alderman Tikalsky inquired if anyone had given the Darien Park District a formal invitation to utilize the City's facilities. Mayor Soldato stated that the District asked if the City would play the tapes and the City did so. He reiterated that the District was a separate entity from the City. There was discussion about televising all City Committee/Commission meetings.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE , MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

JFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 07-07-03.

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