

Minutes - December 3, 2001

Darien City Council Meeting Minutes: 12.03.01

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 DECEMBER 3, 2001 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORKSHOP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the CITY OF DARIEN
DECEMBER 3, 2001

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, David Hagen, Morgan Cotten, James Tikalsky, Sean P. Durkin, Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Absent: Joseph Marchese

Also in Attendance: Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer
Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney
Rick O. Curneal, City Administrator
Edward Musial, 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 - November 5, 2001 and November 19, 2001

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 5, 2001 and November 19, 2001 as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Tikalsky, Weaver

Abstain: Hagen

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Weaver stated that a memorandum was received from Attorney Murphey regarding Alden Lane and she asked that staff forward the communication to the adjacent property owners.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL HORNETS FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GOLD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve

RESOLUTION NO. R-33-01 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL HORNETS FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GOLD DIVISION CHAMPIONS as presented.

Coach Kirwan and members of the Hornets football team accepted the Resolution, which honored them for their outstanding achievement and dedication. He thanked everyone for their support.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver, Soldato, Coleman, Donner, Murphey, Curneal

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM AS THE WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GOLD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve

RESOLUTION NO. R-34-01 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM AS THE WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GOLD DIVISION CHAMPIONS as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver, Soldato, Coleman, Donner, Murphey, Curneal

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

Frank Piccoli, parent of two swim team members, accepted the Resolution on behalf of the Hornets swim team. He noted that Coach Kuchta was unable to attend due to prior commitments; he thanked Council for the recognition.

Mayor Soldato also congratulated the Downers Grove South High School Football Team for winning the 8A Championship. He noted that Council would recognize the team at a future meeting and that the City was very proud of both schools.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... noted that the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for December 19th was rescheduled to December 12th at 7:00 P.M.

... reminded everyone that the Holiday Home Decorating Committee would be viewing homes from December 10th through December 15th from 7:00 until 10:00 P.M. She said that winners would be announced at the December 17th City Council Meeting and that reservations were being accepted for the Darien Trolley Holiday Home Decorating tours on December 26th, 27th and 28th.

... invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, December 15th, from 9:00-10:00 A.M. at Carmelite Carefree Village located at 8419 Bailey Road.

... announced that the Darien Police Pension Board scheduled a Special Meeting for December 13th at 7:00 P.M. in the Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Curneal...

... commented that the Holiday tree in front of City Hall was decorated by Brownie Troop No. 1400 from Elizabeth Ide School with ornaments handmade by the Troop..

... stated that AT&T internet access service through Cable TV was non-operational as of Saturday, December 1st, he said that 1.5 millions people nationwide were affected. He noted that AT&T notified the City that service for the Chicago area, which includes Darien, would be switched over to a new Internet provider by 9:00 A.M. on December 4th.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Mengarelli ...

... did a slide show presentation of the Snow Plow Rodeo held on November 21st at the Public Works facility. He displayed various non-professional drivers, who were assisted by Public Works employees; he described the purpose of each piece of equipment and how it was utilized.

Aldermen Hagen and Weaver inquired about the Trackless Sidewalk vehicle. Asst. Director Mengarelli said that the vehicle had a top speed of 20 M.P.H. and that there were various attachments, which included V blade, blower and broom. He said that it took approximately ten minutes to change an attachment.

... asked Council for feedback regarding the Public Works Weekly Report that was included within the Administrator's Report.

Aldermen Biehl and Durkin complimented all of Public Works for the great work they did orchestrating the Rodeo and with the snowplowing they do. It was noted that snowplowing may look easy but was really a challenging endeavor, especially when a novice tries to maneuver the large sized vehicles that Public Works utilizes daily.

Alderman Biehl inquired about an excessive amount of water flowing down 69th Street. Asst. Director Mengarelli said that it was groundwater that flowed toward Clarendon Hills Road, which was due to the repair of sewer lines in the subdivision that were repaired by DuPage County; he also noted that there was a watermain break on Thanksgiving Day on 69th Street.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 01-02-15

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 01-02-15 in the amount of \$89,651.21 from the General Fund; \$4,832.02 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$23,694.48 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$6,861.06 from the Water Operations Fund; \$148,095.53 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/15/01; \$16,019.31 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/15/01; \$21,159.25 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/15/01; for a total to be approved of \$310,312.86.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Revised Minutes for the October 15th meeting. She announced that the next scheduled meeting would be held on Monday, December 10th, at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee - Chairman Hagen announced that the next scheduled meeting would be held on Monday, December 10th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl submitted, for the record, Minutes for the November 19th meeting. He stated that the next scheduled meeting would be held on Monday, December 17th, at 6:30 P.M.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no agenda related questions or comments from the audience or Aldermen.

14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. 0-46-01 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2001, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2002, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-47-01 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2001, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2002, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

C.
ORDINANCE NO. O-48-01 AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. O-01-96 (Waterworks Bonds)

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM RELIABLE WRECKING SERVICE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,800.00 TO DEMOLISH THE HOUSE AT 117 74th STREET

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR MARK DeLAY SCHOOL PTO

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

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 Weaver complimented Debbie Soldato on the great job done at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, which was held on December 2nd at Old Lace School. Mayor Soldato thanked the Darien Historical Society, Darien Chamber of Commerce and Eisenhower Jr. High School Band for their participation in the event.

Christopher Waz, Westmont, addressed the Council regarding comments he made at the November 19th Council meeting. He said the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District meeting date that he previously questioned occurred on June 19, 2001. Alderman Durkin reiterated that he attended the meeting as a resident not as a representative of the City.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION - LITIGATION SECTION 2(c)(11 OF PUBLIC ACT 88-261

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Section 2(c)(11) of Public Act 88-261, with no action to be taken.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. and upon proper reverse roll call, adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 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 12-03-01.

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