

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DARIEN  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 21, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Thomas Belczak-Chairman, Alderman Ted Schauer, Alderman Ralph Stompanato, Mayor Joseph Marchese, Dan Gombac – Director

**OTHER:** Mayor Joseph Marchese

**ABSENT:** None

**Establish Quorum**

Chairperson Thomas Belczak called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. at the City of Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois. Chairperson Belczak declared a quorum present.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

- a. Motion – Recommending zoning ordinance revisions pertaining to Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations to the City Council and to forward the draft revisions to the Planning and Zoning Commission for public hearing and commission review.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus announced an inaugural cohort of communities participating in an EV Readiness Program, a unique initiative launched to help local governments prepare to meet the growing demand for Electric Vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure. He reported that the City applied for a \$250,000 grant but that staff has not heard back. He further reported that with the City being an inaugural cohort community, a focus on policy development related to EV infrastructure, permitting/zoning, safety, and community engagement is paramount and therefore, staff has developed revisions to the zoning ordinance pertaining to EV charging stations to streamline implementation and regulate infrastructure throughout the City.

Mr. Gombac reported that staff researched and used other municipal ordinances.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve a motion recommending zoning ordinance revisions pertaining to Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations to the City Council and to forward the draft revisions to the Planning and Zoning Commission for public hearing and commission review.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**b. Ordinance - Authorizing the disposal of surplus property.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that staff is requesting the authorization of surplus property and auctioned using an on-line auction service, GovDeals, Inc, or disposed of.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato authorizing the disposal of surplus property.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**c. Resolution - Accepting a proposal at the unit prices for Polyurethane sidewalk raising and curb sealing from RaiseRite Concrete Lifting IL in an amount not to exceed \$32,120.00.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the staff is tasked annually with identifying and marking sidewalk squares that need replacement. He reported that Polyurethane Concrete Raising process also referred to as polyurethane slab jacking is less disruptive and involves drilling smaller holes in the concrete. Mr. Gombac reported that the polyurethane is then injected to the holes and leveled to the adjacent curb and gutter and adjacent sidewalk slab and that the Polyurethane concrete raising foam will not wash away from under the slab like mud jacking material and that the result is the structural integrity of the walk is not affected by the raising.

Alderman Ted Schauer asked if this can be provided to the residents.

Mr. Gombac reported that they can investigate a program for residents next year.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal at the unit prices for Polyurethane sidewalk raising and curb sealing from RaiseRite Concrete Lifting IL in an amount not to exceed \$32,120.00.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**d. Resolution - Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of DuPage for a 50/50 cost share of a right of way enhancement project at the southeast corner along Plainfield Road from Cass Avenue to Linden Avenue and Cass Ave to the side yard limit of 7614 Gail Avenue.**

Mr. Dan Gombac. Director reported that the Cass Avenue corridor, within the limits of Plainfield Road and 75th Street are recognized as the Center of Town and that the Comprehensive Plan also recognizes this area for beautification enhancements. He reported that staff requested of the County for a joint coop project to beautify the southeast corner of Cass Ave and Plainfield Road.

Mr. Gombac reported that that City staff and the County have agreed to pursue a concept for a wall and fence design like what is in place at 75th Street and Plainfield Road, the wall would be constructed of large modular blocks (RediRock, or similar) and a solid six-foot-high wood fence would be installed on top of the wall. He reported that cost share between the County and the City is 50/50 or \$187,500 per agency and upon completion of the project the City will own and maintain the wall and wood fence and the City shall own and be responsible for all future maintenance of the modular block retaining wall and fence.

Mr. Gombac reported that staff is awaiting a response for a grant including \$375,000 for engineering for design.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

Mayor Joe Marchese suggested a goal setting topic in beautifying the City in the next four years.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approving a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of DuPage for a 50/50 cost share of a right of way enhancement project at the south east corner along Plainfield Road from Cass Avenue to Linden Avenue and Cass Ave to the side yard limit of 7614 Gail Avenue.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- e. Resolution – Accepting a proposal at the unit prices for LED-Illuminated Street Name Signs for the intersection at 67th Street and Clarendon Hills Road from Traffic Control Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$12,064.00.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the LED-Sign Panel purchase is for the intersection of 67th Street and Clarendon Hills Road. He reported that the traffic signal contract does include typical aluminum street name plates and a credit in the amount of \$1,599.27 would be applied towards the upgrade.

Mr. Gombac reported that the Village of Willowbrook is cost sharing with the City for the traffic signals and has been requested to cost share 25% of the project, or a not to exceed \$200,000 and that the Village of Willowbrook will be considering the item at an upcoming Village Board meeting, pending City Council approval. He reported that this item was not budgeted for the FY23/24 Budget and will be over budget.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal at the unit prices for LED-Illuminated Street Name Signs for the intersection at 67th Street and Clarendon Hills Road from Traffic Control Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$12,064.00.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- f. Resolution - Accepting a proposal for the installation of the LED-Illuminated Street Name Signs for the intersection at 67th Street and Clarendon Hills Road from H&H Electric Company in an amount not to exceed \$9,358.48.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this is for approval of a resolution for the installation of the LED-Illuminated Street Name Signs.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal for the installation of the LED-Illuminated Street Name Signs for the intersection at 67th Street**

and Clarendon Hills Road from H&H Electric Company in an amount not to exceed \$9,358.48.

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

**g. Resolution – Authorizing the purchase of one (1) new 2024 Peterbilt Model 548 cab and chassis with Monroe body, to replace unit 109, from Peterbilt Illinois Joliet, Inc. dba JX Truck Center, in amount not to exceed \$27,038.34.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this is for approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) new 2024 Peterbilt Model 548 cab and chassis with Monroe body, to replace unit 109, from Peterbilt Illinois Joliet, Inc. dba JX Truck Center, in amount not to exceed \$27,038.34.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) new 2024 Peterbilt Model 548 cab and chassis with Monroe body, to replace unit 109, from Peterbilt Illinois Joliet, Inc. dba JX Truck Center, in amount not to exceed \$27,038.34**

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

**h. Resolution - Accepting a proposal from Sutton Commercial Fleet for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F4550 Model dump body, snow plow equipment package, lighting accessories, and hydraulic controls, to replace unit 402, in an amount not to exceed \$108,041.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this is for approval of a resolution authorizing the replacement of Unit 402, a 2009 Chevy/Isuzu W-4500, with 77,926 miles and 84.58 rating, which is utilized within the Water Department. He reported that this vehicle has an extreme idle time as it is utilized as a safety vehicle during water main breaks with emergency lighting to further warn motorists of a traffic lane disruption.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal from Sutton Commercial Fleet for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F4550 Model dump body,**

snow plow equipment package, lighting accessories, and hydraulic controls, to replace unit 402, in an amount not to exceed \$108,041.

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- i. **Resolution – Accepting a proposal from A-Block Marketing for premium hardwood bark mulch for the 75th Street Landscape Medians in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the existing mulch has decomposed and is of very low value. He reported that the City arborists recommend utilizing processed hardwood mulch versus the mulch that the City produces. He further reported that the hardwood mulch consists of all hardwood material and is treated for any type of infestation and undesirable seedlings while the City's mulch contains more softwood with very limited hardwoods, is not treated and contains many sticks/twigs and decomposes relatively faster than hardwood mulch.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal from A-Block Marketing for premium hardwood bark mulch for the 75th Street Landscape Medians in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.**

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- j. **Resolution – Accepting a proposal from JC Landscaping and Tree Service Inc. for the installation of new hardwood mulch within the 75th Street Medians in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that is approval of a resolution accepting a proposal from JC Landscaping and Tree Service Inc. for installation of new hardwood mulch within the 75<sup>th</sup> Street medians in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal from JC Landscaping and Tree Service Inc. for the installation of new hardwood mulch within the 75th Street Medians in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.**

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

**k. Motion - Authorizing a contingency in the amount of \$1,000 for a hardwood mulch balance and installation services in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.**

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer Authorizing a contingency in the amount of \$1,000 for a hardwood mulch balance and installation services in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**I. Minutes – June 5, 2023, Municipal Services Committee**

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of the June 5, 2023, Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the Clarendon Hills Road signals are completed and that they are looking good on the total budget. He reported that the ComEd needs to remove and replace the poles on 67<sup>th</sup> Street as well as At&t and Comcast but that there is no schedule set for power until mid to end of September. He further reported that this also applies to the Hinsdale South signal power.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairperson Tom Belczak announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2023.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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**Thomas Belczak**  
**Chairman**

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**Ted Schauer**  
**Alderman**

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**Ralph Stompanato**  
**Alderman**