

Minutes - September 17, 2001

Darien City Council Meeting Minutes: 09.17.01

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY CITY CLERK JOANNE F. COLEMAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORKSHOP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the CITY OF DARIEN, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001.

1. CALL TO ORDERThe regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by City Clerk Joanne F. Coleman. She said that Mayor Soldato was unable to be present at the meeting.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

It was moved by Alderman Tikalsky and seconded by Alderman Cotten to appoint Alderman Richard Biehl as Mayor Pro-Tem. There being no other nominations, Clerk Coleman closed the election and called for the question.Roll Call: Ayes: Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver

Nays: None

Abstain: Biehl

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the recent disaster in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. He 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, David Hagen, Morgan Cotten, Joseph Marchese, Sean P. Durkin, James Tikalsky, Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Also in Attendance: Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk; Arthur P. Donner, Treasurer; John B. Murphey, City Attorney; Rick O. Curneal, City Administrator; Edward Musial, Chief of Police; Nancy Hill, Planner; Barbara Richards, Director of Finance & Administration; 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 Pro-Tem Biehl declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 4, 2001It was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2001 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 Weaver said she had a telephone conversation and personal meeting with Don Dibbern of 1005 Timber Lane regarding a tree in front of the home. Asst. Director Mengarelli said that a tree expert would inspect the tree in fall to determine its condition.

Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl said he was contacted by Donald Schardt, 6722 Alabama Avenue, who was concerned about excessive traffic on Alabama during the DarienFest. He had asked if the traffic pattern could be re-routed for future fests.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. SWEARING IN OF NEW PROBATIONARY PATROL OFFICERS - BRETTE GLOMB, MICHAEL LOREK AND JASON NORTON

Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl introduced Mr. Louis Scaglione, Fire and Police Commission Chairman, who administered the Oath of Office to Probationary Police Officers Brette Glomb, Michael Lorek and Jason Norton. The Officers were presented to the Council and received a round of applause.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION - "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK" (September 9-15, 2001) Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl read the Proclamation and declared September 9 through 15 as "Chamber of Commerce Week". Chamber of Commerce President, Thomas Fisher, accepted the Proclamation.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE - KATHY ABBATE, DEBBY HENIFF, KATHY LYONS, FRAN MAZZOLINI, JEAN MORLEY AND NADINE MRAZEK

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the appointments of Kathy Abbate, Debby Heniff, Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, Jean Morley and Nadine Mrazek to the Citizen of the Year Committee, 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

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to the Committee members; they received congratulations from the Council and a round of applause.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT Clerk Coleman...

... noted that Item C under New Business was removed from the Agenda.... stated that the Goal Setting Session scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th, was cancelled and would be rescheduled.... commented that the 2002 Vehicle Sticker Lottery would take place at the October 1st City Council Meeting.... reminded everyone that the Free Leaf Pick-up Program would begin October 8th.... welcomed Maria Gonzalez, Secretary in the City Clerk's office, and invited Council to stop by to meet her.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Administrator Curneal ...

... stated that Director Charlton prepared and distributed a memorandum regarding Culver's. He informed Council that she was attending a Plan Commission meeting in Woodridge regarding the proposed Gallagher & Henry development at 87th Street and Woodward Avenue. ... commented that Council received a copy of a letter from School District 61 in regard to their School Board Meeting scheduled for September 18th at 7:00 P.M. He noted that the Board would discuss Darien's proposed Comprehensive Plan, particularly the Lace School proposal. An audience member inquired about the proposed Dominick's issue. Attorney Murphey responded that the Aldermen agreed to remove the item from the Agenda, which had been requested by Dominick's. They asked for removal of the item to allow additional time to submit further information for review by the City. A brief discussion occurred between the audience and Council; they discussed when Council might next review the item.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT Police Chief Edward Musial ...

... introduced Colleen Quigley, D.A.D.C. employee, who created pins in support of our Country due to the recent tragedy and she distributed the pins to Council. Council thanked her and the audience applauded her efforts.... reported that there were no major incidents associated with DarienFest.... stated that Wal-Mart donated \$500.00 to the D.A.R.E. program.... noted that the newly sworn-in probationary officers would begin a sixteen-week in-service training program at College of DuPage and that they were scheduled to graduate on December 14th. He said that the officers would be ready for street patrol in April 2002. He emphasized that recruitment was difficult due to the job market.... commented that the D.A.R.E. Officers Association of District 3 would host a Life Source blood drive on December 17th in the Police Department Training Room. He said that there were other blood drives scheduled: September 18th at Lace School, October 13th at Pleasantview Fire Department, and October 20th at Tri-State Fire Department (63rd Street and Western).

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 01-02-10

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 01-02-10 in the amount of \$179,417.94 from the General Fund; \$8,280.58 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$214,486.61 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$144,528.89 from the Water Operations Fund; \$146,967.81 from General Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/06/01; \$13,314.24 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/06/01; \$23,671.52 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/06/01; for a total to be approved of \$730,667.59. 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. MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST 2001

City Treasurer Donner reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of August with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$3,774,506; Water Fund \$116,838; MFT Fund \$870,045; Darien Towne Centre Sales Tax Fund \$283,668; and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund \$54,645.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - No Report. Planning/Development Committee - No Report. Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl submitted, for the record, Minutes from the August 22, 2001 and September 4, 2001 meetings.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no questions or comments from either the audience or the Council.

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 Cotten to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY TO CAP AND REPAIR EXISTING WELLSB. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL SERVICES, LTD. TO COMPLETE LEAK DETECTION SURVEY. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE WATER METERS FROM WATER RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,485.00. ORDINANCE NO. O-36-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ZBA 2001-04: 1622 Coachmans Road)E. ORDINANCE NO. O-37-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-1-B OF ORDINANCE O-27-01 TO ALLOW FOR AN AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED SITE PLAN - 8501 BAILEY ROAD; ST. THERESE SHRINE CENTER

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. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENTS TO POLICE PENSION BOARD - ERIC KELLER AND JAMES STARKIt was moved by Alderman Weaver and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the reappointments of Eric Keller and James Stark to the Police Pension Board, 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 A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ZBA 2001-03: 8445 Alden Lane)

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-38-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ZBA 2001-03: 8445 Alden Lane) as presented.Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky

Nays: Weaver

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ZBA 2001-05: 8502 Bailey Road)

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve ORDINANCE NO. O-39-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ZBA 2001-05: 8502 Bailey Road) 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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl asked Clerk Coleman to schedule a follow-up meeting with residents regarding DarienFest.

Thomas Fisher, 8535 Thistlewood Court, stated that he was a resident and President of the Darien Chamber of Commerce. He read a prepared statement regarding the events of September 11, 2001. He said that the Chamber purchased American flags for distribution to Darien residents, at no cost, and that while supplies lasted they would be available at City Hall, Police Department, both Fire District headquarters and Chamber offices.

Attorney Murphey stated that some Farmingdale residents who attended the Woodridge Plan Commission meeting reported that the Commission unanimously recommended denial of the Gallagher & Henry proposed development at 87th Street and Woodward Avenue.

Gerald McDonald, a Farmingdale Village resident, thanked Aldermen Tikalsky and Cotten for their attendance until 1:45 A.M. at the Woodridge Plan Commission meeting held on September 12th. He also thanked Mayor Soldato, Attorney Murphey and the consultant for their efforts even though they were detained elsewhere. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the Woodridge Plan Commission and the procedures followed for the meeting/public hearing. Mr. McDonald expressed concern about additional traffic on Drover Lane and asked for consideration to close it. He suggested that the City review its boundary agreement with the Village of Woodridge. Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl said that the closure of Drover Lane would be placed on a future Public Works Water/Streets Committee agenda. Ruby Jasinevicius, a Woodridge resident, who attended the Woodridge Plan Commission meeting prior to the Council meeting extended her thanks to Darien for opposing the development and for trying to build an amicable relationship with Woodridge.

Gene Kolling, Darien Plan Commission member, complimented Darien for its consideration of residents especially in regard to the length of public meetings; he noted that the Commission had three meetings in regard to Dominick's and that all residents were treated courteously. Randy Theusch, a Farmingdale Ridge resident, inquired about storage and refuse behind Home Depot within the Towne Centre; he felt that these were safety issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Biehl stated that staff would investigate the matters. Mr. Theusch asked if there were regulations in regard to businesses occupying space. Attorney Murphey responded to the business question, he said that zoning regulated the types of businesses allowed. Stacey Iwema, 1622 Coachmans Road, inquired if reconsideration could be given to the conditions of approval for the Zoning Variation for this property. Attorney Murphey responded that the item was approved and a request for reconsideration would need Council action. He suggested that the

resident make a formal written request addressed to Council for the next City Council meeting on October 1.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 09-17-01. Minutes of 09-17-01 CCM

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