

Minutes - November 6, 2006

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
NOVEMBER 6, 2006

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 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: 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 Scott Coren, Assistant to the Administrator

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16, 2006

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2006, 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

Alderman Biehl received four (4) emails from residents (Krishan Sant, Linda Drake, Richard Gorski, and Richard & Mary Ellen Kuhlman) who were in opposition to the proposed striping on 71st Street. Mayor Weaver indicated that due to comments received, the item was added to the Traffic Study Sub Area 2 meeting discussion scheduled for November 7th at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. She noted this item would be discussed first and invited those interested to attend.

Alderman Durkin received email in regard to a missing PACE sign at Walnut & Nantucket Drive.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. COMED UPDATE

Mayor Weaver stated that Council received a response from Mr. Clark and a schedule of repairs to be made within the City. Mayor Weaver asked Assistant Coren if all items had been addressed; he responded that according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement all items had been addressed. Alderman Poterasko commented that the October outages were the worst; he expressed extreme disappointment in ComEd service due to the length of time for each occurrence. He asked Cornell Barnett, ComEd External Affairs Manager, to explain the 58 hour outage that affected twelve residents; it was listed on the monthly report as 'intentionally unscheduled'. Mr. Barnett reviewed and explained the outage; it was due to a broken transformer on a cross-arm. There was discussion about notifying residents of long-term outages. Alderman McIvor asked what the expectation was for ComEd to report to Council and residents; she recommended that the City receive quarterly reports. Mayor Weaver indicated that quarterly reports would be acceptable but outage data should be sent monthly; Alderman McIvor verified that ComEd would attend the second meeting in January 2007.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... invited everyone for Coffee with Mayor Weaver on Saturday, November 18th, at City Hall in the Council Chambers from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

... announced that the Administrative/Finance Committee had scheduled a SPECIAL meeting for Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was for public comment in regard to the Traffic Evaluation for Sub Area 2, which was bordered by Fairview Avenue, Cass Avenue, Darien Club Drive and Plainfield Road, and the striping of 71st Street.

... reminded everyone to vote on November 7th; polling places would open at 6:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

... indicated that the City would have a Consolidated Election on April 17, 2007. Candidate Packets were available for pickup at City Hall during normal business hours for the elected positions of Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, and Alderman for Wards 2, 4 and 6. She indicated that packets had been picked up for Mayor by Richard Biehl & Kathleen Weaver; for City Clerk by Joanne Coleman; Treasurer by Michael Coren & Kevin Monaghan.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - No report.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development/Public Works Director Daniel Gombac provided an update on the following items: * Myers Senior Housing on Plainfield Road east of Lemont Road recently opened; it consists of 93 units. * Steak 'N Shake completed installation of additional landscaping. * Tree Planting Program should be completed soon; 41 residents participated in the 50-50 Program. * Crackfill Program and miscellaneous road striping were recently completed. * Street Sweeping was scheduled to begin the week of November 6th. He indicated that Public Works requested residents to assist with keeping curb & gutter, storm sewer inlets, and ditches clear of leaves and debris. * Water Tower Project adjacent to Plainfield Road was backfilled; steel for the tank was in the process of fabrication and should be delivered to the site the beginning of December. * Clarendon Hills Bike Path was to be constructed by DuPage County and had an estimated completion date of late November. * Concrete Removal & Replacement Project was recently completed; the program included 3 miles of curb & gutter, 7,500 slabs of sidewalk,

and 75,000 sq.ft. of driveway aprons. Restoration was on-going. Thanked staff for their participation with the program's success and particularly the concrete project liaison/coordinator for the program, Dan Salvato.

Mayor Weaver read a letter and presented it to Dan Salvato; he was recognized for his efforts with the concrete program making it a success. Mr. Salvato thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 06-07-12

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve payment of Warrant Number 06-07-12 in the amount of \$438,393.38 from the General Fund; \$27,370.33 from the Water Fund; \$8,223.91 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$259,564.50 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$4,656.07 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$117,998.03 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/26/06; \$21,222.79 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/26/06; \$21,851.74 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/26/06; for a total to be approved of \$899,280.75.

Alderman Poteraske inquired about the AS400 server; Chief Pavelchik responded that it was being utilized.

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 — Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from Committee-of-the-Whole meetings held on February 22, February 28, March 7, June 5, and June 19, 2006.

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

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-39-06 AN ORDINANCE ABATING PROPERTY TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-26-06

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-41-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND SPRINTCOM, INC. TO RENT SPACE AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD FOR CELLULAR ANTENNAS

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-40-06 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2006-14: 126 HOLLY AVENUE)

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-41-06 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2006-16: 7514 COMSTOCK LANE)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

16. NEW BUSINESS

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Marchese, as Chairperson for the Darien Lions Halloween Party, thanked all organizations that assisted/sponsored the Lions Club with the party. He indicated that it was a success and had approximately 1,600 in attendance. Alderman Gattuso thanked the Lions Club for the great party; Alderman Mclvor said she heard positive feedback in regard to the event.

Alderman Mclvor commented that she attended a workshop on November 3rd for 'Smoke Free DuPage'; she said another workshop was scheduled for November 16th. She thanked the Darien Police Association for hosting the retirement party for Officer Pyrz.

Alderman Biehl stated that at the Sub Area 1 Traffic Study meeting a resident requested school crosswalk striping and signage for the intersections near the Mark DeLay School area; he recommended that the request be considered. Mayor Weaver commented that notes were taken at the meeting and that the recommendations would be incorporated for Council consideration.

Reverend Mark Powell, 78th Precinct/Ward 3 resident, spoke about vandalism to his property, which he felt should not be tolerated. He offered a \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the vandals. Chief Pavelchik asked and encouraged residents to call 911; he said that these were random acts of violence, which were more difficult to solve.

18. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting and to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease of Real Estate as prescribed by Section 2(c)(5) and Litigation as prescribed by Section 2(c)(11) of Public Act 88-261 with no action to be taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor _____ City Clerk jr All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 11-06-06.