

## **Minutes - January 21, 2002**

Darien City Council Meeting Minutes: 01.21.02

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 21, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE WORKSHOP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL, SECTION 2(c)(1), OF PUBLIC ACT 88-261

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Durkin to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Section 2(c)(1), of Public Act 88-261, with no action to be taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. and upon proper reverse roll call adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the CITY OF DARIEN JANUARY 21, 2002

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:35 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 Joseph Marchese

Morgan Cotten James Tikalsky

Sean P. Durkin Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

David Hagen

Also in Attendance: Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk

Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer

John B. Murphey, 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

Barbara Richards, Director of Finance/Administration

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

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 7, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2002 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communication received.

#### 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

##### A. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE I.H.S.A. CLASS 8A STATE CHAMPIONS

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve RESOLUTION NO. R-01-02 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE I.H.S.A. CLASS 8A STATE CHAMPIONS as presented.

Alderman Durkin congratulated Coach Belskis on the great accomplishment.

Mayor Soldato presented Coach Belskis and Team Captains Joe Horeni & Paul Niznik with the Resolution and Team Member Certificates of Recognition. Coach Belskis thanked Mayor Soldato, Council and all Darien residents for the recognition.

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. 2002 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Mayor Soldato thanked the Citizen of the Year Committee for their efforts. The Committee consisted of Chairman Debby Heniff, Kathy Abbate, Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, Jean Morley, Nadine Mrazek and liaison Alderman Weaver. He turned the meeting over to Alderman Weaver, who presented the Committee's nomination for the 2002 Citizen of the Year.

Alderman Weaver read the Citizen of the Year Committee nomination letter that acknowledged Krishan Sant as their choice for the 2002 Citizen of the Year. It stated that "Kris...lived in Darien since April, 1969...is a charter member of the Darien Lions Club...served as its President in 1973...was awarded the 100% President's Award in 1974, was Lion of the Year in 1975 to 1976, a Melvin Jones Fellow 1997 to 1998 and will be the "Special Needs" Chairman for the year 2002...donates funds...which provides annual scholarships to deserving immigrant students.

...Kris founded the West Suburban India Society. Its purpose is to bring together Indians and Pakistanis...is a member at large of Asian American coalition...to keep Asian communities together so that they can work in harmony and help each other...He is a board member of the Alliance of Midwest Indians Association.

...Kris has taken several trips to India...to provide free services to poor people who need cataract surgery. 287 people received this free service in 1999, 316 people in 2000 and 264 people in 2001.

...Kris helped start the Darien Blood Assurance program. In 1976 he was the Treasurer of the Darien Bicentennial Commission. Kris served as the President of International management Council (part of the YMCA) in 1973...was awarded an Outstanding New Citizen of the Year by the Citizenship Council of Metropolitan Chicago...received a good Citizenship Award from General Motors Corporation for his civic and charitable contributions to communities...was presented with a Superior Achievement for Outstanding programming to develop Business and Community Leaders. He is also a member of the Presenter's Bureau for the Council for a parliament of the World's Religions.

...As a retired employee of Electro-Motive, Kris serves as Treasurer and Membership chairman of Golden GM's...Kris' wife, Krishna, became legally blind several years ago. Kris is now very involved in the DuPage County Center for Independent Living in Wheaton which specializes in resident housing and support for the visually impaired...furnishes transportation for...handicapped persons to attend support meeting...County Board Chairman, Robert Schillerstrom appointed Kris to serve as a board member on the DuPage County Investment Board...oversees the operation of IETC (Illinois Employment Training Center) and works with several State agencies to assist unemployed persons...currently serving as a member of the Service Delivery System (SDS) Committee of this board...He devotes his energies to make Darien and communities throughout the world better places to live by encouraging the civic minded persons to work hard and to help others by providing LOVE, TOLERANCE and UNDERSTANDING." It was motioned by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Durkin to accept the Citizen of the Year Committee's nomination of Krishan Sant as Darien's 2002 Citizen of the Year.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Alderman Weaver announced that a Cake and Coffee Reception for Krishan Sant would be held on March 4th at the City Council Meeting. She noted that the 2002 Citizen of the Year Dinner-Dance would be held on Saturday, March 9th, at Ripples; tickets would be \$25.00 each and would be available at City Hall after February 4th.

#### 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

...reported that applications for Absentee Ballots were available at City Hall for the March 19th Primary election.

...stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd, had been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

#### 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

#### 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Rodgers...

...stated that "this has been a beautiful winter". He reported that the Water Department had twenty-two watermain breaks, some were repair or replacement. He noted that the Wells were being worked on: Well #4, # 10 and #11 were capped, #5 was repaired, #7 was awaiting parts, and #2 needed repair.

...said that on Wednesday, January 23rd, divers would be inspecting and cleaning the water towers.

...commented about that the first snow fall went smoothly.

Alderman Weaver inquired if the number of watermain breaks was high; Asst. Director Rodgers responded that the system was getting older and that Lake Michigan water was colder, both of which created more stress on the lines.

Alderman Durkin asked if the listening device equipment was helpful; Asst. Director Rodgers said that it paid for itself several times.

Mayor Soldato announced that the City was fortunate to have many long-term employees. He congratulated Rob Rodgers on his thirtieth anniversary of continuous service with the City. He invited everyone to participate in celebrating the occasion by having cake and coffee after the Council meeting. Asst. Director Mengarelli said that he worked with Rob Rodgers for the last thirty years and that it was a privilege to know him. He displayed pictures and reminisced about the past.

#### 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 01-02-18

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 01-02-18 in the amount of \$150,563.36 from the General Fund; \$10,272.35 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$2,957.58 Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$7,033.57 from the Special Service Tax Fund; \$138,363.90 from the Water Operations Fund; \$169,863.84 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/10/02; \$15,475.95 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/10/02; \$24,842.98 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/10/02; for a total to be approved of \$519,373.53.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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 from the December 10, 2001 meeting. She announced that the next scheduled meeting would be held on Monday, February 11th, at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee - No report.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - No report.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no Questions and Comments to come before the City Council.

14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-01-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 8, "MESSAGE BUSINESSES AND SERVICES", TITLE 3 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-02-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING REGULATIONS, TITLE 5A OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (Home Occupation Regulations)

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO HOMERS TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,075.00 FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO WAIVE ANNEXATION REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE TO THE BRUCE LAKE AREA

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR WOODRIDGE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (10 S 520 Kearney Road - Darien Prairie View Subdivision)

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-03-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (10 S 520 Kearney Road - Darien Prairie View Subdivision) as presented.

Mayor Soldato thanked the developer for his commitment and for working with Staff on the project.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Alderman Biehl asked Alderman Weaver about her comment in a local newspaper.

Alderman Weaver inquired if the Council was still agreeable with the current method of reimbursement of expenses to Debby Heniff for the Citizen of the Year dinner-dance. They were.

Mayor Soldato noted that he participated in the recent "Darien Unites" forum. He said that the committee put forth a worthwhile event and he thanked all involved for their professionalism.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor

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City ClerkJFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 01-21-02.

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