

Minutes - October 21, 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 OCTOBER 21, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
OCTOBER 21, 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 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
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 - October 7, 2002

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None
Absent: None
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Hagen spoke with Suzanne Matuska in regard to a neighbor dispute about a boundary line.

Alderman Biehl received a phone call from Ms. Flavin, 109 Elm Street, who was concerned about the condition/restoration of the property at 113 Elm Street. He asked that Public Works backfill the site as soon as possible.

Alderman Poteraske had three communications:

* Mr. Fink, 7500 block of Adams, regarding vehicles utilizing his driveway to turn around due to a posted "No U Turn" sign at 75th Street & Adams Street. Alderman Poteraske contacted DuPage County and was informed that Darien requested placement of the sign. Mayor Soldato referred the issue to the Administrative/Finance Committee for review.

* Joe Kumkoski, owner of Brookhaven Foods, in regard to solving the noise problem from the air conditioning unit on the roof.

* Rupi Singh and Chris Pitts, representatives of Norman Courts, in regard to the City providing maintenance of their private streets. Chairman Weaver stated that the issue was on the Administrative/Finance Committee agenda of October 14, 2002 but was deferred. Mayor Soldato referred the issue to the Public Works Water/Streets Committee.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. RECOGNITION OF JOHN A. SIMON, PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Mayor Soldato spoke about the combination of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to create the Planning and Zoning Commission. He noted that John Simon decided to retire from the Commission after 26 years of dedicated service. He thanked Mr. Simon for his service and formally presented him with a plaque, which read: "PRESENTED TO JOHN A. SIMON WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR HIS 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DARIEN PLAN COMMISSION FROM JUNE 6, 1977 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2002." Mr. Simon received a round of applause. He thanked everyone for the recognition; he said it was a pleasure and an honor to serve.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "RED RIBBON WEEK" (October 27-November 1, 2002)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and proclaimed October 27 through November 1, 2002 as "Red Ribbon Week". He encouraged citizens to participate in alcohol and other drug education and prevention activities, and to make a visible statement that citizens are strongly committed to a drug-free community. Members of Eisenhower Junior High School Student Council and Michael Gormley, Assistant to the Superintendent for Special Programs, were present; Student Council President Danbee Paek accepted the Proclamation on behalf of School Districts 61 and 63, Our Lady of Peace School and Kingswood Academy. Mr. Gormley stated that the D.A.R.E. program enhanced the intangible relationship between the Darien Police and schools. The Student Council presented the City of Darien with a banner to display during Red Ribbon Week and they distributed red ribbons to all present.

C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" (October) and "NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY" (October 18, 2002)

D. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "FIRE PREVENTION MONTH" (October)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and declared October as "Fire Prevention Month". He called upon citizens to participate in fire prevention activities at work and school to ensure their safety and the safety of their families and friends in the event of a fire.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

... announced that the Public Works Water/Streets Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd, had been cancelled and that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd, had been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

... stated that the term for Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer would expire in 2003 and that the position of Alderman for Ward 3 would also expire at that time. She indicated that candidate packets were available for pick up from the Clerk's Office for the positions of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Ward 3 Alderman; the Alderman position was for a two-year term. She said that Petitions could be circulated after October 23rd; the filing period was January 13, 2003 with January 21, 2003 as the last day to file.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

... stated that a meeting was scheduled for Saturday, November 9th, in regard to the Gateway Sign Project.

... noted that a Goal Setting Workshop Session would be scheduled the week of November 18th and details would follow.

Alderman Biehl asked Administrator Vana about arranging a meeting in regard to the parking issue on Eleanor Place; Administrator Vana stated that he was in the process of scheduling the meeting.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Chief Robert Pavelchik...

... spoke about a significant event that occurred in the Police Department. Deputy Chief Terry Abma retired on Friday, October 18, 2002, after thirty years of dedicated service to the City of Darien.

... displayed a life-sized police officer poster holding a radar device and "NO NEED TO SPEED" and "KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25" signs.

Alderman Biehl stated that he saw the signs posted on both Richmond Avenue and 69th Street; he said it was an excellent program for safety.

Alderman Biehl noted that Deputy Chief Abma was the City's Emergency Coordinator, he inquired if someone was capable to take over the position. Chief Pavelchik responded that was an appointed position; Mayor Soldato said that the appointment would be made with the recommendation of the Chief.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-12

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-12 in the amount of \$108,733.48 from the General Fund; \$132,557.78 from the Water Fund; \$4,866.69 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$250.00 from the Hotel/Motel Fund; \$31,745.95 from the Impact Fee Agency Fund; \$1,804.95 from the Special Service Area Tax Fund; \$3,432.17 from Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$167,319.83 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/03/02; \$16,598.47 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/03/02; \$27,765.39 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/03/02; for a total to be approved of \$495,074.71.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None
Absent: None
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTH REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2002

City Treasurer Donner reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of September 2002 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$2,587,162; Water Fund \$168,787; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$720,239; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$529,606; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$81,918.

Mayor Soldato commented that even though the economy was slow, the City's fund balance was healthy and strong due to proper management of the budget.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from the October 14, 2002 meeting. She announced that the Committee would conduct a short meeting on Monday, October 28, 2002, at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee - Chairman Hagen announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 28th at 6:30 P.M.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl reiterated that the October 28th meeting was cancelled. He said that the November Committee meeting would be rescheduled from the fourth Wednesday to November 20th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no Agenda related questions or comments.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A GENESIS VP-DIRECTIONAL (GVP-D) TRAFFIC RADAR UNIT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$1,365.00

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SCALA INFOCHANNEL MESSAGING SYSTEM FROM MCSi FOR \$9,352.00

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, 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 APPOINT ALDERMAN JOHN F. POTERASKE, JR. TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Administrative/Finance Committee & Public Works Water/Streets Committee)

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve appointment of Alderman John F. Poteraske, Jr. to Council Committees, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None
Abstain: Poteraske
Absent: None
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO PLANING AND ZONING COMMISSION - RON KIEFER, JOHN LIND, BEVERLY MEYER, RAYMOND MIELKIS, KENNETH RITZERT and JOSEPH STEDRON

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve appointments to Planning and Zoning Commission - Ron Kieffer, John Lind, Beverly Meyer, Raymond Mielkis, Kenneth Ritzert and Joseph Stedron, as presented.

Alderman Hagen noted that there were members who were on the previous Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals who would not serve on the new Planning and Zoning Commission; he asked that they be recognized. Mayor Soldato said that recognition was forthcoming. The Mayor indicated that Michael Coren would be the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver
Nays: None
Absent: None
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Ron Kiefer, John Lind, Beverly Meyer, Raymond Mielkis and Kenneth Ritzert. They received congratulations from the Council and a round of applause.

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

There were no general question, comments or announcements.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Marchese 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 ClerkJFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 10-21-02.

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