

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 19, 2007 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

MARCH 19, 2007

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 Mclvor William R. Durkin John F. Poteraske, Jr. Joseph A. Marchese Kathleen Moesle Weaver

Absent: Carolyn A. Gattuso

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

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2007

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2007, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl received an email from Dennis Bolsega, 106 68th Street, which he read; the email referenced a solicitation phone call from an organization who said they represented the Darien Police.

Mayor Weaver spoke with a resident in regard to sidewalk on the eastside of Cass Avenue that had bushes, which impeded use of the walkway. She directed Director Gombac to handle the matter.

Alderman Biehl mentioned that Council received an email from JoAnn Hofstetter in regard to School District 61 funding issues.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weaver noted that the March 14th edition of the Suburban Life Newspaper ran an article about her 'State of the City' speech at the Darien Chamber Luncheon. She said that the article was misleading and erroneous; she directed residents to watch Channel 6 to see a repeat of her actual speech. Mayor Weaver noted that the March 15th edition of the Doings Newspaper did a better review of her 'State of the City' speech.

Mayor Weaver announced that Darien's Environmental Committee was holding a meeting on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers regarding placement of a possible nuclear recycling facility at Argonne National Laboratories. She indicated that Morris, IL and Argonne were being considered as a location for the proposed facility; she said it could mean transportation and storage of nuclear waste at Argonne. She noted that the issue would be addressed at the meeting and invited all residents to attend and if they had questions to contact City Hall.

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFORMING ILLINOIS SCHOOL FUNDING AND DEMANDING THAT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO BEAR THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING EDUCATION

Mayor Weaver read the Resolution and requested that residents contact the Governor and other State of Illinois elected representatives demanding that the State of Illinois fulfill its constitutionally mandated obligation to assume primary responsibility for funding schools.

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve

RESOLUTION NO. R-13-07 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFORMING ILLINOIS SCHOOL FUNDING AND DEMANDING THAT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO BEAR THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING EDUCATION as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Weaver distributed and read portions of a Press Release in regard to the Town Center Redevelopment at Plainfield/Cass.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "EISENHOWER JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING TEAM" (MARCH 20, 2007)

Mayor Weaver read the Proclamation and declared March 20, 2007 as '2007 Eisenhower Junior High Wrestling Team Day' in honor of their hard work and achievement over the past year.

The Eisenhower Wrestling Team accepted the Proclamation; they were congratulated by all and received a round of applause. Coach Esposito spoke about the team, their dedication / determination, and their overall accomplishments as individuals and as a team. He noted that Mike Monaghan was a State Champion who led the team with 34 wins and 22 pins. He thanked and acknowledged the wrestlers, Coaches Cottington & Monaghan, and volunteer Coach Ryan McHeal; he thanked the parents, staff, administration, and residents for their support. The team had 37 champions over tournament time with 28 runner ups, 25 third place finishes, and 20 fourth place finishes. Mike Monaghan addressed Council and thanked them for honoring the team; he indicated that for the first time the EJV team brought home the Third Place Team Title from the ISA State Finals Tournament, there were three State Champs, there was a third place finisher, and six other State qualifiers.

Alderman Durkin inquired about what could be done about the erroneous reporting problems with the Suburban Life Newspapers. Mayor Weaver responded that the Park District and School District 63 wrote or called the editor of the Suburban Life regarding the style of reporting by the writer; she said that the editor defended the reporter's style of writing. There was discussion about interpretation and actual facts.

Alderman Durkin asked if the Environmental Committee meeting would be taped; Administrator Vana said the meeting would be shown live and that it would be replayed on Channel 6.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... noted that the Environmental Committee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:30 P.M.

... commented that March 20th was the last day to register or transfer a registration in order to vote at the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election.

... informed Council, Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees, and Department Heads that the Clerk's Office sent 'Ethic Statement' forms, which needed to be returned by May 1st. She noted that the DuPage County Clerk had sent 'Statement of Economic Interest' forms, which needed to be filed with the County by May 1st or a \$15.00 per day penalty would be imposed.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana explained that City Hall's lower level was under construction due to a flooding incident.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Department Chief Robert Pavelchik...

... stated that the Dispatch Center serviced the Village of Lisle and Darien. A dispatcher informed him that they had received three suicide calls; he indicated that there was help available to residents through DuPage County Public Health Department. The Department's crisis number is: 630) 627-1700.

... spoke about the nice weather because it initiated many traffic complaints; he advised residents to watch their speed, not to block sidewalks with vehicles, leash pets and clean up after them, keep a watchful eye on children, report damage to parks to the Park District but report suspicious circumstances to the Police Department. He suggested that residents meet and speak with their neighbors.

... reception staff suggested that the following information be mentioned: * need a wheelchair or walker...contact Dan & Mary Sackett at (630) 852-4330 * police officer solicitation was being done by the Police Officers' Union not by the officers themselves * if you received a ticket, the ticket was at least 24-hours old, and you wanted to post bond...you must go to the Clerk of the Circuit Court Office in Wheaton * meeting questions for the Police Training Room should be directed to the organization who reserved the room not to the Police Department * garbage pickup information requests should be directed to City Hall at (630) 852-5000 or on the City's web site * the Police Department does not provide phone numbers; residents were directed to contact Directory Assistance by dialing 411 * power outages should be reported to 1-800-EDISON1

Alderman McIvor commented about power outages and suggested that secondary calls should be reported or emailed to Scott Coren. She spoke about coyotes and referred residents to contact Willowbrook Wildlife Haven. Chief Pavelchik said that the Police Department was limited about what they could do but if a wild animal was standing or stumbling around, sick or injured, that residents should call 911. Alderman Poteraske indicated that residents could also contact the Wildlife Haven about raccoons.

Mayor Weaver inquired about disposal of a console; Administrator Vana responded that two stickers were needed on the item because it was a 'bulk item' that did not fit in a can. He suggested that if the item was not picked up on garbage day that the resident contact City Hall. Administrator Vana said that the upcoming issue of Neighbors of Darien would address refuse questions.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 06-07-20

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 06-07-20 in the amount of \$59,131.69 from the General Fund; \$81,605.89 from the Water Fund; \$34,759.16 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$155.88 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$1,639.64 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$103,524.54 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/15/07; \$23,099.26 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/15/07; \$35,554.73 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/15/07; for a total to be approved of \$339,470.79.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2007

Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of February 2007 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$3,404,802; Water Fund \$639,086; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$258,949; and Water Depreciation Fund \$3,721,046; Capital Improvement Fund \$16,979.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — No Report.

Planning/Development Committee — Chairman Poteraske announced that the Committee would meet on Monday, March 26th, at 6:30 P.M.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Chairman Biehl announced that the Committee would meet on Wednesday, March 28th at 6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Weaver indicated that New Business Item A had been removed from the Agenda; New Business Items B, C, D, E, and F had been moved to the Consent Agenda as Items F, G, H, I, and J respectively.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN'S CLUB

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 7th ANNUAL DARIEN DASH, A 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, ON MAY 20, 2007 BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE DARIEN DASH WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS: 5K RUN - 71st STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE AND FOLLOWING CHEROKEE DRIVE TO DARIEN LANE; NORTH ON DARIEN LANE AND FOLLOWING TIMBER LANE TO SEMINOLE DRIVE; NORTH ON SEMINOLE DRIVE TO 71st STREET; WEST ON 71st STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE TO HINSBROOK AVENUE; EAST ON HINSBROOK AVENUE TO WILMETTE AVENUE; NORTH ON WILMETTE AVENUE TO 69th STREET; EAST ON 69th STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71st STREET; EAST ON 71st STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES; AND 1 MILE WALK – 71st STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71st STREET; EAST ON 71st STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-03-07 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL USE FOR THE EXPANSION OF A PARKING LOT (PZC 2007-02: 1224 PLAINFIELD ROAD)

E. ORDINANCE NO. O-04-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (VEHICLE) OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN

F. ORDINANCE NO. O-06-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 20,999 SQUARE FEET OF 8300 SOUTH KEARNEY ROAD TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (\$5,000.00 AND \$10.00 RECORDING FEE)

G. ORDINANCE NO. O-07-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 79 SQUARE FEET OF 8315 SOUTH KEARNEY ROAD TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (\$100.00 AND \$10.00 RECORDING FEE)

H. ORDINANCE NO. O-08-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 109 SQUARE FEET OF 8400 SOUTH KEARNEY ROAD TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (\$10.00 RECORDING FEE)

I. ORDINANCE NO. O-09-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 7,495 SQUARE FEET OF 8405 SOUTH KEARNEY ROAD TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (\$10.00 RECORDING FEE)

J. ORDINANCE NO. O-10-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 725 SQUARE FEET OF 8405 SOUTH KEARNEY ROAD TO THE CITY OF DARIEN (\$10.00 RECORDING FEE)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 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 thanked Director Gombac in regard to the Kearney Road project; he said that he and the residents greatly appreciated his efforts.

Alderman Mclvor thanked the Darien Lions Club for the great Pancake Breakfast on March 18th. Alderman Biehl, on behalf of the Lions Club, thanked all the residents who supported the event.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 03-19-07.