

Minutes - February 3, 2003

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. REGARDING VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY ON A PORTION OF OLD CHEESE ROAD; PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M. A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE February 3, 2003 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
FEBRUARY 3, 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 and asked for a few moments of silence in commemoration of the Columbia astronaut disaster.

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
Absent: Kathleen Moesle-Weaver
Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Judith N. Kolman, Attorney
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police
Gregory Dreyer, Community Development Director
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 — January 20, 2003

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2003, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky
Nays: None
Absent: Weaver
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl received email from Jim & Amy Jordan, 6802 Leonard Drive, who were concerned about code violations for the home located at 6727 Leonard Drive.

Alderman Hagen received email from Virginia Hanson, 1009 Troutlilly Lane, which urged Council to deny the CVS request for a curb cut.

Alderman Poteraske:

Y Received email from Chuck & Judy Moutvic, 7700 block of Knottingham, who inquired about the addition of the Kiwanis Club name on Cable.

Y Received email from Stan Niemiec, 7100 block of Hudson, regarding snowplow damage to the parkway.

Y Was contacted by Bernard Durkin, 1600 block of Holly, who reported four streetlights out on Sweetbriar Lane.

Treasurer Donner asked that the record indicate that at the request of Mayor Soldato, he contacted District Three County Board Member Tom Bennington concerning the full service curb cut on residential 67th Street. Treasurer Donner reported that District County Board Member Tom Bennington did not support the curb cut.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Soldato thanked School District 61 and Our Lady of Peace schools. He reported that Chief Pavelchik and he attended D.A.R.E. graduation, which was a very enthusiastic event. Mayor Soldato congratulated all those involved for a job well done.

A. WIGHT & CO. PRESENTATION

Mayor Soldato noted the City's ongoing economic development endeavors to encourage upscale development within our borders. He stated Wight & Co, a premier design business, was a welcomed addition to Darien. Mayor Soldato thanked the company's representatives for selecting Darien for their headquarters. He then introduced Mr. Chuck Essler, President of Wight & Co., who spoke about the proposed project to be located on Old Cheese Road. He said that Wight was a sixty-three year old design firm; Kevin Havens gave a presentation about environmental issues that they intend to incorporate in order to avoid negative impacts, which was called 'sustainable design'. They intend to reduce pollutants, excess energy consumption, embodied energy (natural resources), and agents that contribute to global warming, and utilize resources that would be renewable instead of expended. Jay Womack, a landscape architect and ecologist, presented a slide presentation and spoke about the overall design, which utilized the natural landscape.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... announced City offices would be closed on Monday, February 17th, in honor of Presidents Day.

... commented that the next City Council Meeting would take place on Tuesday, February 18th, due to the Presidents Day holiday.

... stated that the Citizen of the Year Cake and Coffee Reception honoring Father Gavin Quinn would take place at the February 18th City Council Meeting.

... invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, February 15th, from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. at Darien City Hall in the Council Chambers.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

... stated that DuPage County Board Member Kyle Gilgis would present a check to the City for

approximately \$93,000, which was a share of the funds from the County Solid Waste Committee. ... reported the Chamber of Commerce was looking for alternative office space; he stated that Mayor Soldato offered to share his office at City Hall with the Darien Chamber of Commerce. Administrator Vana noted that the Chamber moved in and invited the Council members to stop in and introduce themselves to Mary Ann Crooks, Chamber Administrator.

... advised that as directed by the City Council he has begun the RFP process and that a copy of the Request for Proposal for services for redevelopment of the triangle had been given to the Aldermen; Administrator Vana said that the RFPs would be presented to Council for review in conjunction with budget discussions.

... commented that staff was following up with the code enforcement issues for the house on Leonard Drive.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Chief Robert Pavelchik...

... stated that Council members had recently been issued laptop computers; he advised that they could contact Officer Ed Rentka for assistance with the computers.

... commented about good police work currently being done in regard to fingerprints. He said that the State of Illinois created a system called A.F.I.S. (Automatic Fingerprint Identification System), which was utilized to apprehend a suspect involved with retail theft.

... noted that an investigation was underway for a credit card fraud case that involved a sales clerk. He wanted everyone to be more alert with the use of their personal credit cards and Social Security Number.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-19

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-19 in the amount of \$63,490.22 from the General Fund; \$12,192.20 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$172,787.49 from the Darien Towne Centre Tax Fund; \$22,401.44 from the Water Fund; \$1,625.86 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$196,947.46 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/23/03; \$20,233.10 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/23/03; \$22,449.19 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/23/03; for a total to be approved of \$512,126.96.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weaver

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — No report.

Planning/Development Committee — Chairman Hagen noted that the Committee recommended approval of the Curves for Women and denial of the CVS curb cut.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Chairman Biehl submitted, for the record, Minutes from the January 13, 2003 meeting.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

Gloria Jiskra, 1100 Bristlecone Court, a member of the Board of Directors for the Woodlands, stated that the Woodlands consisted of forty wooded acres and 200 homes. She spoke in opposition of the CVS Pharmacy project, which would be approximately 97' from some of the buildings not the property line. She noted that vehicle headlights, parking lot lights and illuminated advertising signs would invade their living

space and privacy. Ms. Jiskra was concerned with increased traffic from the CVS project, which would affect 67th and 69th Streets, as well as Ridge Road and Wilmette Avenue where students from Mark DeLay grammar school need to cross. She stated that the homeowners petitioned the DuPage County Transportation Department not to allow the widening of Cass Avenue, and that 67th Street not be widened or re-stripped in any manner. The Woodlands homeowners respectfully requested that the Council deny the curb cut onto 67th Street; she submitted Petitions in regard to their opposition.

J. P. Gahagen, President of the Board for the Woodlands, summarized that Darien had much to lose with the addition of a pharmacy/convenience store on the corner of 67th Street & Cass Avenue. He noted that in 2001 CVS closed over 200 stores and opened 300 new stores. He asked Council to consider denial of the curb cut; he stated that 19 units would be greatly affected.

Henry J. Grimme, 1100 Lodgepole Court, commented that traffic on 67th Street would avoid the traffic signal and would cut through the Woodlands utilizing Tall Pine Drive. He noted that without the curb cut, the CVS project would not be successful. He urged Council to deny the curb cut request because Darien and the residents of the Woodlands would not benefit.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky 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 OUR LADY OF PEACE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-08-03 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CROSSROADS OF DARIEN – “CURVES FOR WOMEN”)

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-09-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 10 (CITY ELECTION), TITLE 1 (ADMINISTRATIVE), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weaver

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A FULL ACCESS CURB CUT ONTO 67TH STREET (PZC 2002-05: CVS PHARMACY)

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve a full access curb cut onto 67th Street (PZC 2002-05: CVS Pharmacy), as presented.

Alderman Biehl reminded Council that the vote was to not allow a curb cut onto 67th Street, not on the CVS Pharmacy project.

Treasurer Donner inquired which Police Department would respond if there was a traffic issue; Chief Pavelchik responded that 67th Street was Darien's responsibility, east of Cass Avenue. Treasurer Donner

noted that the City would receive zero sales tax/real estate revenue from the CVS project but would incur all the costs of the high volume traffic.

Mayor Soldato applauded the residents and their spokesmen for their professionalism in presenting the issues. He noted that the City should pursue the issues and work with Westmont in regard to the intersection at 67th Street and Cass Avenue.

Roll Call: Ayes: None
Nays: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky
Absent: Weaver
Results: Ayes 0, Nays 6, Absent 1
MOTION FAILED

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Hagen announced that the Safety Village of Darien Vehicle Stickers would be available at City Hall on February 4, 2003.

Alderman Poteraske stated that he and Alderman Marchese participated with Pack 236 as judges for the pinewood derby. He announced that the Kiwanis Club was having a Gourmet Dinner Event on February 27th, from 6:30-10:00 P.M. at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn; if anyone was interested in the event, they should contact Chuck at 969-8880.

Alderman Cotten echoed Mayor Soldato's statements regarding the D.A.R.E. graduation. He congratulated the Police Department for their involvement with the youth.

Don Jiskra, 1100 Bristlecone Court, thanked the Council, Commissions and Committees for their support; he noted that CVS was not present.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED
The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 02-03-03.

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