

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 19, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

AUGUST 19, 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:	Tina M. Beilke	Sylvia McIvor
	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Joerg Seifert
	Joseph A. Marchese	

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**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 5, 2013

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 5, 2013, as amended during the Work Session to add language regarding the cell tower lease; the tower will be constructed at the Public Works facility.

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from Charlene Kugland of the 1500 block of 71st Street regarding a utility company issue. The situation was rectified by Director Gombac.

Alderman McIvor received an invitation from Patrick Donaldson to the Aurora Sportsman's Club. She thanked Mr. Donaldson and his wife for the educational experience on gun ownership.

Alderman Beilke received a complaint regarding a white van with flat tires that has been parked near Teddy's Red Hots since January. She forwarded the complaint to Chief Brown.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – DHARA PUVAR

Mayor Weaver presented Dhara Puvar with a certificate in recognition of her achievement for being one of the top 2% students in a class of 650 at Downers Grove South High School.

Ms. Puvar expressed gratitude for the recognition; she stated she will be attending Loyola University where she will major in psychology.

B. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Clare Bongiovanni provided a report as follows:

- The Shop Local Shop Darien Campaign has been very successful with the following participating Chamber businesses: Aodake Sushi & Steak House, Chuck's Southern Comforts Café, Home Run Inn, Jet's Pizza, Q Bar & Grill, Zazzo's Pizza, Culvers, LaNotte Due, B&R Dentist, Carefree Carmelite Village, the Goddard School, and Goers Dental.
- Hot Deals may be found at www.darienchamber.com.
- Shop Local Shop Darien Preferred Cards are available at City Hall for \$5.
- The 26th DarienFest will be held from September 6 through September 8.
- Wild Orchid Salon will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 12 at 5:00 p.m.
- Darien Chamber of Commerce will be participating in the Darien Town Hall Meeting at Carriage Green Country Club on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Clare Bongiovanni introduced Chris Reum, General Manager of Q Bar & Grill.

Chris Reum advised that he is the manager of Q Bar & Grill. He noted that the establishment has been remodeled and the name changed to move away from the billiard parlor aspect and turn the restaurant into a family friendly venue with entertainment. Mr. Reum is looking forward to a final decision on video gaming in Darien, and has not yet heard from the State regarding the license.

Ms. Bongiovanni introduced Shawn Lamb.

Shawn Lamb, bargaining member of the Darien-Woodridge Firefighters Local 3437 announced a 5K Walk which is scheduled for September 28, 2013 at Oldfield Oaks Forest Preserve in Meyers Woods Park to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mr. Lamb spoke of the premier cancer care provided at St. Jude and noted that \$.81 of every dollar raised goes to the children. There will be food, activities for children, and giveaways; residents interested in volunteering for the event are welcome. For further information and registration, the website is www.StJudeEvents.org/3437. A discussion took place regarding banners and signs to publicize the event.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced city offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2013 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday; the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana provided a brief history and update on the video gaming ordinance which was adopted by the City Council on March 4, 2013 in order to accommodate the very lengthy State License application process. He noted that at that time, staff was directed to survey other communities to determine if there was a correlation between video gaming and increased criminal activities. He noted that the city received very little feedback on the video gaming survey. Administrator Vana advised that in order to attempt to achieve more input from the community, a simplified survey will go out on Direct Connect. He advised that Q Bar, Carriage Greens, Chuck's Southern Comforts Café and La Note have applied for video gaming licenses; and the city has received two requests for the creation of liquor licenses.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown provided an overview of the results of the video gaming survey of other communities. The survey results showed no increase in police calls, criminal activities, vehicle or pedestrian traffic, and/or complaints, with one community reporting higher than anticipated revenues. Chief Brown will conduct an additional survey of Countryside, Oak Lawn, and Brookfield. Alderman Marchese suggested that the survey results be reviewed during the Goal Setting Session.

Director Gombac provided a detailed report on the current status of Emerald Ash Borer inspections, treatments, tree removal and costs. He noted that if all the trees are removed in fiscal year ending 2014, there will be a budget shortfall of \$32,000. In an attempt to remain within budget, he is in the process of obtaining an expert opinion on the feasibility and safety of completing the project next year. He added that the treatment appears to be working. In response to Treasurer Coren's inquiry, Director Gombac advised that due to the cool summer, treatment may continue longer than the anticipated cut off of August.

In response to Alderman Seifert, Director Gombac advised Chase Bank construction is due to begin the week of August 26, 2013. In response to Mayor Weaver, he advised that the Wal-Mart parking lot is cordoned off to accommodate construction equipment and parking lot resurfacing.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 13-14-07

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve payment of Warrant Number 13-14-07 in the amount of \$616,320.61 from the enumerated funds; and \$252,268.78 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/08/13; for a total to be approved of \$868,589.39.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairman Schauer announced the next Administrative Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. Administrator Vana advised that the draft audit will be discussed at the September 3, 2013 meeting. Treasurer Coren added that, upon completion, the final audit will be presented to the City Council.

Municipal Services Committee — Alderman Marchese advised the minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee have been submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Police Committee – Alderman McIvor advised the minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting of the Police Committee have been approved. She announced the next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

There were none.

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 Marchese and seconded by Alderman McIvor to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. R-77-13** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO RENEW THE EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE PROGRAM THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2015**

- B. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO RELEASE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY**

- C. **A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S., DARIEN MEMORIAL POST 2838**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND BRYON D. VANA**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the resolution as presented.

Alderman Beilke thanked Administrator Vana for the updates on his goals and initiatives. She recognized that the comparisons on neighboring communities showed the City Administrator to be paid a little lower than the average, but felt the pay is very favorable and comparable in the market. She brought attention to a study of 74 communities which was updated in August and published in the Daily Herald which places Darien at 24. From a strictly financial standpoint, she was not in favor of a 2% increase in addition to the \$1500 merit bonus.

Alderman Kenny credited Administrator Vana for his smooth transition to Alderman, has found him to be available at any time needed, and is deserving of the increase.

RESOLUTION NO. R-78-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF DARIEN AND BRYON D. VANA**

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

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING
ENGINEERS, LOCAL 150 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman McIvor to approve the ordinance as presented.

Administrator Vana noted that the marked up version of the agreement was included with the resolution for clarification.

RESOLUTION NO. R-79-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 150 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Marchese referred to an interesting article on the Village of Bolingbrook in the Chicago Tribune which reported that there has not been a dissenting vote on any item brought before the board in over three years.

Matt Goodwin, Commander of VFW Post 2838 advised that they are in the process of performing renovations and moving in. He expressed gratitude to the amount of support the VFW has received from the community. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled once the move and renovations are completed. He informed the City Council of VFW upcoming events and programs. Commander Goodwin extended gratitude to Public Works employees, Kris and Kevin, for their assistance in installation of the water meter, and in obtaining the proper inspections. He thanked the City Council for the opportunity for the VFW to call Darien their home.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 08-19-13.
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