

Minutes - May 16, 2005

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
MAY 16, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 8:35 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 A. Biehl Sylvia Mclvor Carolyn A. Gattuso John F. Poteraske, Jr. Joseph A. Marchese
Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Absent: William R. Durkin

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works Michael Griffith, Sr. Planner

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — NONE

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl spoke with a resident from Marion Hills in regard to area youth riding scooters, which was becoming a nuisance. Chief Pavelchik said that the scooters were considered a motor vehicle but did not meet the equipment requirements for street usage. They cannot be licensed; they should not be operated on a roadway; and a driver's license was required to operate one. He indicated that the scooters could be driven on private property with permission from the property owner. The Chief said that residents should call the Police Department at '911' or the non-emergency number so a squad could be dispatched to the site.

Alderman Mclvor received a call from the ComEd public relations representative in regard to primary feeders in the Farmingdale Village area; two of the feeders were overloaded and ComEd intends to bring in a relief feeder. Administrator Vana indicated that Cornell Roberts from ComEd would speak at the June 6th Council meeting.

Alderman Marchese communicated with Jim & Donna Simms, 8630 Thistlewood, who have been impacted by noise from I-55. They wanted to know where the money was for the sound wall; what the next stage was to receive matching funds; and how long before the process would begin. Administrator Vana said that he spoke with representatives from Congresswoman Judy Biggert's office; he indicated

that money was to be given to the City for distribution but found out that the grant did not work that way; the money would be given to the State of Illinois and distributed by IDOT. He said that proposals were received from engineers for preliminary engineering work and that the proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. would be brought to Council for consideration. He commented that the money had not been transferred from the Federal Government to the State but that should have no impact on the City's ability to seek State funds. Alderman Marchese requested that Jim & Donna Simms receive all correspondence regarding the project.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "RIVERS MONTH" (June 2005)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and encouraged all residents to learn about the environmental importance of clean waterways and urged support and participation in River Sweep 2005, a countywide stream cleaning effort on Saturday, June 4, 2005.

B. REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS: BRYON VANA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR; ROBERT PAVELCHIK, POLICE CHIEF; ROBERT MENGARELLI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND ROBERT RODGERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to Reappointment of Department Heads: Bryon Vana, City Administrator; Robert Pavelchik, Police Chief; Robert Mengarelli, Assistant Director of Public Works; and Robert Rodgers, Assistant Director of Public Works, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

Clerk Coleman administered the "Oath of Office" to Administrator Vana, Chief Pavelchik, Assistant Director Mengarelli, and Assistant Director Rodgers.

C. APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD: DANIEL GOMBAC, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to Appointment of Department Head: Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Public Works, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

Clerk Coleman administered the "Oath of Office" to Director Daniel Gombac.

Mayor Soldato asked Administrator Vana to describe the 'new' director role; Administrator Vana explained that Mr. Gombac would oversee and coordinate projects between both departments.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. The Coffee would be held in conjunction with the Public Works Open House, which was scheduled from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Public Works facility located at 1041 South Frontage Road.

... stated that the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for May 17th and the Cable Commission meeting scheduled for May 19th had been cancelled.

... announced that City offices would be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

... thanked Mayor Soldato and Council for the reappointment; he encouraged residents to stop in or call.

... introduced Scott Coren, Administrative Assistant; he said that Mr. Coren worked part-time for the City while completing his degree and recently graduated.

... commented that Jim Tikalsky stated that he would bring a landscape plan for the Historical Society building to the Mayor's Coffee on May 21st.

... announced that he was working with John Laratta, a representative for the U.S. Post Office, in regard to City residents who need City addresses.

Alderman Biehl requested that Administrator Vana include him in any meetings with other governmental agencies regarding stormwater issues at 67th Street and Bentley Avenue.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Assistant Director of Public Works Robert Mengarelli...

... welcomed the 'new' Aldermen, Director Gombac and Administrative Assistant Coren.

... invited everyone to the Public Works 'Open House' on Saturday, May 21st, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

... announced that a bid opening for an end loader would take place on May 17th and that a pre-construction meeting was scheduled for May 23rd in regard to the 2005 Street Rehab Program.

... indicated that they were in the process of hiring twelve college students, mostly Darien residents, for the Summer. He said they would mow, weed, and remove garbage from rights-of-way in Darien, which included the County roadways. He spoke about various tasks that the crews would perform.

... stated that the 50/50 Tree Program would begin shortly, that City streets would receive a second sweep in July, that the Water Department would be exercising valves, that the curb & sidewalk program would begin at the end of Summer, and that they responded to resident requests.

... commented that Friday, May 20th, was the last day to redeem refuse/yard waste stickers.

... reminded residents that brush was scheduled for pickup during the week of May 23-27.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 04-05-25 B. WARRANT NUMBER 05-06-02

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve payment of Warrant Number 04-05-25 and 05-06-02 in the amount of \$81,448.12 from the General Fund; \$223,608.76 from the Water Fund; \$2,386.34 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$1,234.08 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$300.00 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$109,242.78 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/12/05; \$21,704.07 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/12/05; \$22,615.11 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/12/05; for a total to be approved of \$462,539.26.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2005

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of April 2005 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$3,134,576; Water Fund \$(32,016); Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$491,305 and Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$18,243.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Weaver commented that New Business Item A was recommended for approval by the Committee.

Planning/Development Committee — No Report.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Chairman Biehl indicated that the next scheduled meeting would be held on May 25th at 6:30 P.M.

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

There were no Consent Agenda items to come before the City Council.

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL CENSUS AS OUTLINED IN THE FEBRUARY 24th, 2005 LETTER FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Census Bureau to Conduct a Special Census as outlined in the February 24th, 2005 letter from the Census Bureau, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AND REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (MAYADA BROOK SUBDIVISION/ 67th & BENTLEY) (PZC 2004-17: Mayada Brook Subdivision)

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-08-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AND REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (MAYADA BROOK SUBDIVISION/67th & BENTLEY) (PZC 2004-17: Mayada Brook Subdivision) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (67th & BENTLEY/UNINCORPORATED AREA) (PZC 2004-17: Mayada Brook Subdivision)

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-09-05 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (67th & BENTLEY/UNINCORPORATED AREA) (PZC 2004-17: Mayada Brook Subdivision)

as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY NEWLY ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF DARIEN AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (MAYADA BROOK SUBDIVISION) (PZC 2004-17: Mayada Brook Subdivision)

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-10-05 AN ORDINANCE ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY NEWLY ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF DARIEN AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (MAYADA BROOK SUBDIVISION) (PZC 2004-17: Mayada Brook Subdivision) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

E. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to consent to the Appointment of Council Committees and Chairmen, as follows:

Planning/Development Committee: John F. Poteraske, Jr. – Chairman Joseph A. Marchese Sylvia Mclvor

Administrative/Finance Committee: Kathleen Moesle Weaver – Chairman John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso

Public Works Water/Streets Committee: Richard A. Biehl – Chairman William R. Durkin Kathleen Moesle Weaver

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Marchese announced that the Darien Lions Club would participate in a 'NIGHT WALK' fundraiser on Sunday, June 5, for the prevention of blindness and diabetes.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 05-16-05. Minutes of 05-16-05 CCM