

## **Minutes - August 5, 2002**

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A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 5, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the City Council of the  
CITY OF DARIEN  
AUGUST 5, 2002

#### 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 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 Biehl Joseph Marchese  
Sean P. Durkin James Tikalsky  
David Hagen Kathleen Moesle-Weaver  
Absent: Morgan Cotten  
Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor  
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk  
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Terry Abma, Deputy Chief of Police  
JoEllen Charlton, Director Community Development  
Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works  
Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

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

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 15, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver  
Nays: None  
Absent: Cotten  
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Durkin noted that he received email from:

\* Michael Kidney, 8824 Lake Ridge Drive, inquired about the maintenance of trees and roadway repair of Frontage Road.

\* Rupi Singh, Vice President of the Normal Courts Townhome Association, inquired about plowing of private streets within the subdivision. Mayor Soldato stated that the City had established policies; he referred the matter to Administrative/Finance Committee for review.

\* George Teske, 1437 Sequoia Lane, was concerned about maintenance of trees along roadways. Asst. Director Mengarelli stated that subdivision was scheduled for tree trimming next year; he explained that it was a five-year rotating program and the City was currently in the third year of the program, which takes place during the winter.

Alderman Weaver stated that she received an email from Gloria Jiskra, 1100 Bristlecone Court, who thanked Council for passage of the Ordinance regarding curb cuts along 67th Street.

Alderman Biehl was contacted by Josephine Wozniak, 6801 Western Avenue, who was concerned about proposed work with the driveway. He asked

Administrator Vana to have Staff better informed about Ward location information to assist residents with their inquiries.

Alderman Hagen stated that he received email from:

\* Luke Peterson, 1026 Janet Avenue, who would like to construct a garage but was informed of a 20' screening easement exists on the rear property.

\* Willard Hein, 7617 Brookhaven Avenue, who requested that gravel be placed on the shoulder of the road in front of his home. Asst. Director Mengarelli responded that upon completion of the street paving, stone would be placed.

Alderman Hagen was contacted by Mr. Benetis, 7733 Brookhaven Avenue, who was interested in expanding a single-car-attached garage to a two-car-attached garage.

Mayor Soldato asked Asst. Director Mengarelli how Public Works handled driveways in regard to the curb/sidewalk replacement program. Asst. Director Mengarelli responded that if a resident requested a depressed curb, the apron needed to be adjusted and the adjustment was the resident's responsibility.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Soldato...

... thanked Council for their participation with the Goal Setting Session because good initiative and direction came from the meeting. He said that there was discussion about redevelopment of the southeast corner of 75th Street & Cass Avenue.

... noted that Alderman Weaver and he would be present at the Westmont Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th. He said that the Plan Commission was scheduled to discuss the CVS Pharmacy proposal for 67th Street & Cass Avenue. He commented that Darien and adjacent Westmont residents opposed the proposal.

... reminded everyone that the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District in connection with the Namen Estate and City Council would conduct a public workshop session to consider presentations for the purchase of the old fire station property and adjoining vacant property on August 7th at 6:30 P.M. at the District located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien.

... commented that a response had not been received from the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners in regard to Administrator Vana's letter that requested a meeting in order to discuss the Joint Use Facility.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

... noted that the Fire and Police Commission scheduled a Special Meeting for August 6th at 7:00 P.M. in the Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road.

... announced that the Police Pension Board scheduled a Special Meeting for August 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road.

... invited everyone to join Mayor Soldato for coffee on Saturday, August 17th, from 9:00-10:00 A.M. at the Darien City Hall in the Council Chambers.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

... noted that work was stopped on the Dale Basin Project due to concrete removal and revision of the plans. He said that he was communicating with the County and that they hoped to have the Change Order resolved and presented to the County Committee on August 6th.

... commented that he would distribute the Agenda to Council for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District meeting scheduled for August 7th. He informed everyone that the meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:30 P.M. with the first presentation at 6:45 P.M.; three developers were committed for presentations and another was tentative.

Clerk Coleman reminded Administrator Vana that if the Darien Park District responded to his correspondence in regard to scheduling a meeting that the press needed to be given forty-eight hours notice.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development Director JoEllen Charlton announced that she had made a life changing decision; she informed everyone that she had submitted her resignation and that her last day of employment would be Friday, August 16. She spoke of the benefits she acquired from dealing with residents and Council and stated that she was looking forward to focusing all of her time on her family. She thanked everyone for the great opportunities.

Director Charlton reported that the Senior Planner position had been offered and accepted by Michael Griffith, who would begin employment with the City on August 19th.

Alderman Weaver extended good luck and stated that she understood and appreciated the decision.

Alderman Hagen spoke as Chairman of the Planning/Development Committee, he said that he appreciated the time they spent working together and the numerous questions/answers that she diligently researched.

Alderman Biehl said 'thank you' and he complimented Director Charlton for her professionalism in making the position of Director of Community Development what it has become. He noted that she was admirable and did a tremendous job. He wished her all the best of luck.

Mayor Soldato wished her good luck and stated that she was fortunate to have the opportunity to be with her family. He stated that he and Council were proud of the professional input Director Charlton gave developers before starting the formal process. He spoke of various projects where she devoted herself as a professional on behalf of the City. He noted that the City would need to continue to hold those high standards for the benefit of residents. Once again, he thanked her and asked that she keep the City advised of her ventures.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-07

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-07 in the amount of \$114,755.41 from the General Fund; \$16,116.00 from the Water Fund;

\$1,010.71 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$5,255.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; \$172,787.49 from the Darien Towne Center Tax Fund; \$7,804.97 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$604,703.25 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/25/02; \$22,328.68 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/25/02; \$26,411.57 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/25/02; for a total to be approved of \$971,173.08.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky Weaver  
Nays: None  
Absent: Cotten  
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - No report.  
Planning/Development Committee - Chairman Hagen noted that the Committee would meet on Monday, August 26th at 6:30 P.M.  
Public Works Water/Streets Committee - No report.

## 13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no Agenda related questions or comments.

## 14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

## 15. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Soldato noted that Consent Agenda Items A and B were moved to New Business as Items B and C.

## 16. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (ZBA 2002-03: Chestnut Court)

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-28-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (ZBA 2002-03: Chestnut Court) as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver  
Nays: None  
Absent: Cotten  
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

### B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE A 2500 H.D. PICKUP TRUCK FROM ELMHURST CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,450.00

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve recommendation to purchase a 2500 H.D. Pickup Truck from Elmhurst Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,450.00, as presented.

Alderman Weaver noted that the Administrative/Finance Committee recommended approval of the purchase and that the Public Works Water/Streets Committee also recommended approval.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver  
Abstain: Durkin  
Nays: None  
Absent: Cotten  
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE A 5500 H.D. LIGHT DUTY DUMP TRUCK FROM CENTRAL TRUCK OF WISCONSIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,841.75

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve recommendation to purchase a 5500 H.D. Light Duty Dump Truck from Central Truck of Wisconsin in the amount of \$44,841.75, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver  
Nays: None  
Absent: Cotten  
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Marchese distributed a flyer, which stated that Darien resident Laura Romaine would compete in Ireland in the "Under 12 Groupa Cheoil[VGC1]" competition. He commented that a fundraiser was being held Sunday, August 11th, at the Kerry Piper Irish Pub in Willowbrook to assist with expenses.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor

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City ClerkJFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 08-05-02.

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