

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF DARIEN  
MARCH 26, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Weaver. In attendance were: Aldermen Avci, Beilke, Poteraske, and Schauer. Also in attendance were: Mayor Weaver, Clerk Ragona, Treasurer Coren, Administrator Vana, and Assistant Administrator Coren.

**2. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** — There being four Aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

**3. ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN OF GOVERNANCE**

Clerk Ragona read the Public Hearing notice, which was published in the Liberty Suburban Newspapers on March 9 and March 16, 2012, into the record.

Mayor Weaver asked if Council had questions.

Alderman Avci asked NIMEC about the purchase of power with other municipalities, if they would deal with generators or brokers. Mr. David Hoover of NIMEC responded that they would contact all authorized suppliers authorized through the ICC; they would short list the number of suppliers (between 6 -9 suppliers) and then go to bid.

Alderman Avci inquired if all authorized suppliers have sufficient power / generation. Mr. Hoover said that all of Northern Illinois is currently being supplied power and that power would be shuffled, 30% of the load would go from ComEd suppliers to our suppliers. There would be no net increase/decrease; there would be no risk because it would be the same suppliers generating the same power.

Alderman Avci asked about the pricing for power. Mr. Hoover noted that it would be the suppliers business have the proper amount of power to supply, which would not change and has not been a problem. The suppliers know the loads, generators, and are able to deliver the quantities of power needed. After the project goes to bid, fixed rates would be presented for 1, 2, or 3 years and during that period of time the rate cannot change. Mr.

Hoover said that there would not be a minimum/maximum amount of power specified, the supplier would provide whatever power was needed for Darien. ComEd would be POLR (Provider of Last Resort) if contracted supplier could not fulfill requirement for supplying power; therefore, power continues to flow. ComEd would charge residents at the ComEd rate, not at the discounted rate for the supply.

Alderman Beilke asked for further explanation about the 'opt out' that residents could utilize. Assistant Administrator Coren responded that the supplier would send letters to all residents approximately two weeks after the contract is approved by Council. The letter would explain to residents how to 'opt out'; it would contain information as to time frame and instructions. If residents do nothing, they would automatically be included in the plan; ComEd would send a second letter to residents, called a decision letter, verifying their choice. Mr. Hoover said that residents who already have signed up with a third party supplier would automatically be excluded from the aggregation program and would not be contacted.

Mr. Hoover explained that the ICC has two definitions of small commercial, (i.e., McDonalds – dry cleaners); unfortunately, most of Darien's small businesses would be excluded.

Alderman Avci noted that ComEd was the distribution company not the supplier of electricity. Mr. Hoover agreed and said that there were many different suppliers to ComEd. Mr. Hoover indicated that because of the IPA, prices were negotiated for the best rate, which could be lower than ComEd by 20-25%.

Assistant Administrator Coren reviewed the process. He indicated that this was the first Public Hearing; a second Public Hearing was scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>; there would be an Ordinance for the Plan of Governance; NIMEC was in the process of obtaining rates, which Council would need to approve.

In response to Alderman Avci, Mr. Hoover said that any supplier who contracts with the IPA must supply a percentage of green power and that green power would be included in the bid.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Weaver asked if anyone in the audience had questions or comments. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee-of-the-Whole, it was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Avci to adjourn.

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting at 6:54 P.M.

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Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor

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JoAnne E. Ragona, 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 03-26-12 Committee-of-the-Whole.