

Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Durkin at 7:12 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel as prescribed by Section 2(c)(1) and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate as prescribed by Section 2(c)(5) of Public Act 88-261.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Marchese at 7:45 P.M. to move into Open Session.

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

Nays: 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

MARCH 5, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weaver asked the Girl Scouts in the audience to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Kevin P. Monaghan, 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 – February 20, 2007

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2007, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Weaver received a letter from: * Sophie Duardi, a very young Darien resident; she read Sophie's letter, which requested a seat belt sign on her street. Mayor Weaver indicated that the City did not have seat belt signs and stated that Police Officers would continue to remind people to wear them. * Dominic Buzzelli, Dixon Court resident; he urged the City to support the Illinois Department of Transportation ban on cell phone usage while driving.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: PHILIP R. KOHL, PEGGY McCAULEY, AND JAMES TIKALSKY

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve Reappointment to the Environmental Committee: Philip R. Kohl, Peggy McCauley, and James Tikalsky, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to James Tikalsky. He received congratulations from Council and a round of applause from the audience.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "GIRL SCOUTS" (MARCH 11-17, 2007)

Mayor Weaver identified the following Girl Scouts: Emily Collins of Troop 70; Elise Lavan, Heather Der, Katie Donovan, & Kaylee Baumbach of Troop 481; Stephanie Spytek & Haley Der of Troop 395; Erin Collins & Elizabeth Allen of Troop 876; Helen Kollarik, Claire Onchuck, & Elizabeth O'Neill of Troop 1044.

She also introduced the following Girl Scout Leaders: Diane Lavan, Cathy Allen, GERALYN DONOVAN, Michelle Der, Mary Baumbach, Linda Spyttek, Barbara Onchuck, and Mary Collins.

Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation; she proclaimed the week of March 11-17, 2007 as "GIRL SCOUTS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE WEEK"; she announced that Monday, March 12th, was the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouting. Mayor Weaver presented the Proclamation to the Girl Scouts. They received a round of applause from those in attendance.

Mayor Weaver said that the Department of Energy (DOE) held a meeting on February 22nd in Morris regarding a proposed site for a nuclear waste recycling facility. She asked the Environmental Committee to sponsor a community awareness evening to learn about the issue and what DOE was proposing; she suggested that Brian Quirk, spokesperson for Argonne National Laboratory, be invited as a speaker. She asked residents to become involved and start a writing campaign to DOE; the deadline for written responses was April 4th.

Mayor Weaver met with the Rambling Rascals at Myers Senior Housing facility. She was concerned about the seniors because many of them did not drive; she suggested encouraging PACE or RTA to reroute a bus to the facility or if the Darien Rotary could assist. They were concerned about eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dentures; she suggested that the Darien Lions Club contact the facility. Lion Member Marchese spoke about the Club and what they provided in regard to eye care.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... announced that the Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meetings scheduled for March 6 and March 13 had been cancelled.

... noted that the Fire and Police Commission rescheduled their March 6 meeting to March 13 and that they would meet at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

... invited everyone for Coffee with Mayor Weaver on Saturday, March 17th, from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. at Carmelite Carefree Village located at 8419 Bailey Road.

... suggested that the Council pass a Resolution in opposition to a nuclear waste recycling facility at Argonne.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana commented that Neighbors of Darien magazine was distributed last week; he asked residents to contact City Hall if they did not receive their copy.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development/Public Works Director Daniel Gombac...

... reviewed progress of the Water Tower Project adjacent to Plainfield Road; he distributed and explained photos that depicted completed work.

... displayed signage being implemented to alert residents of work being performed within the area; the signs would be placed 48-72 hours prior to start date.

... spoke about erosion of the pond at Birchwood Park; the City and Darien Park District worked together to find a solution and the project was currently 80% completed.

... indicated that there were eighteen watermain breaks and ten frozen water service calls between January 17th and February 26th.

... referenced a new grant program created in 2005 entitled "Safe Route to School"; the program encouraged local municipalities, schools, parents, children, police departments, and park districts to construct new facilities and implement new programs for children to bike or walk to school. The program was administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation and was 100% funded. Staff would meet with other officials and schools in regard to safety improvements, reduced traffic & fuel consumption, and air pollution within close proximity to schools.

Alderman Poteraske inquired about repair of potholes; Director Gombac responded that the City repairs potholes on an on-going basis. He said that residents should contact City Hall at (630) 852-5000 X200 in regard to potholes. Alderman Marchese spoke about Kearney Road problems.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 06-07-19

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve payment of Warrant Number 06-07-19 in the amount of \$51,068.42 from the General Fund; \$10,758.40 from the Water Fund; \$49,351.22 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,588.30 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$218,865.88 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/15 & 03/01/07; \$55,449.19 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/15 & 03/01/07; \$47,933.30 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/15 & 03/01/07; for a total to be approved of \$435,014.71.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — No Report.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. R-05-07, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND VEGA TREE SERVICE, INC.

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to rescind Resolution No. R-05-7, an Agreement Between the City and Vega Tree Service, Inc., as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

16. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weaver indicated that New Business Item B had been removed from the Agenda.

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND VEGA TREE SERVICE INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,375.74 FOR PARKWAY TRIMMING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING FOR TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING AND \$55.00 COST PER RESIDENT FOR PRIVATE TREES

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-07 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND VEGA TREE SERVICE INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,375.74 FOR PARKWAY TRIMMING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING FOR TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING AND \$55.00 COST PER RESIDENT FOR PRIVATE TREES as presented.

Mayor Weaver encouraged residents to take advantage of the contract agreement because it included a cost for private tree trimming. Alderman Marchese noted that the services were only offered for the areas identified within the City's 2007 tree trimming contract.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PUBLISHING THE UPDATED CITY OF DARIEN OFFICIAL 2007 ZONING MAP

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-07 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PUBLISHING THE UPDATED CITY OF DARIEN OFFICIAL 2007 ZONING MAP as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Treasurer Monaghan stated that he was proud to report that ten students from Eisenhower Junior High School qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament. He wished all of them GOOD LUCK.

Alderman Marchese asked residents to support two upcoming events: * Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast was scheduled for Sunday, March 11th, at Eisenhower Junior High School and * Darien Lions Club Pancake Breakfast was scheduled for Sunday, March 18th, at Eisenhower Junior High School. Alderman Marchese displayed a picture and introduced his new grandson, Jake Anthony Marchese, who was born March 1, 2007.

Alderman Poteraske indicated that the Kiwanis Breakfast Club met monthly at the Holiday Inn; he thanked Mayor Weaver and Chief Pavelchik for their recent participation with a fundraiser that collected enough funds to send three disabled children to camp in Indiana.

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 8:30 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 03-05-07.