

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
November 23, 2015**

PRESENT: Alderman Joseph Marchese - Chairman, Alderman Thomas Belczak, Alderman Thomas Chlystek, Dan Gombac-Director, Elizabeth Lahey, Secretary

ABSENT: None

Chairperson Marchese called the Municipal Services Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PZC 2015-14: 6901 Clarendon Hills Road: Petitioner seeks approval of a variation to reduce the required comer side yard setback from 15 feet to 9 feet for a shed.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that that the petitioner is proposing to construct a 12' x 17' shed on the north side of existing detached garage, next to the garage. He stated that the shed is in the flood plain and that the petitioner is aware.

Alderman Chlystek questioned if there were any concerns from the neighbors.

The petitioner, Mr. Matthew Goodwin stated that there is only one neighbor to the north and that he had no problem with the shed.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Alderman Belczak made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Chlystek that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2015-14 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the request as presented subject to:

1. Floodplain review by the City Engineer.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

B. PZC 2015-15: Marion Hills Bible Church, 142 Plainfield Road: Petitioner seeks approval of a sign variation to permit an electronic message board sign.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the petitioner recently replaced their free-standing sign with a new sign. He reported that upon the sign's installation, staff noticed that the sign was an

electronic message board. Mr. Gombac reported that the Sign Code prohibits electronic message board signs.

Mr. Gombac reported that the City Council has granted variations to permit electronic message board signs for several institutions in Darien, including: First American Bank on 75th Street, Republic Bank on 75th Street, Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe on Cass Avenue and most recently Our Lady of Peace Church on Plainfield Road.

Mr. Gombac stated that the petitioner is asking for the scrolling message to be shorter than 60 seconds. He reported that 60 seconds is the norm. He further reported that the schools with electronic message boards have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment

Alderman Chlystek made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Belczak that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2015-15 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the request as presented subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Messages will be held for 60 seconds.**
- 2. Messages will change all at once.**
- 3. Messages may display multiple colors.**
- 4. Illumination will maintain a constant light intensity or brightness.**

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

C. Minutes - October 26, 2015 Municipal Services Committee

Alderman Chlystek made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the October 26, 2015 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Alderman Belczak abstained.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported on the lighting which will begin in March and also reported on the tenants at Darien Pointe. He also stated that the first snow storm went extremely well.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Marchese announced that the next Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Chlystek made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Marchese to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

**Joseph Marchese
Chairperson**

**Thomas Chlystek
Alderman**

**Thomas Belczak
Alderman**