

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2008 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Galan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining Section 2(C)(2) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:20 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to adjourn into open session.

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The Executive Session meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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 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

Absent: None

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/Municipal Services Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2008

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Durkin

Absent: None

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

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mclvor advised that she has received several communications requesting “Children At Play” signs in the Whitlock, Oxford and Windsor area and Havens in Farmingdale Village. There are twenty-five children in the Whitlock, Oxford, and Windsor area, and the parents feel so strongly about having the sign that they are willing to pay for it.

Mayor Weaver requested input from the Council Members.

Alderman Mclvor suggested that any request be supported by a majority of the residents in that area.

Alderman Marchese agreed, and recommended specific parameters and criteria be established.

Alderman Durkin agreed that a formal process should be established. Alderman Durkin also feels that there are other options, such as police presence and issuance of citations to help curb speeding.

Alderman Avci recommended that identification of the problem be identified prior to offering solutions.

Mayor Weaver noted that the effectiveness of signs diminishes with time. Mayor Weaver would prefer residents post “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” signs on their front lawns on school days. This practice seems to be very effective.

Alderman Poteraske noted that the “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” signs were very popular four or five years ago. Alderman Poteraske favored establishing criteria through the Administrative/Finance Committee for final review by the City Council.

Alderman Durkin stated that the bigger issue is enforcement of speeding.

Director of Community Development/Municipal Services, Daniel Gombac concurred with Mayor Weaver that signs become invisible and lose their effectiveness over a period of time. A resident once requested a “Slow – Children at Play” sign in an area where there was one present.

Chief Pavelchik noted that individual traffic citations are generally not much of a deterrent. Chief Pavelchik recommended that data be collected through traffic counters in order to determine exactly what is occurring on a roadway. The next step would be to establish the criteria for placing the signs.

Mayor Weaver agreed that traffic counts would be very important criteria in helping to make this decision.

Alderman Poteraske added that chasing speeders is an ongoing problem that requires constant effort.

Chief Pavelchik will gather the data and provide it to the Administrative/Finance Committee with suggested criteria. Chief Pavelchik welcomes input of the Council Members.

Administrator Vana inquired if the specific "Children at Play" sign is to be the focus of the meeting and discussion.

Alderman Durkin said that signs should be the last thing the city looks at. Speeding is the bigger issue. Alderman Durkin's recommendation is to conduct a study on how to reduce speeding.

Mayor Weaver feels the issue being discussed this evening is the request for "Children at Play" signs, and that speeding is separate subject that has been addressed on numerous occasions. When speeding complaints are received regarding specific locations, the Chief does put extra police in that area.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring November 7, 2008 as "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" in the City of Darien and urged her fellow citizens to observe this day by connecting with friends, fellow employees and relatives, and with religious, school, and civic groups to engage in projects benefiting their community.

Mayor Weaver thanked Principal Casey, who was in attendance, and his students for their participation in "Make a Difference Day." The student's participation does make a difference. Mayor Weaver will present the Proclamation at the assembly at Lace School on Friday, November 7, 2008.

B. Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring November 8, 2008 as "JEFFREY ANDRESS DAY" in the City of Darien in honor of his service to the United States of America and the City of Darien.

Mayor Weaver will be reading and presenting this Proclamation, in Jeffrey's honor, on Friday at Lace School.

Alderman Poteraske announced that the community is invited to attend the assembly.

C. Mayor Weaver introduced Christine Rose of PACE, who provided an overview of the services offered to the city. Ms. Rose provided a brief history of PACE. Ms. Rose reviewed Darien's feeder routes 661, 663, 664, and 665 which provide transit service during the morning and evening rush hours, and the fixed route 715 which services Yorktown Center, College of DuPage, and Walmart on Lake Street in Addison. Fixed service in Darien runs from early morning to early evening. Fares on feeder service are currently \$1.25, and \$1.50 on fixed routes. It is anticipated that both fares will increase in 2009 to \$1.75. Downers Grove Township provides dial-a-ride service throughout the township to Darien residents at a cost of \$3.00 per ride. Another service provided by PACE is Para Transit, which runs through the county wherever there is fixed route service, at a cost of \$3.00. Para Transit is offered only to the disabled after registration with RTA. Senior Citizens can register for free rides on Fixed Route Services and Metra trains through Downers Grove Township and the Darien Park District. Ms. Rose reviewed the PaceRideShare.com Program, which is a safe, secure website used to match carpoolers. PACE also

provides transportation to Chicago Bears games from Yorktown Mall and the Bolingbrook Park at a cost of \$3.00 each way. Another program available is the Municipal Vanpool. Through an agreement between a municipality and PACE, vehicles are provided to a community for a monthly fee. The vehicles may be used to provide transportation services to residents. Through the agreement, the municipality would hire the drivers, provide the services and fuel, and pay PACE a monthly fee. PACE would provide the vehicles and maintenance. In response to Mayor Weaver, Ms Rose advised that, due to FTA regulations, PACE would not be able to enter into this type of agreement with a specific senior citizen housing complex.

Mayor Weaver requested more information be provided to the city on the Municipal Vanpool Program.

At the request of Alderman Avci, Ms. Rose reviewed the Vanpool Program, which is available for carpoolers of five or more. Riders pay a low monthly fare based on distance and number of participants. The designated driver rides free and receives 300 personal miles each month.

Alderman Poteraske inquired how PACE determines the size of the feeder and fixed route buses. Alderman Poteraske expressed concern that large buses and fuel may be wasted on vehicles that are almost empty.

Ms. Rose responded PACE has seen a 4% increase in ridership this year. A bus may at times seem to be empty and wasteful, but it is most likely being utilized for other routes and services. Although fuel costs are a component, the major cost of operating the vehicle is the driver's wages. Wages are not affected by the size of the vehicle.

At the request of Alderman Avci, Ms. Rose advised that information on establishing a Vanpool can be obtained via www.pacebus.com and PaceRideshare.com. PACE's general customer service number is 847-364-7223. Ms. Rose's contact number is 847-228-2496.

Alderman Mclvor noted that Darien feeder buses only go as far west as Cass. Alderman Mclvor requested PACE consider extending service to Lemont Road and/or Woodward Avenue. Extension of bus service to incorporate Plainfield and Lemont would greatly benefit the independent residents of the senior housing apartment complex located near that intersection.

Ms. Rose noted that residents of the senior housing would qualify for the dial-a-ride service which runs throughout the day.

Mayor Weaver requested Ms. Rose forward the request to incorporate Plainfield and Lemont Roads into a current route.

Alderman Avci mentioned that PACE currently has an express bus service that runs down I-55 with stops in Bolingbrook and Burr Ridge during the morning and evening rush hours. Alderman Avci inquired how a stop in Darien could be included. If a Darien stop could be arranged, the city, in association with PACE, could create a Park and Ride.

At the urging of Alderman Avci and Mayor Weaver, Ms. Rose responded that she will look into developing a stop in Darien.

Alderman Avci requested information about the circulator bus service that runs between Addison, Downers Grove, Lombard, and Wheaton.

Ms. Rose advised that this service is in the development stage.

Alderman Avci requested that since this service is in the development stage, perhaps Darien could be included.

Ms. Rose advised that this program is being developed through DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference in partnership with PACE. Ms. Rose will bring the request to the DuPage Mayors & Managers.

Alderman Avci asked if there is anything the city can do to help increase ridership.

Ms. Rose responded that PACE is currently marketing their general overall services. PACE has already seen a 4% increase in overall ridership. Although the numbers have not been finalized, the current daily average ridership statistics are: Route 661 – 48, Route 663 - 64, Route 664 – 89, Route 665 – 59, and Route 715 - 477.

Alderman Avci recommended information regarding PACE bus services in Darien be made available to the residents.

Administrator Vana suggested that information be provided through Direct Connect and/or Cable.

Ms. Rose volunteered PACE representatives to be present at local events to provide information on their services.

Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Rose for her attendance. Mayor Weaver suggested a link to PACE be considered for the city's website.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

...conducted the 2009 Vehicle Sticker Lottery. The following organizations were offered the opportunity to participate: Darien Youth Club, Darien Lions Club, Young at Heart Seniors, Darien Seniors Club, Darien Chamber of Commerce, Darien VFW, Darien Rotary Club, Younger Than Ever Seniors, the Active Seniors Club, and Safety Village of Darien. The eligible Darien community organizations that expressed an interest in participating were the Darien VFW and Safety Village of Darien. Safety Village of Darien won the lottery.

...invited those in attendance and in the viewing audience to attend Coffee with Mayor Weaver on Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Darien City Hall in the Council Chambers.

...reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day. The polls open at 6:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana announced the November/December, 2008 edition of the Neighbors of Darien has been mailed out and residents should be receiving their issue shortly.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

In response to Mayor Weaver's inquiry, Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services, advised that the remaining light standards on the demolished BP Amoco property will be coming down.

Alderman Poteraske asked Director Gombac to confirm that the Park District was able to purchase rock salt through the City of Darien at a much lower price.

Director Gombac advised that the Park District was able to purchase rock salt through the city at \$34 a ton less than the bid they received. The salt will be stored at the Public Works facility on Frontage Road.

Mayor Weaver directed that a Letter of Understanding between the Park District and the City of Darien be created and executed.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 08-09-12

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 08-09-12 in the amount of \$69,098.62 from the General Fund; \$7,790.33 from the Water Fund; \$12,271.50 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,787.50 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$8,070.38 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$4,675.07 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$590.00 from the Debt Service Fund; 118,317.65 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/23/08; \$19,416.60 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/23/08; \$20,122.69 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/23/08; for a total to be approved of \$262,140.34.

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

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman Mclvor announced that the next Planning and Development Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on November 24, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers pending agenda items.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske submitted the Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee of October 13, 2008 for the record and advised that the next Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese announced that the next Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on November 17, 2008 at 6:00 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

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Gattuso approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN'S CLUB (12-7-08)

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN'S CLUB (3-7-09)

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-94-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MEADE ELECTRIC COMPANY INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT AT 7608 SAWYER ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,193.75

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 Galan expressed concern with the parking problems which will likely occur at Hinsdale South High School polling place tomorrow since school will be in session.

Chief Pavelchik advised that, in order to accommodate voters, parking will be allowed on one side of the street on Elm Street, Evans Place, and Brookbank Road.

Alderman Mclvor thanked the Darien Lions Club for hosting the Halloween party.

On behalf of the VFW, Ed Oldis expressed gratitude for being allowed to conduct their raffle at Darienfest. The funds received will allow the VFW to be able to help others. Mr. Oldis announced that the VFW will be presenting the colors at the assembly at Lace School on Friday November 7. Mr. Oldis invited all to attend the Rededication of Weber Park on Sunday, November 9 at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Weber was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Oldis expressed disappointment with the poor attendance at VFW programs on Memorial and Veterans Days.

Mayor Weaver noted that she has not received invitations to any of the VFW events.

Mr. Oldis thanked the City Council for allowing the VFW to march with them at the July 4th parade. He invited the Council Members to view the VFW window at the library which contains items from World Wars I and II. Also available at the library is a story written by Mr. Oldis entitled "No Medal." Mr. Oldis invited all to attend the Veterans Day programs on November 11 at Eisenhower School at 8:00 A.M. and the Darien Community Park at 11:00 A.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:55 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 11-03-08. Minutes of 11-03-08 CCM November 3, 2008