

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 21, 2008 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:14 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Mclvor at 7:15 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.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Durkin, Mclvor

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

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Durkin at 7:40 P.M. to adjourn into Open Session.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

APRIL 21, 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 John Galan John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso

Absent: William R. Durkin Sylvia Mclvor

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 David Skala, Deputy Police Chief Scott Coren, Assistant to the City Administrator

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

There were no minutes presented for approval.

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galan...

...received an e-mail from Greg Pardus of 6815 Alabama, with pictures attached, illustrating the drainage problems around his property. Dan Gombac visited the site, will review the situation, and offer recommended solutions within the next two weeks.

...spoke with Warren Anderson of 533 Chestnut, who expressed a concern about the condition of the city-owned property on Bentley, which is being used as a cut through to get from the Hinsbrook area into the older subdivision. Alderman Galan and Dan Gombac will meet with Mr. Anderson to discuss his concerns.

...received a telephone call from Elmer Otto of 6713 Leonard regarding the condition of his street. With the assistance of the Road Program Catalog that Dan Gombac put together, Alderman Galan was able to advise Mr. Otto that his street is slated to be resurfaced in 2009. Alderman Galan expressed gratitude to Dan Gombac for the creation of this helpful tool.

Mayor Weaver received an e-mail from Sharon Wollenberg, who lives on Capital Drive, who commented on the amount of noise generated from the extra traffic signal on Route 83. Ms. Wollenberg questioned if IDOT would be able to help with this issue. Mayor Weaver requested Dan Gombac review the situation to see if there is anything the city can do to help.

Alderman Marchese received an e-mail from George Hoganson who lives at the last cul de sac on Creekside Lane. There is a parcel of city-owned land that abuts the Brookeridge Estates that children are using for recreational vehicles and motor bikes. This is causing a disturbance to the residents. Mr. Hoganson asked if the city could look into posting some signs that would prohibit children from using the land for these purposes. Alderman Marchese and Dan Gombac will visit the site, assess the situation, and review any options.

Mayor Weaver received a telephone call from John Litrop, a resident of Richmond Avenue who was positively impacted by one of the city's drainage programs. Mr. Litrop extended his gratitude to the city for paying attention to and addressing his concerns.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Weaver read into the record a proclamation declaring April 21, 2008 as Law Day in the City of Darien and urged the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and media of Darien to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

B. Mayor Weaver provided a report on the Darien Intergovernmental Program Initiative. The initiatives that were identified during their first meeting were put into categories of short and long term goals. Each representative is taking the list of short and long term goals to their respective boards for presentation and input. Mayor Weaver read aloud the short term goals. By working together, many of the goals can be achieved at reduced costs to each taxing body. Mayor Weaver looks forward to receiving input from the City Council.

Alderman Marchese feels that all the items identified as Short Term Goals are excellent opportunities for sharing resources and reducing costs. A number of the long term goals are worthy of future discussion. The bus service for the schools is an item many would feel is worth pursuing. Alderman Marchese is pleased that the various taxing bodies are working cooperatively.

Mayor Weaver is very encouraged and excited about the willingness of the taxing bodies to work together. Mayor Weaver is planning on attending one of the board meetings of School District 66 to encourage them to attend and participate in the Intergovernmental Programs Initiative meetings.

Mayor Weaver advised that Bob Klein, the President of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District brought up the idea of creating the community calendar. An excellent article on the initiatives meeting was published in The Doings. The editor of The Doings called Mayor Weaver with an offer to coordinate the community calendar for the taxing bodies. May 6, 2008 is the next scheduled meeting of the Darien Intergovernmental Programs Initiative.

Alderman Marchese asked if the Intergovernmental group will be responsible for informing the public as to the initiatives which have been undertaken, or will that be the responsibility of the individual taxing bodies? Once the public is aware of all the services the various taxing bodies provide, referendums might be better received. Alderman Marchese would like to see this program publicized.

Mayor Weaver feels that there cannot be enough information provided.

Alderman Avci commented that the meetings are televised.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman reminded everyone that the City of Darien is hosting the next blood drive which is being held on April 29, 2008 at Lace School.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no report this evening.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Assistant to the City Administrator Scott Coren...

...reported that extension of ARC's contract for an additional two years is on this evening's Consent Agenda for consideration. The original contract was bid out at a very favorable time. Currently, the City has the lowest sticker price of comparable communities in the area. Downers Grove rates are 20% higher than Darien's. Approval of the extension will lock the city into very favorable rates through 2011.

...ComEd recently gave the City their 2007 annual report. Darien has experienced fewer outages with shorter durations as a result of the lawsuit settlement agreement. Many of the recommendations that Ken Seaton provided have shown great improvement. Unfortunately, outages that consultant Ken Seaton considered preventable have increased. There was an increase in the number of cable faults and malfunctions, particularly on circuits without a history of outages. There are still pockets of outages, specifically in Farmingdale Village, which have not been solved. Once ComEd has something of substance to report, they will attend a Council Meeting.

Administrator Vana added that it is expected that ComEd will be attending a meeting in May.

Mayor Weaver noticed that a vendor was putting up overhead cable last week, and inquired if they are a vendor for ComEd, and if a permit is required for the work performed.

Mr. Coren responded that, typically, most of ComEd's work is done by vendors.

Dan Gombac advised that much of the work performed is general maintenance and is located in the county right of way.

In response to Alderman Poteraske, Mr. Coren advised that copies of the annual report will be provided to the Council Members prior to ComEd's attendance at a council meeting.

Mayor Weaver advised that her son's home on 68th Street in Marion Hills experiences a good deal of power surges throughout the day.

Mr. Coren advised that the power surging is usually the result of power outages which occur in other areas. When one area is turned off, power from another area is brought in which cause the surges.

Alderman Poteraske advised that one of his concerns is that when summer comes, there are power surges and power drops. ComEd was to put a monitoring system in place so that problem areas can be better identified. Alderman Poteraske inquired as to the progress of that project.

Mr. Coren responded that ComEd has those monitors in place in almost all areas of Darien.

Mayor Weaver advised that last Thursday the Village of Deerfield announced a lawsuit against ComEd. The Village of Hinsdale is considering taking action against ComEd as well.

Alderman Marchese commented that a year or two ago, ARC proposed providing larger recycling bins with a lid to each Darien household at no cost since ARC would retain ownership. Alderman Marchese inquired if there are any discussions concerning this at this time.

Mr. Coren responded that pricing was an issue when this was previously discussed. The bin program would have significantly increased the cost. In addition, if ARC was able to maintain ownership of the refuse containers and recycling bins, when the contract was put out for bid in the future, other vendors would have to pay a capital cost in order to come into Darien, placing ARC at an unfair advantage. The recycle bin program can be considered in the future, but currently the proposal is to stay with the current program for another two years.

Mr. Coren advised that members of the Darien Environmental Committee attended the roundtable meeting at Argonne on April 16, 2008. At the meeting, Argonne announced that plans for the recycler and reactor have been postponed indefinitely. There will no longer be a centralized location for Research & Development. They are going to be split up to a number of different sites throughout the United States. A time table on this is not yet available. Research and Development, which may or may not include hazardous waste, is still under consideration for the Argonne site.

Alderman Poteraske felt that the roundtable meeting was very productive and informative.

Mr. Coren announced that brush pick up started this week.

In response to Bryon Vana, Mr. Coren clarified that the City of Darien's Direct Connect notified residents that free "Yard Waste Only" tags are available at no cost to designate garbage cans for yard waste. A reporter misconstrued this information, and reported that there was free yard waste pickup. A refuse sticker is needed for yard waste pickup. The "Yard Waste Only" signs which are available at no cost to residents are used to designate a refuse container for yard waste only.

Administrator Vana pointed out that this incident is a good example of the helpfulness of the City's Direct Connect program. As soon as the yard waste sticker error was discovered, the city was able to directly connect with a number of residents to notify them of the misprint. Currently, there are approximately 400 residents signed up for Direct Connect.

Mr. Coren announced that Arbor Day is scheduled for Friday, April 25 at 9:15 A.M. at Darien Community Park where five trees will be planted. There will be one planted at the Sportsplex at 10:15 A.M. Each tree commemorates a person who has recently died.

Mr. Coren advised that Amnesty Day was not included in the budget for the City this year but the city is planning on having one in 2009.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 07-08-23

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve payment of Warrant Number 07-08-23 in the amount of \$115,214.13 from the General Fund; \$124,561.81 from the Water Fund; \$2,396.47 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$11,390.23 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$4,932.62 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$168,876.92 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/11/08; \$19,399.27 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/11/08; \$30,417.70 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/11/08; for a total to be approved of \$477,189.15.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin, Mclvor

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

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2008

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of March, 2008: General Fund Revenue \$11,263,577; General Fund Expenditures \$10,738,429; Current General Fund Balance \$3,936,876. Water Fund Revenue \$2,391,420; Water Fund Expenditures \$2,512,546; Current Water Fund Balance \$463,199; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$633,276; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$827,423; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$74,431; Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$183,641; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$2,244,970; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$1,418,433; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$2,476,431; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$1,403,331; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$1,111,052; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$2,690,149; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$1,211,715; and a fund balance of \$1,478,434.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman Marchese advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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 commented that she was disappointed that Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez did not attend the meeting for Item H. Mr. Rodriguez seemed to be very open to discussing annexing into Darien but later changed his mind. Although Mayor Weaver was very disappointed in Mr. Rodriguez's decision, she did not ask for Item H. to be removed from the agenda.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 8TH ANNUAL DARIEN DASH, A 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008 BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE DARIEN DASH WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS: 5K RUN – 71ST STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE AND FOLLOWING CHEROKEE DRIVE TO DARIEN LANE; NORTH ON DARIEN LANE AND FOLLOWING TIMBER LANE TO SEMINOLE DRIVE; NORTH ON SEMINOLE DRIVE TO 71ST STREET; WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE TO HINSBROOK AVENUE; EAST ON HINSBROOK AVENUE TO WILMETTE AVENUE; NORTH ON WILMETTE AVENUE TO 69TH STREET; EAST ON 69TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES; AND 1 MILE WALK – 71ST STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-18-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (VEHICLES) OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-32-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,250 FOR 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-33-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ASSERTING THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT WITH BEST QUALITY CLEANING TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN

F. RESOLUTION NO. R-34-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TWO OPTION YEARS WITH ARC DISPOSAL, EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR SCAVENGER SERVICES THROUGH APRIL 30, 2011

G. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR CASS 63 FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

H. RESOLUTION NO. R-35-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A POTABLE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION AT 861 OLDFIELD ROAD

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin, Mclvor

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 attended the Chamber of Commerce Customer Appreciation last Thursday and was very impressed with the package that was put together by staff. Staff was commended on a great job.

Mayor Weaver was very pleased and proud of the brochure.

Administrator Vana advised that the brochure is a work in progress and will be updated. Any comments or suggestions from the Council Members are welcome.

Mayor Weaver advised that this packet will appear in The Neighbors of Darien. The goal is to have this document available as a handout.

Alderman Marchese stated that this is an item the local realtors might want to have in their offices.

Alderman Poteraske stated that on the city's website there is a listing of all space that's available in the community. Alderman Poteraske suggested that this brochure be included on the website as an attachment.

Mayor Weaver expressed pleasure with the product and praised staff.

Citing the recent tanker truck accident which occurred a few weeks ago, Alderman Avci inquired as to the programs the city has in place in the event of a hazardous situation in the area.

Deputy Chief Skala responded that hazardous situations fall under HAZMAT which is regulated by the Fire Department. The Police Department deals with security and traffic control issues.

Mayor Weaver advised that in the event of an emergency, the city has procedures in place.

Administrator Vana added that the city has a very extensive emergency plan.

Alderman Galan noted that communication to the residents is key. The city currently is able to use cable and e-mail to provide information to residents immediately. Text messaging to residents who have a cell phone is a new process a community on the east coast has adopted. There are so many different ways to communicate but there are always costs associated with those methods.

At the request of Administrator Vana, Deputy Chief Skala advised that the county has a reverse 911 system wherein the 911 center can call a specific area in an emergency to provide information and direction. The city's emergency plan provides direction for various circumstances. First responders go through extensive training to be able to deal with whatever emergency occurs.

Alderman Galan commended the Police Department for the efficient way they handled the tanker truck accident.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 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 04-21-08. Minutes of 04-21-08 CCM April 21, 2008