

Minutes - February 19, 2002

Darien City Council Meeting Minutes: 02.19.02

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 19, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORKSHOP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the CITY OF DARIEN FEBRUARY 19, 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 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

Terry Abma, Deputy Chief of Police

Robert Mengarelli, 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 - February 4, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2002 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communication received.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... stated that the Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th, had been cancelled.

... invited everyone to join the City Council on March 4th for a cake and coffee reception honoring Krishan

Sant, 2002 Citizen of the Year. She also reminded everyone that the Citizen of the Year Dinner/Dance was scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, at Ripples and that tickets were available at City Hall for \$25.00 per person.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Curneal reported that the City received additional equipment for cable television viewing; the equipment would allow multiple tapes to be played throughout the day. He noted that the old equipment was manually changed and programmed. He said that the new equipment would offer a variety of information to the public.

Alderman Biehl asked if the Dale Basin project would begin in Spring 2002; Administrator Curneal affirmed. Alderman Biehl inquired about Phase II; Administrator Curneal stated that Community Park and Plainfield/Crest Roads were being finalized and that work could begin in Fall 2002.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Mengarelli...

... noted that Asst. Director Rodgers had surgery performed on his neck, that he was recuperating and would be home hopefully on Wednesday.

... performed a slide presentation in regard to snowplowing. He said that the City contained approximately 68 miles of streets that Public Works was responsible for plowing. He commented that each street required four passes in order to clear them, which was equivalent to 272 lane miles of street; there are 132 cul-de-sacs within the City that are plowed by five 1-Ton trucks; and there are approximately 10.5 miles of County roadways.

... displayed a City of Darien Base Map that indicated 'green' streets, which are primary streets, he stated they are plowed first; 'red' streets, which are secondary streets; and 'yellow' streets, which are DuPage County roadways. He noted that there are approximately ten miles of streets within the City that are privately maintained.

... reported that snowplowing involved seven 9-Ton dump trucks; four plow the west side of Cass Avenue and three plow the east side. He said that the cul-de-sacs were divided amongst the five 1-Ton trucks, which take approximately eight hours to plow.

... spoke about the snowstorm of January 30th. He stated that the bulk of the snow came between 2:00-4:30 A.M. He commented that there was a major breakdown of a vehicle, which disabled two drivers/vehicles--the mechanic and a driver.

... commented that Public Works employees are divided into two teams, one on call and the other on standby. He said there were fifteen available employees but there were only twelve trucks. The employees begin by salting and if snow continues to accumulate, 1" or more, all employees would be called out for plowing. There was discussion about working/overtime hours and strategies utilized.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 01-02-20

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 01-02-20 in the amount of \$53,998.08 from the General Fund; \$4,642.43 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$9,024.98 Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,004.25 from the Hotel/Motel Expenditures Fund; \$155,650.62 from the Water Operations Fund; \$144,051.12 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/07/02; \$13,397.03 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/07/02; \$19,639.47 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/07/02; for a total to be approved of \$402,407.98. Mayor Soldato inquired about the payment for the SAMI Conference. Administrator Curneal explained that SAMI administered drug/alcohol testing criteria for Public Works drivers by randomly directing the City who to test, when to test and where to test. He noted that there have been many changes in Federal legislation and Department of Transportation regulations and that was the purpose of the conference. Discussion ensued in regard to budgeting for future conferences.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
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12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Revised Minutes from the December 10, 2001 meeting and Minutes from the January 14, 2002 meeting.

Planning/Development Committee - No report.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl announced that the next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 27th, at 6:30 P.M.

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

There were no Consent Agenda items to come before the City Council.

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-03-01 TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-07-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-03-01 TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Gene Kolling speaking as a concerned resident and former businessman addressed Council regarding staffing in the Community Development Department.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 02-19-02.

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