

**CITY OF DARIEN**  
**GOAL SETTING SESSION MINUTES**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**October 26, 2016, 6:30pm,**  
**Police Training Room**

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Present: Mayor Kathleen Weaver, Treasurer Michael Coren, Clerk JoAnne Ragona, Aldermen Ted Schauer, Tina Beilke, Joe Kenny, Tom Chlystek, Joe Marchese, Tom Belczak, Sylvia McIvor City Administrator Bryon Vana, Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac, Assistant Administrator Paul Nosek, Police Chief Greg Thomas.

**Call to Order:** 6:30 P.M.

**Garbage/Recycling Contract\***

Staff advised that the City currently has a contract with Advanced Disposal (formally Veolia) for garbage, yard waste, and recycling services. The City approved a 4 year contract on February 7, 2011, and approved a 2 year contract extension on November 17, 2014. That extension is through March 31, 2017. Recently, Advanced Disposal contacted the City staff regarding a possible 5 year contract extension. The following 3 options were presented for discussion:

**Option 1:** Sticker program similar to our current program and also includes the free leaf pickup currently offered.

**Option 2:** Full cart program which would include Advanced Disposal providing garbage (35, 65, and 95 gallon size options) and recycling carts to all residents covered by the agreement. Yard waste stickers would still be required for landscape waste except for the free leaf program currently offered. Residents would also be permitted to place one bulk item (under 50 pounds) out per week without needing a sticker. Also, this option reduces the required stickers for bulk items from 2 to only 1 per bulk item. Residents will also be allowed to place up to 4 rolls of carpet (4ft long x 24in wide) out per week without needing stickers.

**Option 3:** Identical to Option 2 with the addition of free brush pickup. The brush pickup would be offered from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Brush would be required to be bundled with biodegradable natural fiber twine (plastic or wire is prohibited), no larger than 4 feet in length/and brush no larger than 4 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds.

The majority consensus of the Council was option 2 with lowered prices for the 35 gallon cart. Staff will meet with Advanced Disposal to develop a contract for City Council consideration.

### **Darien Fest\***

Representatives from the Darien Chamber addressed the Council regarding the 2017 Darien Fest. The Council discussed the Chamber's request for the City to provide free police and public works services. The majority consensus of the Council was to consider requiring a sliding scale reimbursement from the Chamber based on profits made from the fest. The Chamber was asked to provide a written proposal to the City based on the comments from the Council. The written proposal is to include a proposed sliding scale for reimbursement and tentative plan/schedule for the 2017 fest. The Council expressed that the 2017 fest should include more to create the event as a community event.

### **Police Department Goals\***

Chief Thomas provided the City Council with proposed strategic plan for the Police Department to focus on over the next 2 years and answered questions from the Council.

### **Park District Request- Update Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Enforcement on Park District Property\***

Staff advised there is currently an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) in place, dated November 6, 1995, providing for the Darien Police Department to enforce Park District Rules and Regulations on Park District property. The Park District updated its' rules and is requesting a new IGA with the City to enforce these rules. The City Staff has requested changes to the original draft provided by the Park District. The Consensus of the Council was to accept the Park District's request and formalize the updated agreement. Mayor Weaver suggested the agreement be revised to clarify which sections of the Park District's rules the Police Department may enforce. All agreed with Mayor Weaver's suggestion. Administrator Vana asked the Council if there is interest in adding language requiring reimbursement from the Park District for time police may spend enforcing Park rules. The Council concurred not to require reimbursement.

### **Clarendon Hills Road Mid-Block Cross Walk\***

This year's budget included funds to conduct a feasibility study to determine if a mid-block crosswalk was warranted across Clarendon Hills Road near Community Park. The study was completed and concluded that a mid-block cross walk was not warranted for the study area. Director Gombac provided a comprehensive scope of work for the area around Clarendon Hills and Roger Roads including storm water improvements. The Council concurred that, prior to beginning any phase of this project, the City should conduct a drainage study to improve drainage near Clarendon Hills Road and Maple. Director Gombac advised that this study is not in the current budget but funds are available to conduct the study. The Consensus of the Council was to have the drainage study presented on the City Council Agenda for approval on November 7, 2016.

### **Review of 2016 Citizen Surveys\***

The Council reviewed the results of the 2016 Citizen Survey.

**Property Maintenance Enforcement**

The Council discussed the City’s current Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement efforts to determine if these efforts should be more proactive. Staff advised that the City is primarily reactive to Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement in which we focus on responding to resident complaints of potential code violations. Some examples include RVs/boats parking in driveways, location of garbage cans on private property, houses in need of general repairs such as painting/rubbish accumulation, and storage of junk vehicles. The option for the City is to allocate time and resources to systematically patrol neighborhoods in order to identify property maintenance and code enforcement violations and require compliance. The majority consensus of the Council was to continue the current process for code enforcement.

**75<sup>th</sup> Street and Cass Avenue Enhancements**

Staff advised that the 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Cass Avenue lighting and landscaping improvements are now complete. The Council expressed their thoughts on the final improvements and provided opinions on any future beautification projects the Council may be interested in pursuing. The majority consensus of the Council was to make sure our maintenance plan is sufficient to properly care for the new planted areas and see how the area looks next year prior to adding more landscaped areas.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

KATHLEEN MOESLE WEAVER, MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

JOANNE E. RAGONA, CITY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_