

City of Derby  
Board of Aldermen  
April 6, 2006  
Minutes

**DERBY CITY HALL CHAMBERS – APRIL 6, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Anthony Staffieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Anthony Szewczyk, Matthew DeBarbieri, Beverly Moran, James Benanto,  
Ronald Sill, Joseph Bomba, Scott Boulton, and Kenneth Hughes, President.

Absent: Dennis Deveonshuk

Also, in attendance:

Philip Robertson, Chief Administrator  
Corp. Counsel, Joseph Coppola  
Town/City Clerk, Laura A. Wabno  
Ronald Culmo, Public Works Director  
Jack Walsh, Park & Recreation Commissioner

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Hughes said he would like to add to the Agenda without objection the following:  
Item #16. Greenway Committee Requests; refer to Jack Walsh for clarification. Three  
items of concern. Then move Item #15 to the end of the Agenda for Executive  
Session, this would be Item #16.

Motion was made by Mr. Hughes to add the Revolving Loan of Dennis Sojka owner of  
Mattei's Deli & Catering to the Agenda without objection, second by Mr. Sill, all in  
favor. (Item #15)

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. DeBarbieri with a second from Mr. Boulton. to approve  
the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Carl Yacobacci, 10 Lombardi Drive Derby. Spoke regarding the Greenway and his  
concerns concerning the Ordinance (56-10), Discharge of Excretia, the "Pooper Scooper"  
ordinance. His concern was that people walking their animals are not picking up after  
them and this has become a nuisance to all other people and families trying to  
enjoy the walkway. Mr. Yacobacci's concerns were so noted and was told that the City is

aware of the problem and Mr. Culmo, Public Works Director stated that there have recently been signs placed notifying users of the Walkway of the Ordinance and it will be enforced.

Mr. Yacobacci also voiced concerns that was last discussed in 1995 and with the recent taking of private property through Emm. Domain he is concerned that Derby is missing the time to act now as in other towns to prevent developers from coming into our town in the name of progress and taking citizens homes and businesses away. He feels that Derby should act now and research just what other towns in similar situations are doing to take steps from this happening in Derby. The Board made note of Mr. Yacobacci concerns and will research the facts and get back to him or with the City with a follow up.

### **Public Portion Closed 7:09PM**

A Motion was made to accept the minutes of March 23, 2006 by Mr. Benanto, seconded by Mr. Sill, all in favor Motion Passed.

Mr. Hughes read a letter into the record regarding blight from Mr. Sorrentino of 3 Chestnut Drive of Derby. Mr. Sorrentino stated that through confusion in his mailing address and his use of a PO Box number the violation did not reach him in time to meet the deadline. He has also stated for the record that a copy of this letter will be sent directly to David Kopjanski and ask for an extension. He also states that he has begun the issues at hand.

Motion was made to table Department and Committee Reports by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Bomba, all in favor Motion Passed.

**Item #9** - Beautification Committee, was discussed by Mayor Staffieri. The Mayor would like to form a Volunteer Committee such as the former Garden Club to bring back the downtown area with seasonal plantings and to spruce up all City own properties. The Mayor suggested that the homeowners and/or business owners be given a citation recognizing their efforts to help beautify the town. Mr. Hughes suggested that we advertise to the public and look for volunteers. Alderman Bomba was the first to volunteer his time it was also noted that Alderman Sill might now have some spare time due to his recent retirement. The conversation continued with suggestions and will be sent to the Downtown Committee temporarily for a start up with the creation and the Mayor will accept the names of those who wish to volunteer and set up Committee as soon as possible.

**Item #10** – Road Signage was discussed. The Public Works Director and Chief Cota explained that during the winter months some signs do get damaged and there also is the case of general vandalism that occurs. The Chief and Mr. Culmo will have their staffs make note of any missing Street signage and will have them replaced. Once the list is compiled, it goes before the Board of Police Commissioners and the next process is to start replacement. The Chief feels that with the Parking Authority now back in order and

with the help of Joe Moore the Police Dept., Public Works Dept. and the Parking Authority will be able to solve most of the signage problems currently at hand. The Chief is also asking the Tax Board for additional money to reinstall one-way signage especially in the Griffin Hospital area, the additional funds requested was \$1,700.00. The Chief stated that many of the one-way signs do not appear until someone has already entered the street and must then turn around.

**Item #11 – Clock Placement.** Mayor Staffieri made note that the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club has donated a large pedestal two-sided clock to the City. In conferring with the Mayors Office as to where it should displayed Mayor Staffieri took all suggestions into consideration and it was determined that the clock would be placed on the corner of City Hall at the intersection of Main and Elizabeth Street. The area would also be used for plantings around the clock. A concrete pad would have to be constructed and electricity run. The Mayor said before the final placement is determined he would still take suggestions from the public.

**Item #12 – Aldermanic Chambers** to be used as a television studio for public viewing of all Boards and Commission Meetings. Mayor Staffieri stated that this would available for subscribers to the local cablevision network only not Satellite Dish subscribers. It was noted by Markanthy Izzo that you a person were to take the training course offered by Valley Cablevision, that person(s) would be qualified to run the camera at no charge to the City of Derby.

The Aldermen felt this would be of interest to the citizens of Derby and that it should be researched further.

The Mayor also made note that there is now a water cooler available in the Aldermanic Chambers.

**Item #13 – Storms Ambulance and Rescue Corp. Inc. Adoption of “Emergency Medical Services Plan”.** Explanation given by Mr. Thomas Lenart, (full description of plan available for viewing in the Town/City Clerk’s Office), it was indicated that this was a process started a few years back and the last Administration failed to follow through with the resolution as presented.

The Resolution was into the record by Mr. Hughes. A motion was made to accept the “Emergency Medical Services Plan” by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Bomba, with a note of the name change made by Kenneth Hughes, from James Hughes to Kenneth Hughes, all in favor. Motion passes. Mr. Sill made note that this fell through a black whole and is pleased to see that it has finally been completed.

At this time the Mr. Lenart introduced the newest member of the Derby Emergency Rescue Department, a search and rescue dog named “Kevin”. Kevin is currently under training as a Seeing Eye dog and by June 2006, he will be fully trained in search and rescue. It was noted that Wal-Mart of Derby has donated the dog and a local Vet has

donated his medical services and check-ups when needed. The Mayor welcomed and Mr. Bomba went to personally greet Kevin on behalf of City.

**Item #14** – Public Works extension of Road Bond Contracts through 2006. Mr. Culmo stated that there would be no additional costs incurred and Mr. Joyce of Milone and MacBroom, City Engineers confirmed this. This was the question on Board Members Moran and Szewczyk and other members voiced the same concern. Once explained that no additional costs would occur to the City a motion was made by Mr. Szewczyk, second by Mr. DeBarbieri, all in favor, motion passes. Mr. McLiverty, City Treasurer stated that the City has the right to audit the figures at any time during the process and to be sure that all compliances are being met.

**Item #15** – Greenway Committee Requests

Mr. Jack Walsh, Chairman of the Greenway Committee has a recommendation from his Committee to relocate the fountain currently from Academy Hill to the Division Street entrance to the Walkway. This was part of a plan at one time but fell to the way side. The approximate cost for the relocation is \$10,000.00, which would be covered under a Grant already secured by the City for the Greenway Project. Discussion entailed whether or not there were any restrictions with regards to the fountain being donated and whether or not it had to remain at its current sight. Mr. Walsh assured the Board that there were no such restrictions. Motion was made by Mr. Hughes, to move the Fountain, second by Mr. Sill, all in favor motion passes.

A discussion was made in reference to City Ordinance 56-10 and the fees that would be charged for violation. Mr. Culmo stated that he found signs and placed them on the Greenway the fine states \$10.00 per violation. It was noted that the Ordinance states the fine to be \$50.00 per violation. Mr. Culmo stated that he would make the changes immediately. It was suggested that when the Town/City Clerk office sends out dog license renewal forms that the Ordinance be placed as a reminder to all residents as well.

**Item #15** – Revolving Loan – Application Dennis Sojka, owner Mattei's Deli & Catering. Mr. Sill explained that this is a program available to Derby Businesses that meet the qualifications and guidelines. The program was first started in 1996 with a \$25,000.00 limit. The owner must agree to the guidelines one being to hire a certain number of employees as described in the amount of the loan applied for. Mr. Sojka is aware of the regulations and guidelines. His business currently is expanding and the loan is to cover the added expenses to fix fire code violations. Mattei's Deli & Catering is a long standing business in the City of Derby and meets all criteria. It was stated that Patty Finn keeps excellent track of all Revolving Loans and follows up accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Sill, was seconded by Mr. Hughes, no further discussion on the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to go into executive Session at 8:03PM, invited into Executive Session are City Treasurer Keith McLiverty and Corp. Counsel Joseph Coppola.

Motion made by Mr. Hughes, second Mr. Bomba, all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Sill, second by Mr. Bomba, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted  
Laura A. Wabno