

Minutes - December 16, 2002

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 16, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation as prescribed by Section 2(c)(11) of Public Act 88-261 at 7:25 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Biehl (arrived at 7:30 P.M.)

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Upon reverse roll call, the City Council adjourned into open session at 7:40 P.M. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
DECEMBER 16, 2002

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:40 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 John F. Poteraske, Jr.

David Hagen James Tikalsky

Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor

Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk

Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer

Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney

Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

Gregory Dreyer, Community Development Director

Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works

Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 2, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Marchese, Poteraske, Weaver
Abstain: Hagen, Tikalsky
Nays: None
Absent: None
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
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6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Poteraske was contacted by Ms. Alop, 7100 block of Summit, who was concerned about the flashing light at the intersection of 67th Street and Clarendon Hills Road. Alderman Weaver noted that the Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed the criteria utilized for the signal at the intersection; she indicated that the Committee would revisit the intersection criteria on a regular basis. Alderman Poteraske reported that he attended the Brookhaven Plaza Merchants Association meeting; they discussed proposed modifications and the business district.

Alderman Biehl said that Mr. Gable of the Woodmere Subdivision thanked the City for excellent snowplowing. He was contacted by Henry Stroede of Marion Hills who was concerned about the deadline for the leaf pickup program. Mr. Stanko Buchovic contacted him regarding the "NO PARKING" signs on Eleanor near Hinsdale South High School; Alderman Weaver stated that Chief Pavelchik sent a letter to residents in regard to changing the hours on the signs.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. RECOGNITION OF 2002 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Mayor Soldato welcomed the Holiday Home Decorating Contest Committee, which consisted of Chairperson Jeannette Campo, Cindie Hagen, Gene Kolling, Dorothy Miller, and Anna & Herman Fein. He introduced Ms. Campo who congratulated each 2002 "Honorable Mention" Holiday Home Decorating Contest winner. She briefly described each home and Mayor Soldato presented each winner with a Certificate. They included:

Mr. & Mrs. Poon, 8124 Portsmouth Drive;
The Aguirre Family, 1522 Claremont Drive;
Mary Lange, 309 Holly Avenue;
Phil Lampugnano, 3228 Beller Drive;
Mary Mamon, 6806 Charleston Drive;
Dan Aylward, 7034 Sierra Drive;
Anthony Corso, 7031 Seminole Drive;
Angie DeYoung, 501 Chestnut Lane;
Steve & Jackie Hynek, 2001 Black Swan Court; and
Anthony Truhlar, 8408 Cramer Lane

Chairperson Campo congratulated the following Winners:

- * Fifth Place Winner was The Haines Family, 921 69th Street. Mayor Soldato presented them with a Fifth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check.
- * Fourth Place Winner was David Siebold, 7317 Sunrise Avenue. Mayor Soldato presented him with a Fourth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check.
- * Third Place Winner was Thomas Ryle, 7924 Glen Lane. Mayor Soldato presented him with a Third Place Certificate and a \$50.00 check.
- * Second Place Winner was Debbie & Ken Stanis, 1006 Janet Avenue. Mayor Soldato presented them with a Second Place Certificate and a \$100.00 check.

* First Place Winner was Oreste Marsico, 1612 Lakeview Drive. Mayor Soldato presented him with a First Place Certificate and a \$200.00 check.

All participants received a hearty round of applause from the audience and Council for sharing their Holiday spirit.

B. CITY OF DARIEN MUNICIPAL BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mayor Soldato spoke briefly about the Bike Path and introduced Chairman Halil Avci of the Environmental Committee. Chairman Avci provided background information, he noted that TranSystems Corporation was chosen as the consultant for the project and that the City and Darien Park District jointly funded the project. TranSystems representatives, Grace Dysico and John Wielebnicki, addressed Council and reviewed the feasibility study, particularly: Goals and Purpose of the Study, Bicycle Route Analysis, Recommended Bicycle Route System, Public Involvement Documents, and Funding and Implementation.

Alderman Weaver inquired about grant funding; Ms. Dysico responded about specific grants, amounts, application deadlines, and awards.

Alderman Hagen inquired about striping of Cass Avenue over I-55 and the possibility of utilizing the center island for a bike path. Mr. Wielebnicki responded that islands/medians were sixteen feet wide, the path would be ten feet leaving three feet on either side; he noted that Federal requirements were five feet from the curb.

Mayor Soldato thanked the Environmental Committee, TranSystems Corporation and the Park District for their endeavors, which were displayed within the Feasibility Study.

City Clerk Coleman noted that Treasurer Donner had another meeting to attend and Mayor Soldato asked him to present his report.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-16

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-16 in the amount of \$143,070.46 from the General Fund; \$2,680.28 from the Special Service Area Tax Fund; \$18,870.44 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$5,068.47 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; \$206,043.25 from the Joint Use Facility Fund; \$136,898.25 from the Water Fund; \$450.00 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$4,147.36 from Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$207,732.20 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/12/02; \$21,543.34 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/12/02; \$28,673.49 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/12/02; for a total to be approved of \$775,177.54.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT - NOVEMBER 2002

City Treasurer Donner reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of November 2002 with the following year-to-date fund balance: General Fund \$1,708,018; Water Fund \$580,821; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$796,853; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$714,831; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$86,402.

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... invited everyone to have Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, December 21st, from 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. at Carmelite Carefree Village, 8419 Bailey Road.

... announced that City offices would be closed on December 24 and 25, as well as, January 1 in observance of the Holidays.

... noted that the Cable Communications Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 19th, had been cancelled.

... stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for January 1st was cancelled due to the Holiday.

... informed residents that a FREE Christmas tree disposal was available during the weeks of January 6 and 13. Trees must be placed at the curb on normal collection day; trees must be free of ornaments, tinsel and lights and cannot be placed in plastic bags.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana noted that Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meetings have been scheduled for February 25, March 4 and 11, 2003.

11. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

No Report.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - Chairman Weaver noted that items on the Consent Agenda were recommended and approved by the Administrative/Finance Committee.

Planning/Development Committee - Chairman Hagen reported that the Committee would meet on Monday, December 23rd, at 6:30 P.M.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl reported that the Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th, was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

Bob Klein, 8515 Carriage Greens Drive, thanked voters for passage of the recent referendum for scattering of aldermen terms. He said he was President of the Canal Corridor Association and spoke about the bike trail that connects various counties throughout the State of Illinois.

Alderman Weaver noted that three quadrants of the 75th Street and Cass Avenue intersection had been identified for redevelopment, they included the northeast, southeast and southwest corners. She noted that there would be a Public Hearing and vote regarding the redevelopment of the business district at the January 6, 2003 meeting.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Soldato noted that Consent Agenda Item A had been moved to New Business as Item B. It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) PORTABLE INTOXILYZER S-D5 PRELIMINARY BREATH TESTERS, AT THE COST OF \$1,125.00

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO (2) KENWOOD VHF MOBILE POLICE RADIOS FROM RADCO COMMUNICATIONS FOR \$1,364.00

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF INTERIOR GRAPHICS DECORATING FOR THE POLICE FACILITY FOR A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,350.00

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BROKEN TELEVISION SET AND RADIO IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKOUT ROOM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$350.00

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR THE BROOKERIDGE STEAMBANK STABILIZATION IMPROVEMENT

F. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY TO REPAIR THE EXISTING WELLS

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2002-03: 7222 Capitol Drive)

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve

ORDINANCE NO. O-43-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2002-03: 7222 Capitol Drive) as presented.

Alderman Cotten stated that as a member of the Planning/Development Committee, he was the dissenting vote because he felt there was no hardship. He stated that the construction was considered an enclosed porch, but was actually an addition onto the front of the home.

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

Nays: Cotten

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2002-01: South Grove Park)

Mayor Soldato noted that Council discussed South Grove Park during the Work Session. The consensus of the City Council was an obligation of the Park District to install sidewalks and that the Park District would keep the City apprised of their construction. Mayor Soldato requested Attorney Kolman to read the language, which was to be incorporated into the Ordinance. She responded that the following language would be added under SECTION 3: Conditions of Approval:

"C. Sidewalks shall be constructed within the rights-of-way of Beller Drive and Ailsworth Drive to provide pedestrian access to the park. Within six (6) months from the date of passage of this Ordinance, the Park District shall make a report to the corporate authorities as to the status of the construction of said sidewalks."

Park District Administrator Nerger inquired if sidewalk was to be installed on both Beller Drive and Ailsworth Drive; Mayor Soldato responded affirmatively, except where there were wetlands.

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve

ORDINANCE NO. O-42-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2002-01: SOUTH GROVE PARK)
as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None
Absent: None
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
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17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Alderman Biehl wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous New Year.

Alderman Marchese noted that on December 20th and 21st, the Darien Lions Club in conjunction with the community would be providing food to eighty families within the Willowbrook/Darien/Burr Ridge areas. He particularly thanked the school and park districts for their contributions.

Clerk Coleman noted that the Darien Area Dispatch Center was collecting items and cash donations for a needy family. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Dave Kobleski, 2233 Green Valley Road, commented about the Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Park District Administrator Nerger, on behalf of the District, wished everyone a happy healthy New Year.

Mayor Soldato said "Merry Christmas to all".

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 9:10 P.M.

Mayor

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 12-16-02.

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