

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee
November 8th, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Poteraske at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was declared.
Committee Members in attendance: Aldermen Halil Avci and Carolyn Gattuso.

The following were also present: City Administrator Bryon Vana, City Treasurer Mike Coren,
Assistant City Administrator Scott Coren

YTD Review – General Fund/Capital Project/Cash Flow

Staff presented sheets showing the mid year review of revenues and expenses in the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund. Alderman Poterakse asked why many of the budget numbers were not revised as part of the mid year review. Vana advised that the mid year review focused on larger items such as police salaries, insurance estimates, capital items and other budget numbers if finalized. Staff also reviewed the estimated cash flow report for the general fund. Alderman Avci noted that fund balance portion of the cash flow report didn't match the revised budget numbers staff presented. Vana advised the cash flow report would be revised. Alderman Poteraske that the same review be completed for the water fund and discussed with the Committee at a future meeting.

County IGA – meter reading

Staff advised that we currently have an agreement with DuPage County to provide the City with meter reading and reporting for Darien water customers. During this year's budget discussions staff discussed this issue and increased the budget for these services in anticipation of the new agreement proposed by the County. Staff advised the most significant change is the fees. We typically budget approximately \$45,000 for these services. Next year's budget will be approximately \$156,000 which was identified in our 3 year water budget. The significant increase was based on a water rate study conducted by the County last year. The Committee asked staff to review alternatives to the agreement with the County. Staff advised the issue would be sent to the Municipal Services Committee for additional review.

Nimec electric aggregation

Staff advised that the City of Darien received a letter from NIMEC, a company that assists us with the power supply for our water pumping stations and streetlights notifying us of a change in state law that could lead municipalities to purchase electric supply on behalf of their residents. This could have the effect of lowering the cost of power for individual homes in the community. There are several issues that must be resolved before this could happen. Once those issues are resolved, the most effective program would be an "opt out" option program in which residents that wanted their power through a ComEd bid could opt out of the Darien bid. The remainder of the residents would be tied to a contract with a supplier and the City of Darien. To create an "opt out" program, there would need to be two

public hearings and a referendum on the next election ballot. The Committee concurred to move forward with the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Next scheduled meeting date is Monday, December 13th, 2010.

Approved:

John Poteraske, Chairman _____

Halil Avci, Member _____

Carolyn Gattuso, Member _____