

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 1, 2007 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Gattuso at 7:03 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, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Gattuso at 7:26 P.M. to adjourn into Open Session.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

OCTOBER 1, 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 Joseph A. Marchese William R. Durkin Sylvia Mclvor John Galan John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso

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 Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Public Works Scott Coren – Assistant to the Administrator

4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM — There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 17, 2007

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting, as presented.

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

Abstain: Mclvor

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galan reported the results of the animal control survey of neighboring communities found that most municipalities do not handle feral cats. The responsibilities generally fall to the homeowner.

Alderman Mclvor advised that there are companies that trap feral cats, have them spayed or neutered, and then release them. This process stops the cycle of reproduction. Names of companies, which perform this service, are available through the West Suburban Humane Society.

Mayor Weaver pointed out that, if desired, this issue would have to be reviewed during the budget process. She suggested that information on the service Alderman Mclvor mentioned be placed on the City's website.

Administrator Vana stated he did some research on feral cats. Through his research, it was found that feral cats do not attack small children but do provide rodent control benefits.

Mayor Weaver received an e-mail from Kathy Mullaney expressing concern with the safety of walkers and runners on city streets rather than on the sidewalk.

Alderman Poteraske stated he has received telephone calls from residents in regards to Argonne. Scott Coren will be providing an update on this issue this evening.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weaver...

...read into the record a Proclamation declaring the first week of October as "Fire Prevention Week," and October as "Fire Safety Month" in the City of Darien.

... read into the record a Proclamation declaring October 12 and 13, 2007 as "Lion Candy Days" in the City of Darien.

Dale Schaefer of the Lions Club was in attendance to accept the Proclamation. Mr. Schaefer commended the outstanding collaboration between the City of Darien and the community service organizations.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that the Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meeting has officially been changed to the third Monday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 15, 2007.

...advised that in response to the Violet Farm partial demand resolution passed by the City Council on September 5, 2007, a check in the amount of \$32,162.32 was received.

...requested the Administrative and Finance Committee review and update the current Solicitation regulations.

...reminded all that the vehicle sticker lottery will take place at the October 15, 2007 Council Meeting.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

...noted that the residents are getting accustomed to the Neighbors of Darien magazine. The delivery rate is not at 100%. The City has requested a credit for the magazines that were not delivered to the residents. The publisher will monitor the delivery of this publication. The new magazine is released approximately one week prior to the two months that it covers. If residents do not receive their copy, please notify City Hall.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Assistant to the Administrator, Scott Coren...

...announced that the City Council meetings may now be viewed on demand through the City's website.

...reported that Amnesty Week was very successful. Two hundred twenty-six (226) tons were collected. This represents fifty-six tons more than last year.

...Electronic Recycling Day was also a very successful event. Two hundred and eleven computers were collected.

...ComEd replaced 13,335 feet of underground cable over the summer. This is in addition to the more than 5,000 feet of cable replaced as part of the lawsuit. Underground cables at Farmingdale Village and Marion Hills need to be replaced. The city is pursuing this with ComEd. There have been no outages where cable has been replaced. ComEd provides a seven-day advance notice for planned outages. If this is not possible, they utilize automated telephone notifications.

...Clarke Mosquito recently completed their treatments for mosquitoes for the 2007 season. More calls and questions were received this year due to heavy rainfall throughout the summer.

...at the request of Alderman Marchese, Mr. Coren explained that the City has moved away from mosquito spraying to larvicide treatment for health reasons. The City has found that treating the larvicide is much more successful, without the adverse effects of spraying. Residents were encouraged to help reduce mosquitoes in the area by refilling birdbaths on a regular basis, and making sure water flows properly from gutters and sump pumps to storm sewers.

...AT&T is currently in the process of rolling out "Project Lightspeed." This will provide a competitor to Comcast for video, high speed Internet, and telephone services. The State of Illinois has granted AT&T the ability to deliver video service to residents. The program is expected to take off in February or March of 2008.

...in response to Alderman Galan, Mr. Coren advised that the city has to accept AT&T under certain terms. Additional landscaping around the AT&T boxes can be acquired if necessary.

...in response to Alderman Marchese, Mr. Coren advised that the city will not be receiving a lump sum payment from AT&T

Mayor Weaver stated service from Comcast may improve with competition from AT&T. Comcast needs to improve the condition of their cable boxes. The ones at 75th and Cass and the one near 79th are rusted and in terrible disrepair.

Alderman Marchese noted that AT&T is very responsive to concerns about the condition of their equipment.

Alderman Galan questioned whether there would be any relief from AT&T for costs to the city.

Scott Coren replied that there would be some relief but not large amounts. Revenues will remain as they are but not improve. There will be no benefit to the city from the Internet service.

Alderman Poteraske commented that the Electronic Recycling Day was handled very well.

Mayor Weaver advised that it is uncertain if this will be an ongoing activity.

Scott Coren stated that this event is very labor intensive with associated costs.

He also announced that Argonne Laboratories has extended their comment period. A list should be forthcoming in approximately four weeks.

Mayor Weaver questioned how the new telephone system is fairing.

Administrator Vana advised that there was a very smooth transition, and that the vendor has provided excellent support.

Scott Coren noted the city has already seen a reduction in the telephone bill.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 07-08-10

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve payment of Warrant Number 07-08-10 in the amount of \$37,696.31 from the General Fund; \$10,534.84 from the Water Fund; \$1,775.68 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$8,289.00 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$11,331.65 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$21,722.35 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$1,085.00 from the Special Service Area; \$119,823.38 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/30/07; \$21,058.80 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/30/07; \$27,618.40 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/30/07; for a total to be approved of \$260,935.41.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske submitted the September 10, 2007 Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee meeting and announced that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room.

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

Mayor Weaver announced that Item A. under New Business has been moved to the Consent Agenda as Item F.

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-60-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND PLANTING OF PARKWAY TREES FOR THE 2007 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND ST. AUBIN NURSERY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,855.00.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-61-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500.00 (WATER SYSTEM-LEAK DETECTION SURVEY).

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-62-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,600.00 (WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE-ALTITUDE VALVE-PLANT 5.)

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-36-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (DARIEN PATH TOWNHOMES PUD).

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE REGARDING STORAGE CONTAINERS AND DUMPSTERS.

F. ORDINANCE NO. O-37-07 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2007-14: 6809 LEONARD DRIVE.)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

16. NEW BUSINESS

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Poteraske...

...announced that the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District will be having their open house on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

...announced that there was a great response to the Kiwanis Peanut Day and thanked the community for their support.

Alderman Avci...

...advised that the IML Conference is being held October 18 through 20, 2007. There are some interesting sessions that may prove to be worthwhile to the city. Alderman Avci is unable to attend, but encourages one of the other Council Members to attend.

Mayor Weaver...

...advised that although the city is not a member of IML, any Council Member wishing to attend the conference is welcome to participate.

Alderman Galan...

...extended appreciation to former Citizen of the Year, JoAnne Dinello. Alderman Galan's son, a career soldier who served in Iraq, as well as other soldiers, were recipients of packages that Ms. Dinello sent. Alderman Galan expressed gratitude to JoAnne Dinello for her volunteerism and efforts.

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 8:20 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 10-01-07.