

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 19, 2012 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**MARCH 19, 2012**

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 Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Eagle Scout Daniel J. Quinnert led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Halil Avci	John F. Poteraske
	Tina M. Beilke	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Marchese	Joerg Seifert
	Sylvia McIvor	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services  
Ernest Brown, Police Chief

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** — There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 5, 2012

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2012, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

7. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DANIEL J. QUINNERT FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT TO THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Weaver read the resolution into the record.

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve:

**RESOLUTION NO. R-24-12**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DANIEL J. QUINNERT FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT TO THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert, Weaver, Ragona, Coren, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

There was resounding applause by the City Council Members.

**B. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Clare Bongiovanni reported the following information:

- Registration is open for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Darien Dash which will be held at Darien Community Park on May 20. This year's theme is "Dash For Cash" with \$2500 being awarded to local schools and youth organizations. Darien Dash sponsorships are still available.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Race Expo will take place at the Darien Park District on May 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Coffee with the Mayor will be held on May 19 at Darien Park District from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Client Appreciation Networking Expo will be held at Ashton Place on April 25, 2012 where the Hinsdale South Hornet Jazz Combo will perform. All Darien businesses are invited to participate and the registration deadline is March 31.
- The next General Membership Luncheon will be held at Carrabba's Italian Grill on April 10.
- Darien Women in Business will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Spring Fashion Show at Midtown Athletic Club on April 18.
- Congratulations to McDonalds on their newly remodeled restaurant.

Ms. Bongiovanni introduced Matt Lanoue of BMO Harris Bank in Darien.

Matt Lanoue advised that BMO Harris Bank has been located at 2275 75<sup>th</sup> Street since April, 1996, and is very active in the Darien Chamber of Commerce and the community. The Bank of Montreal purchased Harris Bank in 1984 and merged with Marshall and Isley Bank in 2011. BMO Harris Bank is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest bank in the United States and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in Chicago. BMO Harris offers full service personal and commercial services. Mr. Lanoue invited the City Council Members to visit and tour the Darien branch.

Ms. Bongiovanni introduced Tim Sullivan of the Darien Neighbors Magazine.

Tim Sullivan advised that the Darien Neighbors Magazine is entering its 7<sup>th</sup> year. There are currently Neighbors Magazines in Geneva, St. Charles, Batavia and Downers Grove with the addition of two new communities in the near future. He is happy to announce the expansion of areas of coverage in recreation, education and commerce. On March 28, the Darien Neighbors Magazine, in conjunction with the Darien Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a special event at Republic Bank to launch an aggressive advertising initiative to help small businesses in Darien. At this event, one business will be chosen for the cover of the annual Community Guide and Business Directory. All businesses are encouraged to attend one of the two sessions offered.

Ms. Bongionvanni introduced Lauren Williamson, editor of the Darien Patch.

Lauren Williamson spoke of the website which is devoted to Darien news and events. She noted that the website contains a business directory, and explained how business owners are able to claim their listing and download photographs, list of services, hours of operation, etc. She invited questions and/or comments be directed to either [lauren.williamson@patch.com](mailto:lauren.williamson@patch.com) or [tim.well@patch.com](mailto:tim.well@patch.com).

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona...

...announced a City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting has been scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at which time a Public Hearing regarding electric aggregation will take place.

... advised that DuPage County Election Commission sent notices to registered voters regarding the location of polling places for the March 20 Primary Election.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown provided the February 2012 Police Department report:

There were 2,534 total calls for service/events created:

- 76.7% of those events required an action on the part of a Darien Patrol Officer.

- 23.3% were handled by a sergeant, civilian or Du-Comm dispatcher.
- 23.6% of the events were the result of a 911 call.
- 76.3% of the events were self-generated by Darien Patrol Officers.
- 560 events were traffic stops or related to traffic enforcement.
- 21 were domestic events.
- Based upon events created, the busiest day of the week was Wednesday.

366 Total Citations Issued

- 57 were non-traffic citations
- 309 were traffic citations

89 Total Arrests

- 79 adult arrests (47% were between the ages of 18-30).
- 10 arrestees between 15 - 17 years of age.

Administrator Vana added that the Police Department weekly press reports have been added to the City’s website.

In response to Alderman Poteraske, Chief Brown advised that in his experience, it is very unusual for Wednesday to be one of the busiest days of the week; research will be conducted to determine why it was.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-20**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-20 in the amount of \$57,445.42 from the General Fund; \$246,447.70 from the Water Fund; \$1,249.06 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$226,803.68 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/08/12; \$15,345.78 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/08/12; for a total to be approved of \$547,291.64.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of February 2012:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$12,095,779; Expenditures \$10,210,541; Current Balance \$3,346,648;
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$3,135,526; Expenditures \$3,286,680; Current Balance \$1,199,528;
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$576,362; Expenditures \$518,671; Current Balance \$138,681;
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,182; Expenditures \$35,494; Current Balance \$100,190;
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,023,176; Expenditures \$2,259,177; Current Balance \$1,878,692;
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$106,370; Expenditures \$104,375; Current Balance of \$4,196.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police Committee** — Chairman McIvor advised the next Police Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to April 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Chairman Poteraske advised the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for April 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room.

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese advised the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. following the City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting.

13. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Weaver announced that New Business Items A & B have been moved to the Consent Agenda. New Business Item C has been re-lettered as Item A.

Mayor Weaver reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**A. A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS "J" TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**B. A MOTION TO APPROVE:**

- **THE HORNET HUSTLE 2012, A 5K RUN/1MILE WALK, SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. AND AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL POLICE AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE STAFFING ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE, BARRICADES AND CITY EXPENSE FOR THIS EVENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT WITH HINSDALE SOUTH ATHLETIC CLUB**
- **USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE HORNET HUSTLE 2012 WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:  
5K RUN – 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE AND FOLLOWING CHEROKEE DRIVE TO DARIEN LANE; NORTH ON DARIEN LANE AND FOLLOWING TIMBER LANE TO SEMINOLE DRIVE; NORTH ON SEMINOLE DRIVE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET; WEST ON 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE TO HINSBROOK AVENUE; EAST ON HINSBROOK AVENUE TO WILMETTE AVENUE; NORTH ON WILMETTE AVENUE TO 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET; EAST ON 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET; EAST ON 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES; AND  
1 MILE WALK – 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET; EAST ON 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES**

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6C-4-7 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE, “WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES”**

Mayor Weaver advised that the City of Chicago levied a large water rate increase, which left the City no choice but to raise water rates.

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-12-12                      AN      ORDINANCE      AMENDING  
SECTION 6C-4-7 OF THE DARIEN  
CITY                      CODE,                      “WATER  
CONSUMPTION CHARGES”**

Administrator Vana explained the water rates, which will be effective with the May 2012 billing, will increase for residents from \$4.90 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.90 per 1,000 gallons. He urged residents to visit DuPage Water Commission and similar websites to learn water conservation measures.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL**



Alderman Seifert reminded all that a fundraiser will be held at Carriage Greens on April 20 benefiting the children of Sergeant James Borsilli. He advised that further information may be obtained by contacting him, Clare Bongiovanni, any Police Officer or the website at <http://www.BorsilliCancerFund.com>.

Alderman Marchese advised that he spoke at Euclid Foundation on March 17 and was very impressed with the new facility. He added that upon completion of the chapel, the City Council Members will be invited to take a tour of the facility.

Clerk Ragona advised that polling places will be open tomorrow from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Alderman McIvor...

...advised the Darien Park District has a training program for those interested in participating in the Darien Dash.

...announced that donations to support the recovery of a young boy who was recently hit by a car may be made to Hope for Hunter at Charter One Bank, 400 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Downers Grove. Further information can be obtained through Center Cass School District 66.

On behalf of the Darien Historical Society, Alderman Poteraske expressed gratitude to McDonald's for their \$250 donation.

Mayor Weaver...

...commented the renovated McDonald's looks lovely and inquired as to when the parking lot will be repaved. Director Gombac responded that the paving and sign plans have not been submitted.

...received a lovely floral arrangement from McDonald's.

Alderman Beilke reminded all that the Citizen of the Year dinner/dance is March 24, 2012. Assistant Administrator Coren advised that tickets may be purchased for the event through Wednesday.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 03-19-12.  
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