

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 15, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

APRIL 15, 2013

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**

Mayor Weaver 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, Jr.
	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. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

Mayor Weaver announced that New Business Item A had been removed from the agenda.

Claudia Manley announced that she, along with Edward Corcoran and Victor Casini were recently elected to the Hinsdale South High School District 86 Board on April 9, 2013; they look forward to working with the City and the community.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 1, 2013

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 1, 2013, as presented.

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

Abstain: Avci

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Weaver remarked that she and Chief Brown had the privilege of speaking at the Younger Than Ever Senior Club Meeting at the Sportsplex. She expressed pleasure at being able to share information with the 72 members who attended.

Alderman Avci thanked the residents of Ward 7 for voting in the last election, and congratulated Tom Belczak on his win.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Clare Bongiovanni provided a report as follows:

- Welcomed new Chamber Members: American Academy of Sleep Clinic, Family Care Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Family K9 Dog Training, and Darien Animal Clinic.

- Chamber 101 will be held at State Bank of Countryside on April 24, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.
- Registration is now open for the Darien Dash, which will be held at Darien Community Park on May 19, 2013 at 8:30 A.M. T-shirt and bib pick up will be held at X Sport Fitness located in the Chestnut Court Shopping Center on May 18, 2013 from 8:00 A.M. to noon.
- Community volunteers are needed on May 18, 2013 to help put up directional signs for the Darien Dash.
- Concentra Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on May 11, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.
- Wilton School of Cake Decorating Re-Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on June 8, 2013.
- DarienFest will be held on September 6, 7, and 8, 2013. Main stage events will include Battle of the Bands on September 7, and Darien Idol on September 8. A new event will be the DarienFest Pet Parade on September 6, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to noon.

Clare Bongiovanni introduced Liz Huskey of Family K9 Dog Training who will be serving as Chairman of the DarienFest Pet Parade.

Liz Huskey provided information on her company and experience as follows:

- Has been training dogs for over ten years
- Founded Family K9 Dog Training in 2008
- Has been training group classes through the Park District since 2006
- Trains all levels of obedience
- AKC approved
- Gives private lessons
- Her dog Otis is becoming certified as a Therapy Dog
- She volunteers at dog rescue
- Visits Seaspar with her dog monthly
- Has recently begun hospice work
- Goals are to expand her operation to full time, and to include day care and therapy dogs.

Alderman McIvor expressed sadness with the closing of Caribou Coffee.

Mayor Weaver...

...advised that the State of the City will be incorporated into the Town Hall Meeting which will take place at Carriage Greens on September 26, 2013; all Darien taxing bodies have been invited to participate.

...announced the recent resignation of Mark Piccoli from the Board of Fire & Police Commission, and expressed gratitude for all his fine work. She noted that residents interested in serving on City Commissions and Committees are welcome to apply; applications are available on-line and at City Hall.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona...

...announced that those who are required to file, must submit their DuPage County Statement of Economic Interest by May 1, 2013 in order to avoid a penalty; the Darien Ethic Statement is also due on May 1, 2013.

...announced the County's Canvass of Votes will be conducted on or before April 30, 2013, and the re-elected and newly elected Council Members will take the Oath of Office at the City Council Meeting on May 6, 2013.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Officer Marina Liska and Officer Lauren Renner presented information on a new program designed to serve the senior citizens of Darien as follows:

- Both officers have been trained and certified as Elderly Service Officers through the State.
- The program will educate senior citizens on services available through the City, Township, County and State, and help protect them from becoming victims of crime and abuse.
- Goals are to train all the Darien Police Officers on this topic.
- Establish a Senior Citizen Database utilizing an Elderly Contact Card.
- Institute an Elderly Lock Box Program (Home Depot is offering a \$5.00 coupon towards purchase of a \$29.95 Lock Box.)
- Train businesses in town to recognize crimes against the elderly.
- Work with senior living facilities, churches and the Park District on behalf of the senior citizens.

Alderman McIvor suggested an article on this program be placed in the Neighbors Magazine. Mayor Weaver recommended Officers Liska and Renner speak at the various

Darien Senior Clubs. Mayor Weaver commended Officers Liska and Renner on their initiative, and thanked them for instituting this worthy program.

Chief Brown also commended Officers Liska and Renner on the creation of this important program. He remarked that he recently took a Violence Against Women training class. He advised that in order to better serve victims of violence, internal policies must be established. He noted that domestic violence accounts for 35% of 911 calls. Chief Brown will be establishing committees to develop the internal policies, and is seeking individuals willing to serve on the committees. Applications for service may be obtained through him, Carol Kopta, or on the City's website.

Director Gombac...

...provided an update on Crest Basin. He noted that, as a result of a meeting with DuPage County, they seem willing to continue the wetland management, and have agreed to plant trees in the share costs amount not to exceed \$5,000. The City Council had no objection to matching the County's contribution to the tree planting.

...met with the City Engineer to discuss DuPage County's remapping of flood zones through FEMA. The remapping could place up to twenty additional homes into flood zones. Staff has noted a discrepancy, and submitted a request for further review. Alderman Schauer noted the remapping will result in lower property values and affect future sale of the homes.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 12-13-21

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve payment of Warrant Number 12-13-21 in the amount of \$98,217.50 from the General Fund; \$299,839.11 from the Water Fund; \$1,138.96 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,211.78 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$217,433.75 General Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/04/13; \$13,863.23 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/04/13; for a total to be approved of \$631,704.33.

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 REPORT – MARCH 2013

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of March 2013:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$12,518,426; Expenditures \$9,314,354; Current Balance \$4,512,598
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,896,611; Expenditures \$5,186,758; Current Balance \$588,008
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$598,129; Expenditures \$495,034; Current Balance \$312,919
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$508,031; Expenditures \$21,907; Current Balance \$762,398
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$5,087,085; Expenditures \$2,929,094; Current Balance \$4,022,699
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$498,021; Expenditures \$494,375; Current Balance of \$7,854

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for April 22, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee – Chairman McIvor announced the next meeting of the Police Committee will be scheduled following the installation of the new Council Members and committee assignments.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

Although New Business Item A was removed from the agenda, Mayor Weaver opened the floor to a discussion regarding District 61 Crossing Guards. A lengthy discussion took place on whether this item should continue to be funded by the City, eliminated, or

phased out. It was determined that this item be reviewed once the new Council Members are installed.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

A. A MOTION TO APPROVE:

- **THE FOURTH ANNUAL HORNET HUSTLE 2013, A 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013 BEGINNING AT 8:20 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 2013 WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:
5K RUN – 71ST 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 71ST STREET; WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE TO HINSBROOK AVENUE; EAST ON HINSBROOK AVENUE TO WILMETTE AVENUE; NORTH ON WILMETTE AVENUE TO 69TH STREET; EAST ON 69TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES; AND
1 MILE WALK – 71ST STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO**

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- B. RESOLUTION NO. R-43-13** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE A SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM TO MONITOR 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD FROM ANDROMEDA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,208.95**
- C. RESOLUTION NO. R-44-13** **A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING BUILDING PERMIT FEES TO ENCOURAGE HOME IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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17. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

18. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL

Arleta Peknik advised that her husband attended the Younger Than Ever Senior Club Meeting today and found the presentation from Mayor Weaver and Chief Brown to be very educational and informative. She expressed pleasure with the care and consideration being given to the Senior Citizen Community, and the new program being instituted to aid in their services and protection. She questioned if the information on the Elderly Contact Cards will be readily available to the 911 DuComm Center. Chief Brown responded that 911 calls made from the Darien residence will go directly to DuComm, and the information on the Elderly Contact Cards will be available through the

Police Data Base; calls made from a cell phone will go first to the Sheriff's Department, and then be transferred to DuComm.

Alderman Marchese asked residents to keep the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy in their prayers. Chief Brown advised that the Police Department is keeping abreast of the situation as information becomes available.

Alderman McIvor suggested that when speaking to the senior groups, the Elderly Service Officers include information on DuPage County's Smart 911 cell phone registration in their presentations.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk