

Minutes - October 7, 2002

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
OCTOBER 7, 2002

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 John F. Poteraske, Jr.
David Hagen James Tikalsky
Joseph Marchese Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Absent: Morgan Cotten

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Terry Abma, Deputy Chief of Police
Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works
Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works
Michael Griffith, Senior Planner Community Development

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 16, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2002, as presented.

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl received phone communications from residents on Eleanor Place who voiced their concern about lack of additional mosquito spraying.

Alderman Poteraske was contacted by Mr. & Mrs. Jozwik, 1913 McAdam Road, who would like to petition to have a streetlight placed in the neighborhood. He met with School District #61 Superintendent Tom Swenson regarding the missing gate issue at Fairview School; he informed Council that the gate had been replaced. He commented that he attended the Coffee with Mayor Soldato at Carmelite Carefree Village and interacted with Cub Scout Pack 236, they inquired about government issues. He attended the community review session about the DuPage County Bike Path, which was held at the Sportsplex; he reviewed highlights of the plan.

Alderman Hagen stated he attended a meeting Mayor Soldato had this evening with Jeff Wingren regarding the development of property near Darien. Alderman Hagen advised that a resident contacted him about Mr. Wingren's intention to develop this property.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "CONCORD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND BUILDING PROJECT"

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation, which honored the community for coming together in order to make a difference by contributing toward the "Concord Community Playground Building Project". School Board President Sue Crofts and Superintendent Kelly Kalinich of Cass School District #63 accepted the proclamation. Ms. Crofts shared her enthusiasm about how the community came together to accomplish their goal. Superintendent Kalinich with the assistance of Principal Farley and Principal Enright presented pictures and information about the project, volunteers and equipment. They thanked all the volunteers for their generosity.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "RESPECT LIFE WEEK" (October 6-13, 2002)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and declared the week of October 6 through October 13, 2002 as "Respect Life Week". He urged citizens to take cognizance of the special events arranged for this time. Margaret and Bill Edwards from Darien Pro-Life accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Edwards thanked the City and Council for its recognition.

C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" (October 24, 2002)

Mayor Soldato proclaimed October 24, 2002 as "Make a Difference Day" and urged citizens to observe the day by connecting with friends, fellow employees and relatives, and with religious, school and civic groups to engage in projects benefiting the community. Gina Ballestra accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Darien residents. She commented that students from Eisenhower Junior High School would be raking leaves for senior citizens within Darien. She thanked Wal-Mart for their generous monetary gift, which would allow them to purchase bags, gloves and rakes for the project.

D. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mayor Soldato announced that after an extensive search and interview process, Gregory Dreyer was recommended for the appointed position of Director of Community Development.

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Weaver that the City Council advise and consent to Mayor Soldato's appointment of Gregory Dreyer as Director of Community Development, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cotten

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

Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Gregory Dreyer; he received a round of applause and congratulations from the Mayor and City Council. Administrator Vana informed the audience and Council that Mr. Dreyer would begin employment with the City on November 7, 2002.

Mayor Soldato spoke about a stormwater issue adjacent to Cass Junior High School that he, Alderman Marchese and Gregory Pierce were working on. He said that the City was working with School District #63 to solve that problem. He noted that Mr. Pierce also brought forward parking and traffic related issues within the area, which he referred to the Administrative/Finance Committee for review.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

A. VEHICLE STICKER LOTTERY - 2003

City Clerk Coleman gave a brief overview of the program and stated that four local non-profit organizations responded that they would take part in the Vehicle Sticker Lottery for 2003. The organizations included Darien Historical Society, Darien Woman's Club, Safety Village of Darien and VFW Darien Memorial Post 2838. She asked Administrator Vana to pull the winning organization; the 2003 Vehicle Sticker Lottery winner was Safety Village of Darien. Alderman Hagen noted that any monies contributed would assist with construction of a 'smoke house'.

Clerk Coleman...

... noted that the following meetings had been cancelled:

- * Zoning Board of Appeals, which was scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th, and
- * Environmental Committee, which was scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th.

... invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, October 19th, from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. at Darien City Hall in the Council Chambers.

... informed residents that October 8th was the last day for voter registration in order to vote in the November 5th General Election. She commented that Absentee Ballot Applications were available at Darien City Hall until October 28th.

... commented that the City had a Referendum on the ballot, which inquired if terms for Aldermen should be staggered.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

... reminded residents that FREE leaf pickup would begin on October 8th and run for eight weeks.

... stated that the Shell gas station at 75th Street & Cass Avenue applied for a demolition permit, which was scheduled to begin on October 15th. He said the pumps would be removed at a later date.

Mayor Soldato thanked Public Works for painting the Shell building.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Rodgers...

... reported that the Bruce Lake watermain was installed and that 44 permits were applied for in order to hook up to the water system.

... commented that the Water Department was going to reinstate a program to exercise fire hydrants.
... noted that October was the last month for brush pickup; pickup was scheduled for October 21-25. He suggested that if residents wanted chips, they should contact Public Works.
... replaced fifty water meters and found that 20 were running slow, which costs the City money. He suggested implementation of a water meter replacement program for the next budget year.

Alderman Weaver inquired why it was important to exercise the fire hydrants; he responded that it was necessary to clean them out because minerals often stayed in the device, which could problems for the fire department.

Alderman Tikalsky asked about the expense for meter replacement; he responded that approximately 8% of water was lost due to leaks or faulty meters.

Alderman Hagen said that major losses in the past were from larger meters not residential meters; Rob responded that all large meters had been replaced, that consideration was being given to replacement of older meters, 16-19 years old.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-11

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-11 in the amount of \$117,540.98 from the General Fund; \$19,161.44 from the Water Fund; \$5,677.02 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$868.68 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; \$84.00 from SSA Tax Fund; \$1,626.00 from Water Depreciation Fund; \$19,118.97 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$210.00 from Joint Use Facility Fund; \$195,281.54 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/19/02; \$17,858.09 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/19/02; \$28,052.40 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/19/02; for a total to be approved of \$405,479.12.

Alderman Weaver inquired about Bank One fees listed in the report; Treasurer Donner responded that it was a trustee fee. Administrator Vana said he would investigate the fees.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cotten

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from the August 12th meeting, which lacked former Alderman Durkin's signature.

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.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Soldato noted that Consent Agenda Item C was moved to New Business as Item C.

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-33-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY TO R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AND FINAL ENGINEERING (PC 2002-09: Marco Estates Subdivision, 8225 Bailey Road)

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-34-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ZBA 2002-04: 329 Janet Avenue)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cotten

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE - DEBORAH S. CARTER

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve the appointment of Deborah S. Carter to the Citizen of the Year Committee, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cotten

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO CLARKE MOSQUITO SPRAYING THROUGHOUT DARIEN

It was moved by Alderman Biehl to approve expenditure to Clarke Mosquito Spraying throughout Darien, as presented. The Motion failed due to lack of second. Administrator Vana stated that he included a statement from the Illinois Department of Public Health on the Agenda Memo, which stated "...mosquito spraying will not be effective during the upcoming cooler weather. Mosquitoes are inactive when evening temperatures fall below 60 degrees F and they become inaccessible to the pesticides."

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMBINED PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Mayor Soldato noted the change in the effective date of this ordinance, from January 01, 2003 to November 01, 2002.

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-35-02 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMBINED PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION as presented.

Alderman Biehl inquired if a determination had been made as to who would serve on the new Commission. Mayor Soldato stated that he reviewed candidates and would submit a recommendation to Council at the next City Council meeting. He again noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission would be effective November 1, 2002.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None
Absent: Cotten
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
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17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Alderman Marchese stated that the Darien Lions Club was sponsoring Candy Days on October 11 and 12, he asked residents to support the organization. In response to Clerk Coleman's question he stated that the Darien Lions Club along with the Darien Park District, City of Darien and other entities would host the annual Halloween Party at Sportsplex. Alderman Poteraske spoke about Channel 6, Darien's cable channel, and the information provided; he asked for expansion of coverage for other meetings. Alderman Weaver said it was a great idea but expanded coverage would involve the need for additional volunteers and would need budget consideration. Alderman Hagen agreed with Alderman Weaver and asked that schedules be posted as to the event and time televised. Alderman Poteraske said that schedules could be placed on the website.

Alderman Biehl spoke on behalf of his constituents regarding the mosquito program. He commented that he was troubled because he was not allowed the opportunity to express their concerns about the program.

Alderman Weaver mentioned that the Administrative/Finance Committee would meet on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Biehl 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 10-07-02.

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