

Minutes - June 3, 2002

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JUNE 3, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORKSHOP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the CITY OF DARIEN JUNE 3, 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 James Tikalsky
Sean P. Durkin Kathleen Moesle-Weaver
David Hagen

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer
Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney
Edward Musial, Chief of Police
JoEllen Charlton, Director Community Development
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 - April 29, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 29, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Abstain: Biehl

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 6, 2002

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Marchese received email from Mr. Pat Jopek regarding development at 1535 Frontage Road; and from Myra Wolcott, 1602 Royal Oak, who supported a car wash in Darien. He received correspondence from Doreen Prosia, DYC Umpire Director, regarding youth umpires; he read a letter addressed to Governor Ryan from Representative Radogno. He received correspondence from Carl Knecht, 2212 Donegal Drive, regarding mowing destruction of wetlands within Tara Hill; Brookeridge resident Greg Stoby inquired about erosion along Ward's Creek; and Greg Pierce was concerned with flooding due to School District 63's sewer structure.

Alderman Biehl spoke with Jack Norridge from Crest Road who was concerned with stormwater control in Dale Basin; he reiterated that he also received communication from Greg Pierce.

Alderman Weaver submitted for the record an email received from Joanne Van Hoegarden, 7010 High Road, regarding vehicular speeding throughout the City. She received Attorney Kolman's critique and a copy of the agreement with SmithGroup JJR for City gateways; she asked for direction from Council. Mayor Soldato responded that the item should be reviewed at a Goal Setting Session.

Mayor Soldato stated that Dwayne Pry submitted correspondence regarding Farmingdale Ridge Lot 180 and its condemnation by the Forest Preserve District; he informed Council that he would circulate the information to them. He asked the Planning/Development Committee to review the issue and make a recommendation to Council.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "RIVERS MONTH" (Month of June)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and declared June 2002 as "Rivers Month". He encouraged all residents to learn about the environmental importance of clean waterways and urged their support and participation in River Sweep.

B. APPROVAL OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Soldato stated during his search for an interim Administrator, Bryon Vana contacted him for consideration as a permanent replacement. Mayor Soldato noted that a number of the City Council members had already interacted with Mr. Vana within the DuPage Mayor and Managers Conference and through the City's relationship with the Village of Willowbrook. Mayor Soldato advised that he along with Council interviewed Bryon Vana for the position. Mayor Soldato spoke of Bryon's excellent municipal background and desire to lead the City's economic development forward.

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Weaver to advise and consent to Mayor Soldato's appointment of Bryon Vana as City Administrator of the City of Darien.

Alderman Cotton stated that he did not support the process and therefore would not be voting in the affirmative. He remarked that although Mr. Vana possessed excellent qualifications, he did not feel in his opinion that he was the best person to fill the position. Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: Cotten

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CITY ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND BRYON VANA

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve RESOLUTION NO. R-17-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CITY ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND BRYON VANA

as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: Cotten

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Soldato welcomed Bryon Vana and his wife, Maria, to the City of Darien. Mr. Vana thanked the Council for the opportunity; he commented that he looked forward to working with everyone.

Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to City Administrator Bryon Vana; he received a round of applause and the congratulations of the City Council.

Mayor Soldato introduced Bill Brown, Senior Project Engineer for DuPage County. Mr. Brown spoke about the Marion Hills Stormwater Project; he stated that the permit for the Dale Basin was being finalized, which complied with the Countywide Stormwater Floodplain Ordinance. He said that once a permit was issued; a bid would be awarded; groundbreaking was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd at the Dale Basin. Alderman Biehl commented that there was sensitivity with Phase II on Crest Road; he asked for the status of Phase III, which involved the Darien Park District. Mr. Brown responded that they were awaiting a response from the Park District regarding alternatives. Phase IV behind Hinsdale South High School would be last, depending on the other phases.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman ...

... announced that the Fire and Police Commission meeting scheduled for June 4th was rescheduled to June 19th at 7:30 P.M.

... invited everyone for Coffee with Mayor Soldato on Saturday, June 15th, from 9:00-10:00 A.M. at Carmelite Carefree Village, 8419 Bailey Road..

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Mengarelli introduced Mr. Larry Erickson from Clarke Mosquito Management who spoke about the West Niles Virus. He stated that the virus was active in twelve (12) States plus the District of Columbia in birds and horses, that no human cases were reported to date; Illinois reported five birds with the virus. He distributed informational brochures and left brochures and posters for the community. He said that information was available through the Illinois Department of Health and Pro Med websites. He indicated that if people had questions, they should call the Mosquito Hotline at 1(800) 942-2555 for answers.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 01-02-26

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 01-02-26 in the amount of \$157,049.18 from the General Fund; \$18,229.07 from the Impact Fee Fund; \$5,763.37 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; for a total to be approved of \$181,041.62. Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-02

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-02 in the amount of \$68,131.35 from the General Fund; \$3,280.07 from the Water Fund; \$7,741.65 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,270.73 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$144,083.32 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/16/02; \$13,698.37 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/16/02; \$26,178.66 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/16/02; for a total to be approved of \$265,384.15.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-03

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-03 in the amount of \$145,236.12 from the General Fund; \$6,723.98 from the Water Fund; \$1,257.51 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$6,907.81 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$154,985.41 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/30/02; \$16,944.65 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/30/02; \$23,053.95 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 05/30/02; for a total to be approved of \$355,109.43. Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2002

City Treasurer Donner reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of April with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$2,716,939; Water Fund \$131,793; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$938,511; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$274,797; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$68,031. Mayor Soldato commented that the State was having difficulties with their budget and there were discussions about municipalities losing portions of sales tax revenues. Alderman Marchese asked that funding for the Wards Creek flood issue be placed on the next Goal Setting Session agenda.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from the May 6 and May 13, 2002 Committee meetings. She announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was June 10, 2002 at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee - No report.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - No report.

12. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

Mike Dvoracek, 616 67th Street, commented that if someone finds a dead bird they should call the DuPage County Health Department. He thanked Council for their efforts on the Darien Ridge Subdivision.

13. OLD BUSINESS

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

14. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Biehl to 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 THE DARIEN YOUTH CLUB

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) MOBILE POLICE RADIOS AND EXTERNAL SPEAKERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,888.00

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2585 ON BEHALF OF PATTEN INDUSTRIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,600.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2002 LOADER/BACKHOE

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2586 ON BEHALF OF CINCINNATI PRECISION INSTRUMENTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,648.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) NUMERIC TRAFFIC COUNTERS

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM FENCE DOCTORS REPAIR COMPANY TO REPAIR, CLEAN AND STAIN THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00

F. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A MUNICIPAL BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM FROM TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,868.00 A SHARED COST WITH THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT (\$11,934.00 X 2)

G. ORDINANCE NO. O-19-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 3 (PARKING), TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE

H. ORDINANCE NO. O-19-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARIEN, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN, AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT TO FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION - CAROL GIERUT

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve reappointment of Carol Gierut to Fire and Police Commission, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE, VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (PC 2002-02: KELLEY'S SUBDIVISION)

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-21-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE, VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (PC 2002-02: KELLEY'S SUBDIVISION) as presented.

Alderman Biehl verified that Mr. Kelley was not required to give money for construction on High Road. Director Charlton stated that there were some identified improvements along the right-of-way.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO THE R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT (PC 2002-03: DARIEN RIDGE SUBDIVISION)

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Weaver to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-22-02 AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO THE R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT (PC 2002-03: DARIEN RIDGE SUBDIVISION) as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE, VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, AND APPROVING A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (PC 2002-03: DARIEN RIDGE SUBDIVISION)

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-23-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE, VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, AND APPROVING A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (PC 2002-03: DARIEN RIDGE SUBDIVISION) as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-2 (TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE BY ADDING ADDITIONAL NO LEFT AND NO RIGHT TURN SIGNS

It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 9-2 (Traffic Signs and Signals) of the Darien City Code by Adding Additional NO LEFT AND NO RIGHT TURN SIGNS, as presented.

Alderman Hagen stated that this was an area wide problem; he did not believe this was a solution and that it would relocate the problem. There was discussion about a comprehensive traffic study, particularly the Hinsbrook area. Alderman Tikalsky did not support the proposal; he supported a City wide comprehensive study. Alderman Cotten said the proposal would divert traffic but he supported a traffic study. Alderman Biehl stated that he did not support the proposal. Alderman Durkin supported the comprehensive study.

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Biehl to Table New Business Item E to allow the matter to be returned to the Administrative/Finance Committee to permit the Committee to ascertain the cost of a traffic study of the Hinsbrook area and make a recommendation to the full City Council within ninety (90) days.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION TABLED

F. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A REVISED PROPOSAL FROM GREEN VIEW LANDSCAPING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$1,740.00 TO COMPLETE PHASE I OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX LANDSCAPING PROJECT

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve a Revised Proposal from Green View Landscaping for an Additional \$1,740.00 to Complete Phase I of the Municipal Complex Landscaping Project, as presented.

Mayor Soldato thanked Administrative Assistant Ballestra for her efforts. There was discussion regarding the budgeted amount and phases.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

G. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE (ALPINE RESUBDIVISION)

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve RESOLUTION NO. R-18-02 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE (ALPINE RESUBDIVISION) as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Abstain: Durkin

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

H. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE DEFERRING REVIEW OF THE STORMWATER SUBMITTAL REQUIRED BY SECTION 15-149 OF THE COUNTY ORDINANCE TO COUNTY STAFF FOR DALE ROAD DETENTION BASIN

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve Deferring Review of the Stormwater Submittal Required by Section 15-149 of the County Ordinance to County Staff for Dale Road Detention Basin, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Alderman Tikalsky said that he attended the Public Works Open House on Saturday, May 18th; he thanked the crew for their hospitality.

Alderman Biehl, on behalf of Cub Pack 97, thanked the elected officials who attended the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Alderman Hagen commented that some elected officials did have concerns about the process for hiring the new City Administrator. He noted that Council should have more involvement with such decisions. Mayor Soldato replied: "The fact is that the law in Darien says that the Mayor has the obligation to bring forward a candidate, whomever that is, and the Council has an obligation to review that request, recommendation and approve or deny them if that is the appropriate thing to do."

"What I defined for the Council, a process whereby I worked daily with our staff, and to try to find an interim person to help us with this position. With the commitment to the Council, shortly after finding the interim person, to then go ahead and put out a posting for a full-time Administrator and then set up a committee, obviously not only of Darien Aldermen but potentially citizens to help us interview those candidates. So, I set out in my day, after Rick Curneal left us, to begin to call, with John Murphey's help, actually John gave me a list of potential interim help, I began using my day to call people and I interviewed a number. Had a couple come out here, which is the way that process works for an interim person to see if there was somebody I thought could fill the bill. In the process of doing that, over a week to nine days, I had the chance to interact with Bryon who expressed a strong interest in the position. Noting that I was having some problems obviously finding even an interim person, and knowing not withstanding what was said here, that if we were going to have to go out for a search a head hunter would cost us roughly twenty percent (20%) of the salary among other costs and time. I thought it was wise, at least, to sit down with Bryon Vana. Having expressed an interest in our position in our City, and I knew he was a professional person and a great person having worked with him through the Conference. I sat down and interviewed him, which is my obligation. Through that process I learned and came to believe that he would be a great fit for the City. Very simply, that was consistent with what I said the process would be. The process couldn't have involved the Aldermen to that point because I was trying to ascertain myself who should it be on an interim basis. I came up with somebody that I thought would be a permanent fit; I then called a meeting of the Aldermen and said would you please take the time to interview them, that person, Bryon, in particular. A couple of Aldermen, Alderman Hagen and Alderman Cotten, said "I have reservations about the process." I said that I understand those; I know what we had talked about but this is why I think we should divert. Would you please take the time to interview the person; ask every question you want; and find out if it is worth diverting from the process? The result was six aldermen, six aldermen came and Alderman Cotten didn't even show up. As he said tonight, that was in opposition to the process, which I don't understand, but it is what it is. Six aldermen agreed with me and simply voted tonight to say that we think that the process followed was at least sufficient to ourselves to name a City Administrator. I guess you could criticize me all you want, I followed a process that I thought was going to be most efficient and most helpful to the City. I didn't cut anybody out of any process, I got you and kept you as involved as you could have been in light of what we had before us." Alderman Cotten inquired about the severance package for former Administrator Curneal. Mayor Soldato stated that it had not been approved, it was under review by Attorney Murphey and Mr. Curneal.

Brian Dowd, 1114 69th Street, thanked Council for their efforts and time regarding the traffic issues on 69th Street. He said that some residents canvassed others regarding the issues, he noted that 70-75% of the residents favored the signage. He said that the whole development had speeding and traffic issues; he noted that the issue should be resolved before school reconvenes in September. Alderman Weaver stated that many residents attended the Committee meeting and were asked if they would consider being adult crossing guards; he responded that few expressed interest but no one volunteered.

Gloria Jiskra, President of the Woodlands of Darien, wanted to thank Council for annexing the property across 67th Street; unified vote on the Ryan Builders proposal; and Ward Seven Alderman Weaver for hard work and diligence.

Maria Knecht addressed the issue about maintenance and restoration of the wetlands in Tara Hill. She noted that the area was not properly maintained; she stated that the native plantings were crucial to the erosion problems. She asked that the area be resurveyed.

Mayor Soldato stated that this was not a unique problem that it happened in other areas due to lack of education. He noted it was law, not a matter for debate; the challenge was how to keep people informed that once it was damaged how could it be placed back into shape. Alderman Marchese said he surveyed

the area with Mr. Knecht and was surprised how many residents mowed the area. There was discussion about further education of residents regarding wetlands. Alderman Tikalsky stated that if residents damaged a wetland they should be held responsible for restoration.

Tom Georgelos, 6601 Ridge Road, was concerned about curb and gutter along Ridge Road from 67th Street to the limit. He was informed that the street was scheduled for completion in 2002 but recently learned that nothing would be done until 2003. He inquired about the change; Mayor Soldato responded that infrastructure improvements including curb and gutter would be completed after most of the construction was finished. Director Charlton stated that curb, gutter and base course for the portion of Ridge Road adjacent to Darien Ridge Subdivision would be completed, the remainder would be completed after 80% of the project was completed.

Jay Lane, 1026 69th Street, commented that he distributed fliers on 69th Street from Clarendon Hills Road to Cass Avenue. He said 60 % of the people were home and each stated that traffic problems existed.

Sam Kelley, 7117 High Road, asked for a location to dump fill. He commented that he was scheduled to improve about 100' of High Road and asked if the City would improve of the rest of the street. Alderman Biehl asked who would inform the adjacent residents about the Dale Basin work; Mayor Soldato responded that a letter would be sent. Alderman Biehl inquired why there were JULIE location markings along 71st Street, Tamarack and the surrounding area; Asst.

Director Mengarelli stated that NICor was replacing service lines and that the affected residents received letters.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED
The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

JFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 06-03-02.

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