

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 19, 2007 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Galan at 7:17 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing purchase or lease of Real Estate as prescribed by Section 2(C)(5) of Public Act 88-621.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Mclvor at 7:25 P.M. to adjourn into Open Session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

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

The members of Cub Scout Pack #36 led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Deputy Clerk Dubman was as follows:

Present: Halil Avci Joseph A. Marchese William R. Durkin Sylvia Mclvor John Galan John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Lynn Dubman, Deputy Clerk Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer John B. Murphey, City Attorney 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 seven Aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 5, 2007

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Abstain: Durkin

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mclvor has received a telephone call and several e-mails from a resident of Farmingdale Village, Jim Devitt, who lives on Ailsworth Drive which is adjacent to a new commercial development which has been under construction for approximately six years. The commercial development, which is on the west end of Farmingdale Village, was annexed by Woodridge and rezoned from single family residential to commercial. The lighting from the hardware store at this new development is creating a problem for the residents. The lights, which are on all night, shine in the residents' back yards. Dan Gombac is working with the residents and Woodridge in an attempt to resolve the situation. Residents in the affected area are encouraged to contact Woodridge officials regarding this problem. Dan Gombac will continue to pursue options for relief with Woodridge. Per Attorney Murphey, although the City of Darien has no recourse, the individual residents could bring a civil suit, if the problem is not resolved.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weaver had nothing to report.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk's office had nothing to report.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana had nothing to report.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development/Public Works Director Daniel Gombac provided informational updates as follows...

...reviewed the City's snowplowing equipment, crews, and the steps taken when there is a snow event.

...reminded residents to please check their mailboxes for structural integrity. Items to look for are rusted or rotted wood bases at the ground level, as well as rusted or deteriorated fasteners holding the mailboxes to their supports. In the event a mailbox is inadvertently knocked down during snow removal operations, residents should contact the Public Works Department. A temporary mailbox will be installed until the repairs of the existing mailbox can be completed. The city plows approximately 70 lane miles with 149 cul de sacs. The city recently obtained a new piece of trackless snow equipment for plowing of the approximate 21 miles of designated sidewalks throughout the city.

...the Clarendon Hills Road bicycle path project has been completed. Maintenance for the path has been turned over from DuPage County to the City of Darien.

...provided an update on the proposed Safe Routes to School Program. The IDOT Implementation Committee has recently completed their review and has forwarded their recommendations to IDOT management. A time frame of the finalization process has not been determined.

...True Value will be opening a new store in Brookhaven Plaza. Opening is tentatively scheduled to take place in January.

...residents were reminded to replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors have a shelf life. When replacing the batteries, the expiration date on the back of the detector should be checked. Carbon monoxide detectors are to be installed within 15 feet of sleeping quarters.

...over 100 intersection street signs have been replaced. Residents may go to the City of Darien website to learn when their street name sign is targeted to be installed.

Mayor Weaver advised that the sign at 67th & Western looks like the top was chipped off.

Dan Gombac advised that some of the signs need to be reinstalled. Mr. Gombac informed the Council members of vandalism of the new street sign at 69th & High. Residents were urged to contact 911 if they view any suspicious behavior.

Alderman Poteraske noted that sometimes it is difficult for the snow plow drivers to differentiate between the curb and the street. Installing the new police reflectors at the curbs and streets prior to the snow fall would be helpful.

Dan Gombac responded that a dry run of the snow routes is planned and obstacles will be noted at that time.

Alderman Poteraske inquired if the city will be budgeting for crack filling on the bicycle path. Cracks are developing on 75th going west on the north side of the street.

Dan Gombac will research whether this area is the responsibility of the City of Darien or DuPage County.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 07-08-13

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 07-08-13 in the amount of \$67,752.92 from the General Fund; \$10,002.62 from the Water Fund; \$4,765.69 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$332,174.80 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$903.41 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$69.95 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$40,908.98 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$110,351.26 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/08/07; \$15,202.42 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/08/07; \$28,450.26 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/08/07; for a total to be approved of \$610,582.31.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER, 2007

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of October 2007: General Fund Revenue \$6,720,419; General Fund Expenditures \$6,426,401; Current General Fund Balance \$3,783,443. Water Fund Revenue \$1,510,132; Water Fund Expenditures \$1,406,214; Current Water Fund Balance \$388,624. Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$358,803; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$629,786; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance (\$9,116); Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$59,221; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$1,814,107; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$1,726,064; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$2,473,679; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$2,375,262; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$140,637; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$2,680,795 with no expenditures and a fund balance of \$2,680,795.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. This meeting will most likely be held at the Police Department Training Center.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were none.

14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the City Council.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-41-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-2-2 (STOP SIGNS) OF CHAPTER 2 (TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNAL LOCATIONS) TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-70-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND KENIG, LINDGREN, O'HARA & ABOONA, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC PLANNING SERVICES SUB AREA 3 THROUGH 6 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC STUDY.

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-42-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 (PROHIBITED PARKING) OF CHAPTER 3 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS) OF TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE.

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-43-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CABLE AND VIDEO CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS.

E. ORDINANCE NO. O-44-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE AND PEG ACCESS SUPPORT FEE.

F. ORDINANCE NO. O-45-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (BICYCLES) OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN.

G. RESOLUTION NO. R-71-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISION TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY DATED AUGUST, 1999-SECTION 63 ASSIGNED VEHICLES.

H. RESOLUTION NO. R-72-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISION TO THE CITY OF DARIEN'S MISSION STATEMENT.

I. ORDINANCE NO. O-46-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (VEHICLE) OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN.

J. ORDINANCE NO. O-47-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (POLICE PROPERTY ROOM) OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the City Council.

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Gattuso announced that leaves which were not picked up today will be picked up by ARC Disposal & Recycling tomorrow morning.

Robert Taft, the owner of Q Billiards, advised that his request for an extension of his liquor license hours on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 for one extra hour was denied. Mr. Taft presented his request again.

Mayor Weaver explained her reasons for denying the request and directed that this topic be referred to the Administrative/Finance Committee for further review and discussion. Mayor Weaver advised that there are twelve liquor license classifications. Seven of the twelve allow for an extension. The type of business determines whether the extension is allowed. A thorough review must be conducted prior to changing the current ordinance.

Administrator Vana announced that, due to the holiday, refuse which is normally picked-up on Thursday will be collected on Friday, and Friday's refuse will be picked up on Saturday.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor _____ Deputy Clerk Id All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 11-19-07. Minutes of 11-19-07 CCM November 19, 2007