

Minutes - September 15, 2003

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2003 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

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

Morgan Cotten

John F. Poteraske, Jr.

David Hagen

James Tikalsky

Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Also in Attendance:

Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor

Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk

Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer

Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

Gregory Dreyer, Director of Community Development

Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council Meeting of September 2, 2003

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2003, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of September 2, 2003

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of September 2, 2003, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Weaver

Abstain: Tikalsky

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl received communication from:

- Bernadine Flavin, 109 Elm Street, inquired when the driveway apron would be removed from the vacant property at 113 Elm. She was also concerned about area flooding.
- Harold Smith, 337 Roger Road, in regard to DarienFest; he sent an email that complimented everyone for their outstanding work. Alderman Biehl asked that Mr. Smith be invited to the post-DarienFest resident meeting.
- Richard Ray, 6710 Dale Road, regarding the timetable for completion of the Dale Road Basin improvement project and the response from County Board Member Gilgis to Mr. Ray's emails. Alderman Biehl read the emails into the record.

Alderman Weaver submitted emails from Jim & Emily White, Jim Cermak, and Don & Carol McDowell; all opposed the 67th Street & Bentley Avenue proposed development.

Alderman Poteraske received communication from:

- Burt Severson, unincorporated 18W200 block on Claremont; he was concerned about sidewalks, curbs, parking, etc. Alderman Poteraske said he would forward a copy of his concerns to the Police and Public Works departments for review.
- Mr. & Mrs. Adraneda, 6900 block of Exner, in regard to the variation process for a patio enclosure.

Alderman Cotten received several emails that inquired about email addresses for the Darien Park District; he was informed that the Park District was not up-to-date; they do not have email access/addresses. He suggested that if residents needed to contact the Park District that they should telephone. Mayor Soldato noted that the Darien Park District meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., at Marion Hills School.

Alderman Marchese received communication from:

- Diane Dusza of Tara Hill in regard to boats parked in driveways and the maintenance of the Tara Hill wetlands.
- Bob Buti, 8060 Evergreen Lane, who supported the dedication of Thistlewood.
- Lou Bedoe, 7755 Wakefield, who was concerned about motorized scooter traffic in the Farmingdale Ridge subdivision.

Alderman Hagen received email from Lou Peterson about the on-going problem at the carwash on Plainfield Road.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "RESPECT LIFE WEEK" (October 5-11, 2003)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and declared the week of October 5 through October 11, 2003 as "Respect Life Week". He urged citizens to take cognizance of the special events arranged for this time. Margaret Edwards accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Edwards thanked the City and Council for its recognition; she also spoke about 'respect' and its meaning.

Mayor Soldato...

... thanked the Council for the valuable time spent discussing items at the Goal Setting Session.

... announced that the Crossroads development was sold and that there were new owners.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

... announced that the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for September 10th had been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 16th, at 7:30 P.M.

... invited everyone to have coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, September 20th, from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. at Carmelite Carefree Village located at 8419 Bailey Road.

... noted that the following meetings had been cancelled: September 17th Planning and Zoning Commission and the September 18th Cable Communications Commission meetings.

... informed everyone that the Police Pension Board had scheduled two meetings for Wednesday, September 24th: 3:30 P.M. to interview investment brokers and 7:00 P.M. to act on an application for a disability pension.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development Director Gregory Dreyer...

... summarized the issuance of building permits during the month of August 2003; he said that it was about the same or a little less than last year and that the total issued for the year was comparable to 2002.

... stated that Bradford Companies requested a delay for the publicized Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission scheduled for September 17, 2003 until October 1, 2003.

... noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission would review an application for townhomes at Mystic Trace & North Frontage Road, bordered by Wilmette Avenue, on October 1, 2003.

... commented that the proposed development at 67th Street & Bentley Avenue would be discussed at the Planning/Development Committee meeting on September 22nd.

... reported that Network Real Estate Group purchased the Crossroads development property. He said that a meeting was held with the Group to review outstanding punchlist items. Mr. Schwartz, the CEO of the Group, agreed to meet with the Water Tower Court Homeowners Association to address concerns.

... indicated that the Plainfield Office Park dumpster had been removed.

... said that the developer of Tara Hill was completing street construction and intended to be finished by the end of November.

... stated that the department would be involved with a 'Special Census' and the 'Noise Study'.

Mayor Soldato commented that he reviewed the 'Noise Study' on the City web site; he complimented staff for the information located on the City web site.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 03-04-08

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 03-04-08 in the amount of \$34,595.94 from the General Fund; \$127,032.00 from the Water Fund; \$3,261.36 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$333.00 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$1,582.75 from the Special Service Area Tax Fund; \$1,463.98 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$188,577.39 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/04/03; \$19,878.33 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/04/03; \$21,307.98 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/04/03; for a total to be approved of \$398,032.73.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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B. TREASURER'S MONTH REPORT – AUGUST 2003

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of August 2003 with the following year-to-date fund balance: General Fund \$1,829,249; Water Fund \$658,507; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$889,371; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$179,334; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$68,280.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from the June 9, 2003 and July 7, 2003 meetings.

Planning/Development Committee — Chairman Hagen announced that the Committee was scheduled to meet on Monday, September 22nd, 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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO LIQUID ENGINEERING TO CLEAN AND INSPECT THE WATER TOWER PLANT 2

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO A & R CEMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,937.00 FOR THE 2003 SIDEWALK, DRIVEWAY APPROACH AND CURB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A HEWLETT PACKARD COLOR LASERJET 4600dn PRINTER FOR THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE THROUGH PRICE WATCH (Comp-U-Tech of America, Inc.)

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER #2610 FOR ONE SOLAR POWERED ARROW BOARD FROM ALTERNATE CONSTRUCTION CONTROLS, INC. OF ROMEOVILLE, ILLINOIS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$4,975.00

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-31-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Village of Burr Ridge)

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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16. NEW BUSINESS

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Tikalsky thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Park District, Public Works, Police Department, and all other volunteering organizations for an outstanding DarienFest.

Alderman Poterasko updated Council on a project started with Argonne National Laboratories last December. He spoke about the development of the project, which included movement of 55-gallon drums that contained various waste materials; the estimated completion date was indicated to be Fall 2003.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 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 09-15-03.

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