

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Gattuso at 7:05 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel as prescribed by Section 2(C)(1) of Public Act 88-621 and purchase or lease of real estate as prescribed by Section 2(C)(5) of Public Act 88-621.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Mclvor

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

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Galan at 7:25 P.M. to adjourn into Open Session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Mclvor

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

SEPTEMBER 17, 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: Halil Avci Carolyn A. Gattuso William R. Durkin Joseph A. Marchese John Galan John F. Poteraske, Jr.

Absent: Sylvia McIvor

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Michael J. Coren, 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 – September 4, 2007

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske

Nays: None

Abstain: Durkin

Absent: McIvor

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galan advised he received a phone call from Barbara Schardt, 6722 Alabama, regarding feral cat problems. Chief Pavelchik reported DuPage County Animal Control has assisted the City with animal containment and removal but there is a charge for these services. Mayor Weaver gave direction to staff to conduct a survey of surrounding communities to determine how they handle animal control.

Alderman Galan stated he received an e-mail from Richard Gorski of 618 71st Street who feels there is rampant speeding on 71st Street, and would like a temporary speed hump installed. Alderman Galan will forward a copy of the speed hump eligibility requirements to Mr. Gorski. Mayor Weaver advised the City has found that many residents along 71st Street are opposed to having speed humps installed.

Mayor Weaver received an anonymous e-mail from someone claiming to be a Darien resident inquiring why Mayor Weaver is trying to get rid of Wal-Mart and Home Depot. Mayor Weaver assured the City Council and members of the audience that there is absolutely no truth to this rumor.

Alderman Gattuso received a communication from Kerry J. Foderaro, Superintendent of District 63, thanking the City Council, Police Department, and especially Chief Pavelchik for everything that was done to ease the traffic issues at Cass and Concord Schools.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weaver...

...read into the record a Proclamation declaring September 17 as Citizenship Day and September 17-23, 2007 as "Constitution Week" in the City of Darien.

... advised a Constitution video will be aired on cable television for interested parties.

...announced that "Make a Difference Day" will be held on October 26.

...noted senior citizens can sign up for "Make a Difference Day" and/or for October leaf pick-up with Scott Coren.

...inquired if Chief Pavelchik has received the annual request from Hinsdale South High School to block roadways for homecoming. Chief Pavelchik advised that he is in receipt of the request and it has been addressed.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that the regular Police Pension Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Police facility.

...advised that letters were sent out to the local not for profit organizations regarding the vehicle sticker lottery which will be held at the October 15 Council meeting.

Administrator Vana...

...recommended that the Department Head Report be taken first this evening since there are so many guests in attendance.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Robert Pavelchik...

...advised that the State of Illinois crime statistics will be released on September 23. The City of Darien's crime rates have gone down again this year. There has been an increase in bicycle/automobile accidents. Motorists and bicyclists were urged to be aware of and practice bicycle safety.

...presented Canine Officer and Swat Team Member, Steve Liss, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for his exceptional DUI enforcement and life saving efforts.

...presented Community Service Officer, Sarah Falco, with a letter of commendation for her service above and beyond the call of duty in assisting in the investigation of an abandoned baby.

The Officers received a resounding round of applause from those in attendance and congratulations from the Council.

Alderman Marchese commended the Police Department on their diligence, professionalism, and service at Darien Fest.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Vana introduced Rick Bulthuis of ARC Disposal. Mr. Bulthuis provided his "Annual State of the Trash" report. ARC is now in the third year of a five-year contract. Mr. Bulthuis advised that this week is amnesty week. Residents wishing to participate should place refuse stickers on their first two items and the rest will be picked up free of charge. Mr. Bulthuis reviewed acceptable and unacceptable items. The city will be providing free leaf pick-up during the month of October. Mr. Bulthuis informed residents that they have the option to participate in a quarterly direct bill program rather than utilizing refuse stickers. The direct bill program provides the resident with either a 65 or 95 gallon wheeled cart. Currently, of the 7500 residences, 1200 to 1300 are participants in the direct bill program. Mr. Bulthuis encouraged residents to donate unwanted furniture to charity rather than disposing of it on Amnesty Day. He noted there are many charities that will pick up furniture free of charge.

Alderman Marchese advised that he recently utilized an organization that will pick up unwanted furniture, and donate the proceeds of the sale of it to various charities.

Administrator Vana stated that Alderman McIvor received an e-mail from a resident requesting that residents be reminded to place lids on their refuse and recycle containers in order to keep the neighborhood clean.

Mayor Weaver requested that the ARC drivers be reminded to take care not to place empty refuse containers in the street.

Alderman Galan complimented ARC on their professionalism.

In response to Alderman Durkin's question, Mr. Bulthuis suggested that residents use common sense when placing refuse items out for pick-up. When putting out wood, please be sure that any nails are removed. Stack glass in a way that is easy to pick up and load without breakage. When possible, wood and carpet should be bundled.

In response to Alderman Poteraske's question, Administrator Vana stated he has received an update from ComEd, and will bring it to the next meeting.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 07-08-09

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 07-08-09 in the amount of \$42,989.13 from the General Fund; \$95,823.56 from the Water Fund; \$20,667.94 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$11.49 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$235.89 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$142,528.68 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$240,605.21 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/30/07 and 09/13/07; \$43,578.58 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/30/07 and 09/13/07; \$57,497.98 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/30/07 and 09/13/07; for a total to be approved of \$643,938.46.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

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

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST, 2007

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of August 2007: General Fund Revenue \$4,401,200; General Fund Expenditures \$4,805,017; Current General Fund Balance \$3,085,608. Water Fund Revenue \$932,472; Water Fund Expenditures \$1,028,705; Current Water Fund Balance \$488,473. Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$231,124; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$608,012; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$(115,022). Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$51,401; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$1,683,151; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$1,849,201. Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$2,472,478; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$2,170,239; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$344,459; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$2,672,280 with no expenditures and a fund balance of \$2,672,280.

Treasurer Coren reviewed the newly designed Cash Reserves Summary Report. In anticipation of the lowering of interest rates tomorrow, approximately \$2 million is being transferred from money market funds to long term certificates of deposit.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese presented the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Public Works Water/Streets Committee of August 20, 2007. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were none.

14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the City Council.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-35-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC SWAT VESTS FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

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 Avci reminded all that there is an Electronics Recycling Day being held on Saturday, September 22 at Lace Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Galan rode with Police Chief Pavelchik during Darien Fest. He feels this event places a strain on the police force. Alderman Galan inquired if a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce will take place in order to apprise them of and discuss these issues.

Chief Pavelchik advised that staff has several meetings with the Chamber prior to the event and that there is a wrap up meeting which takes place after the fest. A report from that follow-up meeting will be forthcoming.

Mayor Weaver requested that the City Council be provided with a copy of the report.

City Clerk Coleman stated that in years past she met with the residents of Clarendon Hills Road and 71st Street who were directly affected by the carnival etc. to discuss their concerns with Darien Fest. The resident concerns were then brought to the Chamber of Commerce. Clerk Coleman offered to assist Alderman Galan in conducting a similar meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Mayor _____

City Clerk Id All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 09-17-07.