

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 16, 2016**

PRESENT: Joseph Marchese – Chairperson, Alderman Thomas Belczak, Alderman Thomas Chlystek (6:44 p.m.), Alderman Tina Beilke, Dan Gombac – Director, Michael Griffith, Senior Planner, Elizabeth Lahey - Secretary

OTHER: Alderman Tina Beilke (6:30 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chairperson Marchese called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

A DISCUSSION TO AMEND THE PRIVATE PROPERTY – DEVELOPMENT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING LEVELS FOR THE REAR YARD DRAINAGE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that throughout the year, the City receives complaints regarding drainage issues within the rear lot lines/easements. He reported that the complaints are due to standing water that stems from active sump pumps, grading issues and mature landscaping.

Mr. Gombac reported that the current policy requires the following participation funding levels: Single Family Residences \$1,000 Outlots - \$1,000.00 Multi-family - \$2,500.00 Commercial - \$3,000 and that the City will contribute up to \$5,000. He reported that any additional costs above the City's contribution are shared by the participants of the project.

Mr. Gombac reported that typically, the City receives and completes approximately 5-9 of these projects per year and includes anywhere from 2 up to 6 participants per project with projects ranging in costs from \$3,400 to \$14,000. He reported that this year's budget included \$36,000 for such projects.

Mr. Gombac reported that the Committee discussed this item at the January 25, 2016 Municipal Services Committee and that the Committee requested staff to review additional alternatives to represent additional fair share options.

Mr. Gombac reported on the proposed Alternates and referenced the spreadsheet included in the staff agenda memo:

Alternate 1

Allows for up to seven (7) funding levels

Fair share is depicted to the participants as a constant for all levels.

City Contribution level is maximized at \$37,750, for a project at or above \$50,000, Level 7.

He reported that the proposed option may limit the number of projects completed per year based on the current funding level at \$36,000 and that the current policy allows for up to seven (7) projects at a City cost of approx. \$5,000 per project.

Mr. Gombac reported that the program allows staff to address the projects on a first come first served basis and that there are potentially three projects for 2017. He further reported that the projects have been identified to be in the range of Levels 4 and 6, thus the City contribution would be approximately \$59,000.

Mr. Gombac stated that staff is recommending budgeting approximately \$95,000, (\$59,000+\$36,000) for FYE17, should the above Alternate be considered. He stated that the additional funding would allow for the City to include approximately five (5) additional projects within the Level 1 and 2 range.

Alternate 2

Allows for up to four (4) funding levels

Fair share is depicted to the participants as a constant for Levels 1A and 1B and increased for Levels 2A and 2B

City Contribution level is maximized at \$28,080, for a project at or above \$49,000, Level 2B.

Mr. Gombac reported that under Alternate 2, the projects identified for FYE 17 would fall under Levels 1B and 2A, thus the City contribution would be approximately \$31,300. He reported that staff is recommending budgeting approximately \$72,300 (\$31,300+\$41,000) for FYE17, should Alternate 2 be considered. He reported that the additional funding would allow for the City to include approximately seven (7) additional projects within the Level 1A and 1B range.

Alternate 3

Depicts various scenarios through various percentages

Fair share is depicted to the participants through percentages at various levels

City Contribution level is maximized at \$45,000, for a project at or above \$51,000

Mr. Gombac stated that under Alternate 3, the Municipal Services Committee has the opportunity to view additional funding contributions through the percentages.

Mr. Gombac reported that staff recommends Alternate 2 pending funding consideration and that the following deductibles be included:

Single Family Residences \$1,000

Outlots - \$1,000.00

Multi-family - \$2,500.00

Commercial - \$3,000.00

Alderman Belczak stated that Alternate 3 touches everything but that there is so much detail and is too complicated. He stated that in Alternate 1 the percentage the City contributes is always the same.

Alderman Belczak stated that Level 2 makes the most sense and meets his concerns.

Chairperson Marchese stated that funding for Alternate 2 allows money at various levels. He mentioned that \$95,000 for would be required for budget consideration.

Alderman Beilke stated that staff will have to simplify this for the residents to understand.

Mr. Gombac reported that staff is looking for an opportunity for staff to be allowed to expand the maximum spending without City Council approval to \$10,000.

The Committee agreed to an amount of \$7,750.00 for staff to be allowed to administer without council approval.

Alderman Belczak stated that he would like to see the protocol to continue on a first come first served.

Alderman Belczak made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Chlystek to recommend to the City Council Alternate 2 as part of the budget review process.

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

Mr. Gombac reported that this will come back to the Municipal Services Committee for final presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Chlystek made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Belczak to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Marchese
Chairman

Thomas Belczak
Alderman

Thomas Chlystek
Alderman