

## **Minutes**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing to consider approval of the proposed property tax levy for the City of Darien for 2007 was called to order by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 P.M. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Gattuso at 7:03 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) and Collective Bargaining as prescribed by Section 2(C)(2) of Public Act 88-621.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Marchese at 7:30. P.M. to adjourn into Open Session.

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

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**

**DECEMBER 3, 2007**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Weaver led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer John B. Murphey, City Attorney Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Public Works Robert Pavelchik, Police Chief

4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM — There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2007

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007 meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mclvor...

...received a telephone call from David Leatherwood of 1913 Gordon Court complaining about the lack of customer service he has received when calling ARC Disposal & Recycling Company.

...submitted, for the record, a follow-up letter from Mary C. Wurzer of 2971 Meadow Court, with concurrence by residents Ronald Basile of 2990 Meadow Court, and Kathy Kurze and Debra Globis of 2961 Meadow Court, expressing displeasure with ARC Disposal & Recycling Company, Inc. in regards to the requirement for exclusive use of ARC for dumpsters and their charges for same. In addition to the dumpster rental fee, an additional charge for the weight is invoiced. Alderman Mclvor requested the Council Members review these issues.

Mayor Weaver suggested that when the contract is up, the weight fee issue be reviewed.

...received an e-mail and Edible Arrangement from Edward Troche thanking the City of Darien, for their help in dealing with damage done to his fence by a landscaper who was doing work in Woodridge.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Louis G. Karrison of Sikich Professional Services and Support presented and reviewed the audit and management letter. Mr. Karrison and Treasurer Coren answered the questions of the Council Members.

B. Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring December, 2007 as "Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" in the City of Darien.

C. The City is looking for nominations for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. The deadline for nominations is December 7. The judging committee will start visiting the nominated homes on December

10. The contest award will be presented at the December 17, 2007 Council Meeting. The nominated homes will be visited by the Holiday Lights Trolley Tour after December 17. Residents are welcome to participate in the Trolley Tour.

D. Mayor Weaver was pleased to announce the kick off of the Darien Intergovernmental Program Initiative. Although it is anticipated that all taxing bodies will become involved, initial discussions will begin with School Districts 61 and 63. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled to take place on December 13. Once the date has been finalized, the public will be notified.

#### 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman invited all to attend Coffee with Mayor Weaver on Saturday, December 15, 2007 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Carmelite Carefree Village.

#### 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

...announced that the free leaf pick-up program has been extended one more week ending December 8, 2007. The extension was publicized on cable, direct connect, and on Hinsdale South High School's event board.

...tree marking has begun. A green dot means the right of way tree is marked for trimming. A red or orange dot signifies removal of the tree.

Mayor Weaver advised that she received a letter from the Kozlowski's questioning whether the City's name will be placed on the water tower. The water tower will not carry the City's name.

Dan Gombac advised that the water tower was on this morning's Today Show.

#### 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Robert Pavelchik...

...requested, with the approaching holidays and the increase in traffic, residents be patient and careful when driving. He suggested that residents be aware of their surroundings and keep purses and wallets close at hand. Identity theft occurs more frequently from stolen identification than from the internet. Residents were urged to shred all documents before discarding.

...Alive at 25 Program begins this week. Chief Pavelchik and Ralph Menzione received training from the National Safety Council. Alive at 25 Program is a cooperative effort with District 86 High School District. In the future, classes will be scheduled for students who attend other high schools in the area. Class schedules will be posted on the City's website and cable once they have been determined.

Alderman Poteraske requested Downers Grove District 99 be included in this program.

Chief Pavelchik advised that this program is put on through the National Safety Council and that the number of participating communities and school districts is increasing.

In response to Alderman Durkin, Chief Pavelchik advised that with enough notice, a class can be arranged for groups of twenty or more from various organizations.

Alderman Avci expressed concern with vandalism which took place at his neighbor's home. It was fairly evident the culprits were young people. Chief Pavelchik advised that, although these types of activities occur from time to time, they are not prevalent. Mayor Weaver commented that these types of pranks have been escalating and suggested a peer jury at the high school to mete out judgments to these children.

Chief Pavelchik said that it is imperative that parents stay involved in their children's lives.

In response to Alderman Mclvor, Chief Pavelchik advised that residents interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch, should contact Ralph Menzione at 630-353-8313.

Alderman Marchese noted that, in the past, there has been a great deal of success with parenting classes and community service programs. He stated that parents need to support schools and law enforcement when necessary.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 07-08-14

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 07-08-14 in the amount of \$40,700.10 from the General Fund; \$156,580.02 from the Water Fund; \$1,639.18 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$11.96 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$131.95 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$2,045.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$137,919.33 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/22/07; \$29,411.09 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/22/07; \$37,695.04 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/22/07; for a total to be approved of \$406,133.67.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske submitted the minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting of November 12, 2007 for the record. Alderman Poteraske advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. A proposed "No Left Turn" sign at Plainfield and Seminole will be one of the items on the agenda. The meeting will 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.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman Mclvor submitted the minutes of the Planning/Development Committee Meeting of August 27, 2007 and October 22, 2007 for the record. Due to the holiday, Alderman Mclvor advised that the next meeting has been re-scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall.

## 13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

Alderman Marchese suggested that a one week extension of the leaf pick-up be included in the next contract.

#### 14. OLD BUSINESS

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

#### 15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-48-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2007, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2008, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS.

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-49-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2007, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2008, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL.

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-50-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, CHAPTER 5, "GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS," OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (PZC 2007 – 18: STORAGE CONTAINERS).

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-73-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE (ABBAY WOODS TOWNHOMES OF MARKETPLACE AT DARIEN PUD).

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

#### 16. NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the following resolution:

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-74-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SPEND \$6,400 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL WEEK OF FREE FALL LEAF PICKUP FOR RESIDENTS THROUGH ARC DISPOSAL.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

#### 17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Marchese complimented the fine job Public Works did in salting the streets early on Saturday.

Mayor Weaver offered kudos to Public Works and the Police Department for the fine job in handling the catastrophic situation with icy conditions on north Frontage Road in front of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Saturday.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 12-03-07.