

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

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
	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
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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 20, 2012

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 20, 2012, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received a call from Charles Tucker of 7716 Brookhaven regarding drainage concerns at his and neighbor’s homes. Alderman Schauer informed Mr. Tucker, this would be discussed during the Goal Setting Session. Director Gombac advised he met with the resident; the problem would take more than replacing the railroad ties and would involve more homes.

As follow-up to an e-mail sent to Director Gombac and Chief Brown regarding two concerns, Alderman Beilke advised that people are parking on and blocking the sidewalk, east of Hinsdale South High School towards Route 83. She questioned why the sidewalk ends at Clarendon Hills Road. Chief Brown advised that enforcement in that area is being enhanced and a traffic study is being conducted. Director Gombac added that the City could consider a 50/50 cost share with Hinsdale South for extension of the sidewalk. He will bring this item to the Goal Setting Session for review and discussion.

Mayor Weaver noted that the sidewalks along Plainfield Road are in need of repair and the ADA ramp materials at the curbs are disintegrating. Administrator Vana and Director Gombac advised that the sidewalks are under DuPage County jurisdiction. Director Gombac will have the sidewalks inspected and report the findings to the County.

Alderman Poteraske reported the bicycle path on the north side of 75th Street from Adams to Fairview is also in need of repair.

Alderman Beilke received telephone calls from residents reporting that high school overflow parking on both sides of Evans is creating a problem with bus access. Alderman Beilke inquired if parking could be restricted to one side of the street with proper signage. Director Gombac will research.

Mayor Weaver...

...thanked Erica Zimmerman for hosting the successful Coffee with the Mayor.

...announced Chuck's Southern Comfort Café loan was approved and the project should move forward in the near future.

...received an e-mail from Stephanie Gurgone, Executive Director of the Park District expressing gratitude to the City and the Police Department for the enhanced enforcement at the parks and reporting a decrease in incidents. Mayor Weaver expressed pride in the Chief and the Police Department for taking a proactive approach at the parks.

...received an e-mail from a resident thanking the City for the Electric Aggregation Program which has resulted in a substantial savings.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. FYE 4-30-12 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Tim Gavin, Audit Supervisor and CPA of Sikich Professional Services & Support gave a detailed presentation of the processes and procedures followed when conducting the City's audit. Following the presentation, Mr. Gavin responded to questions from the City Council Members. Treasurer Coren noted that, in response to recommendation made in the management letter, a change has been implemented in the procedures for transmission, verification and deposit of funds from the Police Department. Lou Karrison advised that the requirements of Government Finance Officers Association were met for the period ending April 30, 2012. Mr. Karrison advised that the auditors agree that the City's financial statements are fair, reasonable, and contain no misstatements, which is the highest form of assurance the auditors can provide. Mr. Karrison and Mr. Gavin responded to further questions from the City Council Members. Treasurer Coren announced that the Police Pension Fund Report has been received and will be reviewed at the next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting. He commended the work and professionalism of Mr. Karrison and Mr. Gavin and thanked them for accelerating the audit process.

B. DUCOMM PRESENTATION

Brian Tegtmeier, Executive Director of DuComm, gave a presentation providing detailed information on the services provided by DuComm, an intergovernmental agency formed in 1975 to provide public safety communication services to Police, Fire, and EMS agencies. Mr. Tegtmeier stressed the importance of calling 911 when police presence is needed. He recommended cell phone users register for Smart 911 Service by visiting the website of DuComm or the DuPage County Sheriff. Following the presentation, Mr. Tegtmeier responded to questions from the City Council Members. Administrator Vana advised there has been significant savings to the City following the move to DuComm. Mr. Tegtmeier reported that

DuComm is currently in the process of seeking additional space for a second facility. Funding and impact are being researched and development of an RFP is in process. Mr. Tegtmeyer explained that funds from the 911 telephone surcharge goes toward capital equipment purchases to support the DuComm and the DuPage County Sheriff communication systems.

C. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

On behalf of the Darien Chamber of Commerce, Clare Bongiovanni thanked the City of Darien, Darien Police Department and Darien Park District for their support of the 25th Annual DarienFest. She also thanked the sponsors and event volunteers. She acknowledged the contributing organizations and supporters.

Ms. Bongiovanni congratulated the winner of Darien Idol, Gianna Marie Scumaci, and all the contestants of Darien Idol and Battle of the Bands. She advised that DarienFest photos can be found on the DarienFest Facebook page.

Ms. Bongiovanni announced the upcoming events:

- Mayor Weaver will give the State of the City address at Ashton Place on September 18, 2012.
- Darien Chamber Women In Business will be hosting "Connecting Women, Creating Opportunities Wine Tasting Networking" event at Carriage Green Country Club on October 25, 2012.
- Darien Days Sponsorship Opportunities are now available. Darien businesses are invited to participate in this week long holiday celebration that will be held November 25 through December 2, 2012. Darien Days will conclude with a Holiday Expo at Lace School and the Darien Historical Society Annual Tree Lighting. For more information visit www.darienchamber.com.

Ms. Bongiovanni introduced Chris Robb from Oakridge Hobbies & Toys. Mr. Robb presented a donation check in the amount of \$404 to Jamie Bukovac, Director and Marian Krupicka, Treasurer of Indian Prairie Library.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Ragona...

...announced the nomination papers for the positions of Alderman for Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be available for pickup at City Hall beginning on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 during normal business hours from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. The Consolidated Election will be held on April 9, 2013.

...advised Cantigny Park is offering a forum entitled "Running for Local Elective Office" on September 27, 2012 beginning at 7:00 P.M. and is open to the public. Admission and parking are free. More information may be found on their website at Cantigny.org.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana advised that Assistant Administrator Coren received ComEd's annual report and met with their new representative. Once questions on the report have been answered, ComEd will attend a City Council Meeting.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown reported the following:

- Kudos to the Darien Police Officers for their implementation of initiatives and enhanced enforcement at the parks.
- Encouraged victims of crimes to participate and assist in prosecution of offenders, and guaranteed their safety.
- Burglary to motor vehicles continues to be a problem; residents are urged to lock vehicles and to keep valuables from view.
- Highlighted the apprehension of one of Darien's top ten offenders in Highland Park.
- Strategies to prevent crimes are being developed.

Alderman Avci noted that the Monthly Crime Comparison shows an increase in crimes in July and August by 50% and 60%. Chief Brown advised that these figures do not reflect an increase in crimes; they reflect an increase in self-generated activities and documentation.

Director Gombac reported as follows:

- Tree Planting Program. This year's tree vendor is TLC Group. To participate in the 50/50 parkway tree planting cost sharing program, contact Ashley Prueter at 630-353-8105; for private tree planting, contact Janna with TLC directly at 630-759-5204.
- City Entrance Signs. The permit process with DuPage is ongoing. It was discovered during this process that the two signs: 1) Cass and Hinswood and 2) Cheese and Lemont are under the jurisdiction of Illinois Department of Transportation. Since the original design plan did not meet IDOT standards, a new design that meets their requirements will be presented at the September 24, 2012 Municipal Services Committee Meeting.
- Brush Pickup. The final brush pickup is scheduled for the week of October 22 through 26. Director Gombac requested that residents not place brush in

parkways until the weekend prior to the pickup; citations will be issued to violators.

- 75th Street Expansion Project. Director Gombac advised that DuPage County anticipates completion of the street project in October. The landscaping will be completed at a later date. Mayor Weaver expressed disappointment that asphalt was being used rather than concrete.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 12-13-08

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve payment of Warrant Number 12-13-08 in the amount of \$90,815.10 from the General Fund; \$346,404.94 from the Water Fund; \$51,040.05 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$486,456.08 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$422,181.97 General Fund Payroll for the periods ending 08/23/2012 and 09/06/2012; \$37,528.17 from the Water Fund Payroll for the periods ending 08/23/2012 and 09/06/12; for a total to be approved of \$1,434,426.31.

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 MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2012

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of August 2012:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$5,145,629; Expenditures \$3,592,580; Current Balance \$2,861,575
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,815,249; Expenditures \$2,113,125; Current Balance \$580,279
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$178,836; Expenditures \$109,840; Current Balance \$278,820
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$501,604; Expenditures \$14,500; Current Balance \$763,378

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$4,885,720; Expenditures \$1,856,396;
Current Balance \$4,894,032

Capital Projects Debt Service Fund: Revenue \$259,474; Expenditures \$52,375; Current
Balance of \$211,306

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police Committee — Chairman McIvor advised the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for October 4, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for September 24, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Poteraske advised the next Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for October 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

13. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

17. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL**

Alderman McIvor inquired when the Open Meetings Act training must be completed. It was noted the deadline is December 31, 2012. She also inquired if the September 20 deadline for tree planting applies to the private tree planting as well. Director Gombac responded the deadline for the private trees was October 1, 2012.

Alderman Seifert requested updates on the Chase Bank and Walmart developments. Administrator Vana responded that the Chase building permits have been issued. He was

uncertain if the County permits were issued. A construction schedule has not been received. Director Gombac advised that Inland has received demolition permits for Circuit City and the three stores to the west; demolition should begin within the next three weeks.

Alderman Poteraske announced the Darien Historical Society's "Images of America - Darien" book is available for purchase at True Value, Walgreens, and from any representative of the Historical Society.

Chris Robb, Manager of Oakridge Hobbies & Toys Store asked if there has been an increase in shoplifting. Chief Brown responded there has not been an increase in shop lifting, and advised that a seminar for retailers will be held in the future. Mr. Robb inquired as to the expected life span of the asphalt being placed on 75th Street. Director Gombac responded that the average life span is 12 years.

Alderman Avci advised that he received an e-mail from a Paul Rymek on Ridge Avenue during the meeting expressing delight that through an adjustment made by Comcast, he is now able to view City Council Meetings on the City's cable station. Mr. Rymek also questioned if his residence is included in the Electric Aggregation Program since he has not received any notification. Administrator Vana advised that Assistant Administrator Coren will follow up on this issue and respond.

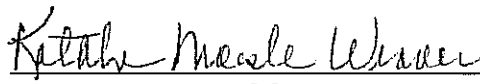
Alderman Marchese inquired if Q will be reopening. Director Gombac advised they are in the process of remodeling and are expected to reopen.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

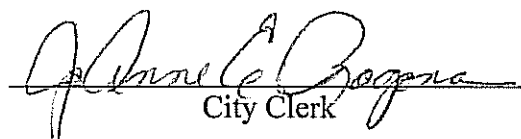
There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Schauer to adjourn.

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.



Mayor



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 09-17-12.
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