

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 15, 2014 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**DECEMBER 15, 2014**

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:	Tina Beilke	Joseph A. Marchese
	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Joerg Seifert

Absent: Sylvia McIvor

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

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

5. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 1, 2014

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 1, 2014 as presented.

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer, Seifert

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:      McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from Bill Nolan, 1500 block of Canterbury, concerning no evidence of curbs on 75<sup>th</sup> between Williams and Adams, and the extended wait time for north/southbound traffic at the 75<sup>th</sup> and Williams signal. Director Gombac advised that since there was no curb and gutter at that location previously; DuPage County opted not to install. In regards to the traffic signal, Director Gombac forwarded Mr. Nolan’s concerns to Omega Engineering for their response.

Mayor Weaver...

...received a letter from Paul Schoenbeck of Uni-Carrier thanking the City for their support and staff’s assistance through the variance application process.

...thanked Cynthia McGann and Dena Provenzano for the invitation to attend the documentary film screening of “A Place At The Table” which promotes awareness of the severe hunger problem in America. Clerk Ragona added that the Rotary Club of Darien provides 110 students with food on the last day of each school week so they will have food at home over the weekend. She noted that contributions and volunteers are always needed for this program.

8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

**A. RECOGNITION OF 2014 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS**

Mayor Weaver introduced the Holiday Home Decorating Contest Committee: Elizabeth Hayes, Jim Kiser, and Gerry Leganski. Gerry Leganski recognized and thanked Jeannette Campo for her 19 years of service to the committee. He advised that 22 nominations were received. Gerry Leganski and Elizabeth Hayes announced the winners as follows:

Honorable Mention Certificates to:

- John & Nancy Kozar, 8595 Beller Court
- Mark & Debbie Kennedy, 8384 Alden Lane
- Mike & Lori Reczek, 1118 79<sup>th</sup> Street
- Joe & Nancy Sannasardo, 1122 Timber Lane

2014 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners:

- Fifth Place Winner was Renato & Myrna Montefusco, 1921 McAdam Road; Fifth Place Certificate and \$25.00 check
- Fourth Place Winner was Glenn & Karen Haines, 921 69th Street; Fourth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check
- Third Place Winner was Bob & Debbie Serritella, 1914 McAdam Road; Third Place Certificate and a \$50.00 check
- Second Place Winner was Kevin & Pat Zipsie, 701 70th Street; Second Place Certificate and a \$100.00 check
- First Place Winner was Ben & Nancy Santore, 7349 Adams Street; First Place Certificate and a \$200.00 check

Elizabeth Hayes thanked all the winners for the wonderful decorations that the community has the privilege to enjoy. Jim Kiser presented photographs of the winning homes which will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall. He advised that since Ben and Nancy Santore have done such a wonderful job decorating their home year after year, the Committee recommends they be added to the list of Lifetime Honorary Award recipients. Mayor Weaver thanked the committee for their fine work. She announced that seating is still available for the Holiday Lights Bus Tour on December 22 at 6:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that Darien City Offices will be closed on December 24 and 25, 2014 and January 1, 2015 in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2014**

Chief Brown announced there have been no additional home burglaries, and a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the offender(s) has been

offered through federal funds seized by the task force officer. The Police Department is working on obtaining surveillance cameras. Mayor Weaver advised she has received many comments of gratitude to the Police Department for their additional surveillance. She noted that the November 2014 Police Department Monthly Report is available for viewing on the City’s website. Mayor Weaver added that one of the steps the City has taken to protect the community, is to temporarily suspend issuance of Solicitor Permits. Chief Brown explained the law Governor Quinn has signed, which becomes effective on January 1, 2015, ending the practice of requiring a motorist to surrender his or her driver’s license for offenses classified as a “petty offense.”

Director Gombac provided an update on the Plainfield Road and Cass Avenue clock tower and the Darien Pointe development. He added that demolition of the gas station located on the northwest corner of Cass and Plainfield, will occur upon authorization from EPA. Alderman Beilke inquired if a right turn onto Plainfield Road from eastbound 75<sup>th</sup> is now prohibited. Director Gombac responded in the affirmative. Alderman Seifert inquired if Darien Pointe construction will cause wear and tear on the fountain. Director Gombac responded that it will not.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 14-15-15**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 14-15-15 in the amount of \$366,908.52 from the enumerated funds; and \$291,578.54 from payroll funds for the period ending 12/11/14; for a total to be approved of \$658,487.06.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer, Seifert
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	McIvor

Results: Ayes 6 Nays 0, Absent 1  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2014**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of November 2014:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$8,763,708; Expenditures \$6,878,637; Current Balance \$2,789,824
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$3,497,558; Expenditures \$3,391,819; Current Balance \$1,125,071
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$520,979; Expenditures \$255,372; Current Balance \$418,063
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,819; Expenditures \$30,391; Current Balance \$277,861
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,469,495; Expenditures \$3,343,224; Current Balance \$6,545,867
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$497,786; Expenditures \$497,750; Current Balance of \$13,449

Alderman Marchese suggested that, periodically, the Treasurer provide a brief fund description for better understanding by the viewing audience. Treasurer Coren provided a brief explanation of the General and Capital Improvement Funds. Administrator Vana added that the detailed Expenditure Journal may be viewed on the City’s website.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese announced the December 22, 2014 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee has been cancelled.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairman Schauer announced the January 5, 2015 meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee has been cancelled.

**Police Committee** – Alderman Belczak announced the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Police Committee has been cancelled.

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

Mayor Weaver announced that Consent Agenda Item A has been moved to New Business as Item A.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE:**

- **THE HORNET HUSTLE 2015, A 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 BEGINNING AT 9:00 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 2015 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**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the motion as presented.

Roll Call:       Ayes:           Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer, Seifert  
                  Nays:           None  
                  Absent:        McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Alderman Marchese announced the Lions Club will be packing food baskets and delivering them to approximately 205 local families on December 19 and 20, 2014; a \$75 donation feeds a family for two weeks. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

Alderman Kenny invited all to meet Santa Claus at Brookhaven Shopping Center on December 20, 2014.

Jim Kiser advised that the 205 families served by the Lions Club Food Basket Program translates into approximately 900 individuals. He added that any donation amount is welcome.

Mayor Weaver noted that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Peace have active food pantries.

Mayor Weaver wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk