

## Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JULY 21, 2008 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Galan at 7:15 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease of Real Estate as prescribed by Section 2(c)(5), Collective Bargaining as prescribed by Section 2(c)(2), and Litigation as prescribed by Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gattuso, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Executive Session was recessed into Open Session at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the City Council of the  
CITY OF DARIEN  
JULY 21, 2008

#### 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 Sylvia Mclvor William R. Durkin John F. Poteraske, Jr. John Galan

Absent: Carolyn A. Gattuso Joseph A. Marchese

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, Police Chief

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

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 7, 2008

It was moved by Alderman Mclvor and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mclvor....

...received several communications regarding the two Com Ed power outages which occurred on July 12, 2008. The longest outage was from 7:30 P.M. until midnight. The city is starting to see an increase again in the number of outages.

...received a communication from Bonnie Kohout of 2241 Green Valley Road concerning the proposed removal of the no left turn sign on Manning Road. This sign was one of those listed in the Neighbors of Darien magazine. Ms. Kohout requested the City Council consider keeping that sign in place.

Mayor Weaver advised that all the issues regarding changes in traffic signage will be addressed at an open meeting on August 11, 2008. All concerned residents are welcome to attend.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Weaver announced that Darien has been awarded a Proclamation identifying Darien as being one of the first one-hundred Safe Havens in Illinois.

B. Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring July 21, 2008 as Anne Marie Sweeney Daily Herald Leadership Team Day in the City of Darien in honor of her hard work and achievement. Mayor Weaver presented the Proclamation to Anne Marie Sweeney to a round of applause from the City Council and audience members.

Ms. Sweeney thanked the City Council for the honor, and hopes to continue her volunteer efforts.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

There was no report this evening.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no report this evening.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Director of Community Development/Municipal Services Daniel Gombac provided the following updates...

...Construction for the city's concrete removal and replacement program is in process. Informational signs are being placed within the neighborhoods prior to commencement of the work.

...The road resurfacing program began last Monday. Informational flyers are handed out to affected residents one week prior to commencement of the work. Fiala Paving is currently working on Plant 2 at Brookhaven Plaza, Crest Road, Bentley Avenue, 73rd Street, and Bunker Road. It is anticipated these roads will be completed within the next two weeks.

...Grinding will begin on Sierra Drive, Sierra Court, Chestnut Lane, Tall Pines Drive, and Bavarian Lane next Monday.

...The schedule for the remainder of the roads will be posted on Channel 6, and be sent via e-mail to Direct Connect subscribers. Informational signs will be placed at strategic locations prior to commencement of the work.

...Residents were reminded that a permanent speed bump will be replacing the temporary one at 1726 71st Street the middle of August.

...During the last several weeks, the Street Division has completed the infrastructure work on drainage project K located adjacent to 71st Street. The remaining work, which includes curb, gutter, and asphalt replacement, and miscellaneous landscaping, is expected to be completed within two weeks. The city has been working with the Park District on upgrading the storm sewer system within the Community Park parking lot to eliminate the ongoing drainage concerns.

...The Municipal Services Department recently began a project on Royal Swan which will eliminate the ongoing drainage concerns within the roadway through the year, and especially the ice build up in the winter.

...Scorpio Construction began the Leonard Drive Drainage Project B last Monday. The anticipated project completion date is August 22. The project will move toward Warwick and Janet the first week of August. Pending weather conditions, the project completion date is September 1.

...The interior painting of the water tower at 67th Street and Wilmette Avenue has been completed. The crews are working on the priming and painting of the outside of the tank. The painting has not proceeded on schedule due to unfavorable weather conditions. Additional crews will be put on the job, and the revised completion date is August 11.

...Maria Pistolas, an authentic Mexican Restaurant, has recently opened. They are located on the north side of 75th Street just west of Baskin Robbins.

...Brush pick-up began today and will continue through Friday, July 25, 2008.

Administrator Vana commented that, after viewing what the crews have pulled out of the drainage ditches, it leaves no doubt as to the value of the program. Administrator Vana requested Director Gombac share a few details.

Mayor Weaver believes staff is planning a photographic tour of the drainage ditch program.

Director Gombac commented that as asphalt was pulled up at the Darien Park District driveway, it was discovered that the top of the culvert pipe was totally gone. The only thing holding the driveway in place was the asphalt, and it was just a matter of time before the driveway would have collapsed.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

#### A. WARRANT NUMBER 08-09-06

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve payment of Warrant Number 08-09-06 in the amount of \$92,595.34 from the General Fund; \$7,510.49 from the Water Fund; \$3,439.17 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$283,059.72 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$1,178.44 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$16,311.21 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$151,449.45 from the Debt Service Fund; \$155,021.40 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/03/08; \$19,352.42 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/03/08; \$25,758.21 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/03/08; for a total to be approved of \$755,675.85.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE, 2008

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of June, 2008: General Fund Revenue \$5,243,284; General Fund Expenditures \$1,992,360; Current General Fund Balance \$6,517,564; Water Fund Revenue \$463,643; Water Fund Expenditures \$725,911; Current Water Fund Balance \$269,645; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$114,491; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$9,642; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$133,544; Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$3,501; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$2,340; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$1,377,997; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$681,439; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$0; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$1,793,098; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$1,424; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$52,026; and a fund balance of \$1,428,640.

#### 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman Mclvor advised that the next Planning and Development Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers pending agenda items.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. which will, most likely, be held in the Police Training Room.

#### 13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were none.

#### 14. OLD BUSINESS

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Mclvor to approve the following motion as presented.

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION R-68-08, DECLARING A DEFAULT AND DEMANDING PAYMENT UNDER A CERTAIN LETTER OF CREDIT (ARVYDAS RESUBDIVISION/NATIONAL CITY BANK)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Attorney Murphey summarized the following proposed amendment to the ordinance that was adopted at the last Council Meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the following ordinance as presented.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. O-32-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-24 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

**A. RESOLUTION NO. R-69-2008 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE ADDENDUM WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD**

**B. RESOLUTION NO. R-70-2008 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING A DEFAULT AND DEMANDING PAYMENT UNDER A CERTAIN LETTER OF CREDIT (ARVYDAS RESUBDIVISION/NATIONAL CITY BANK**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gattuso, Marchese

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2 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 reviewed the events, which took place on July 14, 2008 at approximately 6:45 P.M. when a tragic fire occurred in the 7100 block of Eleanor. Bill and Diane Bucholz were at home. Bill was in the basement and Diane was upstairs. Apparently, the barbecue grill gas hose ignited and set the deck and back of the house on fire. Karl Schoeneman saw the smoke and flames and rushed over to the Bucholz home. Mr. Bucholz and Mr. Schoeneman were able to evacuate Diane. They tried to get the dog out but could not due to the smoke. Two off duty firemen, Curt and Nate Demarse, from Morris, Illinois and New York, New York, happened to be in the vicinity when they saw the smoke, and immediately went to help. They tried to assist with the rescue of the dog to no avail due to the intense smoke. Tri State Fire Department arrived and immediately began to put the fire out. The firefighters found the dog unresponsive in a back bedroom. The firefighters tried in vain to revive the dog, including mouth to mouth resuscitation. As is normal process, the Fire Department contacted Dan Gombac to let him know there was a fire in the city. Director Gombac, in turn, called Alderman Galan. As soon as Alderman Galan heard the news he rushed to the scene. While in route, Alderman Galan called some Lions Club friends to get word out about the fire. When Alderman Galan arrived, he witnessed the aftermath of the fire. What impressed him most were all the neighbors who had gathered to help. Several Lions arrived to offer their support. That evening Bill stayed with his family. The next day, the resident, insurance company, city, and restoration company surveyed the damage. There were several people at the home to help with board up, salvage activities, and clean up. Art and Kathy Donner picked up food from Culvers for the volunteers. Dan Kaminski, the owner of Culvers, donated bags and bags of food, as well as giving Bill a gift certificate. Kris Sant arrived on site, and offered the use of his home to Bill and his wife. Alderman Galan received several calls from Marion Hills residents offering to help. The community truly came together to help one of their own.

Alderman Galan extended gratitude to Tri State Fire Department for all their efforts and to Kurt and Nate Demarse for their unsolicited involvement. All of these people exhibited dedication to saving lives, human or not. Most of all, Alderman Galan wanted to commend the actions of Karl Schoeneman. According to Bill's son Keith, who is an auxiliary police officer on Darien's force, had it not been for the quick action taken by Kurt, in total disregard for his own safety, this story could have had a very tragic ending. In closing, many people have been calling asking how Bill is doing and what is going on. Bill is doing well under the circumstances. He lost quite a bit, but it can all be replaced. What cannot be replaced are the friends, family, and people in this community who were and are willing to step up and help. Alderman Galan was reminded of a line from the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," where the intent of the comment is to show that a man's wealth in life is not measured by money but by friendship. Alderman Galan believes Bill Bucholz is one of the richest men in Darien.

Mayor Weaver advised that during Coffee with the Mayor at Carmelite Carefree Village this past Saturday, she learned that their faithful volunteer, Dr. Chan, who drives their Carefree Village bus that takes them on excursions has retired. Carefree Village is looking for another volunteer to step in to take his place. The city will try to get this information on their website. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact City Hall, and the information will be passed on to the leadership at Carefree Village.

Mayor Weaver noticed a boy scout in the audience, and inquired if there was a special reason he was in attendance.

Scout David Mik, who lives on Florence Avenue in Downers Grove, is working on his Citizenship of the Community Merit Badge. In order to obtain the badge, he needed to attend a council meeting, and review, with a counselor, what was discussed at the meeting.

Mayor Weaver welcomed Scout Mik.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session reconvened at 8:05 P.M. and adjourned at 8:30 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 07-21-08.