

## **Minutes - October 20, 2003**

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 20,2003. AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

OCTOBER 20, 2003

### **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

Morgan Cotten

Joseph Marchese

John F. Poteraske, Jr.

James Tikalsky

Kathleen Moesle- Weaver

Absent: David Hagen

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor

Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk

Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer

Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

Gregory Dreyer, Director of Community Development

Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works

Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

### **4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

There being six Aldermen present, Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.

### **5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 6, 2003**

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6,2003, as presented.

Clerk Coleman clarified with Alderman Weaver that she and staff reviewed the Council tape in regard to comments made about annexation; she informed Alderman Weaver that her comments must have been stated prior to, not during, the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cotten, Marchese, Poteraske, Tikalsky, Weaver

None

Abstain: Biehl

Absent: Hagen

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Biehl received email from the Basic, Schardt, and Sipp families; they opposed the rezoning of the property at 67th Street & Bentley Avenue. He read correspondence into the record from Karen Flemm and from Mel Kunicki; both were in regard to the Dale Basin. He read and submitted a Petition from residents who live on Crest Road regarding noise from Wendy's Restaurant. Alderman Biehl spoke with Bob Coughlin, who was very pleased with the installation of the streetlight in his neighborhood. He thanked Clerk Coleman for conducting the DarienFest follow-up meeting on behalf of the residents. Alderman Weaver stated that the Administrative/Finance Committee would discuss the noise ordinance at their November 10, 2003 meeting. Clerk Coleman stated that garbage haulers must be licensed with the City and suggested that specific hours be listed in the ordinance for pickup of refuse/recycling/yard waste.

Alderman Poteraske stated that he was contacted by:

- Joan Kielbase of the 7200 block of Richard Road, who was unhappy with the maintenance of the grass on Fairview Avenue.
- Robert Balazar of the 1700 block of Clemens Road, who inquired about crumbling curbs; they were informed that they would be included in next year's replacement program.

## 7 MAYOR'S REPORT

### A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "RED RIBBON WEEK" (October 27-October 31, 2003)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and proclaimed October 27 through October 31, 2003 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 were strongly committed to a drug-free community. School District 61 Administrative Assistant and Lace Teacher, Beth Hatter, accepted the Proclamation; she thanked Council for the Proclamation and introduced Lace Student Council President Kelly Howatt and Vice President Melanie Plowman. Ms. Howatt and Ms. Plowman distributed literature that included stickers to Council and informed them of festivities planned for "Red Ribbon Week"; they reiterated "SAY NO TO DRUGS".

### B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" (October 25, 2003)

Mayor Soldato read the Proclamation and declared October 25, 2003 as "Make a Difference Day". He urged 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 Soldato thanked Darien residents for their understanding and patience during the recent garbage strike; he also thanked Darien staff for their commitment to man the dumpsters and assist residents with their refuse.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman. ..

- announced that the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st, had been cancelled.
- stated that the Cable Communications Commission had scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, October 30th, at 7:30 P M.
- commented that the Planning/Development Committee would meet on Monday, October 27, 2003, at 6:30 P.M. She said that they would review the rezoning of the property at 6th Street & Bentley Avenue.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana. ..

- thanked Bob Mengarelli, Dan Salvato, John Carr, and Gina Ballestra for their assistance with the recent garbage situation.
- noted that the final Public Works brush pick-up of the season would be done during the week of October 27th.

Alderman Biehl asked if Administrator Vana had received communication in regard to the Dale Basin; he responded that he had not.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Chief Robert Pavelchik.

- commented that Sergeant Piccoli had been attending classes/training in regard to the City's Emergency Plan, which would tie into the Statewide Mutual Aid Plan.
- stated that they have hooked into the Chicago Police Department's warehouse data base known as CLEAR, which provides digital access into Chicago records.
- noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation gave the Police Department a sign that says "SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT ZONE". He stated that he contacted City Attorney Kolman in regard to drafting a local ordinance for enforcement for the wearing of seat belts. He stated that MOT was offering grant money for enforcement.
- informed everyone that beginning January 2004 that new laws would be in effect for child safety seats; he proposed an informational link on the City's web site regarding these laws for residents.

## 11 TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 03-04-10

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 03-04-10 in the amount of \$38,815.43 from the General Fund; \$119,333.79 from the Water Fund; \$78,361.59 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$5,288.70 from Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$179,175.44 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/02/03; \$19,140.36 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/02/03; \$25,512.16 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/02/03; for a total to be approved of \$465,627.47.

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

None

Hagen Absent:

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### B. TREASURER'S MONTH REPORT -SEPTEMBER 2003

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of September 2003 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$2,059,422; Water Fund \$695,799; Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$628,112; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$274,117; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$72,241.

#### 12 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee -Chairman Weaver submitted, for the record, Minutes from the Special Meeting held on October 6,2003. She announced that the next Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2003, at 6:30 P.M.

Planning/Development Committee No Report.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee -Chairman Biehl announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22,2003 at 6:30 P.M.

#### 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 Marchese and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-34-03 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 AND THE CITY OF DARIEN

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-32-03 REVISED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND MUNICIPAL WEB SERVICES

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

None

Hagen Absent:

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

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

17. GENERAL QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Tikalsky inquired if a representative from ComCast would be present at the Cable Communications Commission Public Hearing scheduled for October 30th; the response was 'yes'.

Jack Collum, 9004 Darien Woods Court, spoke in regard to the I-55 Noise Study. He was concerned about the proposed recommendations for installation of the noise barriers, which would not include the Darien Woods subdivision; the Darien Woods residents would like the barrier wall extended to include their subdivision. Mayor Soldato stated that the City initially met with residents and with Senator Radogno and staff; he said that another meeting would take place within the next couple of weeks to discuss the study, timeline and possible funding; he noted that there was also a safety issue about the fencing along I-55. Administrator Valla reported that Director Dreyer contacted the State's representative in regard to the project.

Jack Morge, 7112 Crest Road, spoke about the noise problems at Wendy's Restaurant; he said that all of the residents were willing to assist with court proceedings. He also spoke about the Marion Hills stormwater problems on Crest Road. Mayor Soldato recommended residents contact their District 3 DuPage County Board representatives as they need to start addressing the concerns of Darien residents.

Mayor Soldato noted that the Darien Park District had a meeting scheduled for October 21, 2003 at Marion Hills School at 7:30 P.M and encouraged residents to attend.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE -MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

JFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under

File Number 10-20-03.