

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee
April 12, 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, Assistant City Administrator Scott Coren

Walmart Liquor License Request

Staff presented a Liquor License request submitted by Webster Powell, P.C. on behalf of Wal-Mart. The request is for a class A license which authorizes sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in the original package but not for consumption on the premises of sale. The Administrative/Finance Committee recommended approval of the request by unanimous vote.

Janitorial Agreement

Staff advised that the City of Darien contracts with a cleaning company to keep the buildings clean and dispose of garbage. Best Quality Cleaning has provided these services for nine years, with their current contract expiring on May 1st. Staff went through the buildings with nine companies interested in providing these services and received bids from eight companies. The low bid was received from Best Quality cleaning for \$1,790 per month, which is a savings of \$105 per month from our current contract and \$440 less than the next low bidder. The Administrative/Finance Committee recommended approval of the proposal from Best Quality by unanimous vote.

Health Insurance Co-pay Update

Staff advised at a recent meeting of our health employee insurance pool (SCDCBP), staff was notified health insurance benefits would increase by 10.1% on July 1st. The members of SCDCBP requested plan alternatives that would reduce the cost of premium increases including increasing the co-pay an employee pays to visit a doctor or purchase a prescription drug. The current co-pay requires an employee seeking medical attention to provide a co-pay of \$10 for each office visit and \$50 for each emergency room visit. Staff is working to require an employee to pay \$20 for each office visit and \$75 for each emergency room visit, as well as pay \$5 more for each prescription covered under this plan. Moving to this co-pay plan would reduce the increase on July 1st to 6%. Staff has begun the process of notifying the bargaining units of the change, which is allowable under our current agreements. Staff advised that no action is required by the Council for this change but staff wanted to advise the Committee.

Intergovernmental Contribution Opposing HB 5552 and Senate bill 580

Administrator Vana advised that he attended a meeting on April 6th, 2010, with representatives of the 25 municipalities that are customers of the DuPage Water Commission (DWC). All members in attendance represented that their communities are in opposition to HB 5552 and Senate bill 580. Mayor Hartwig of Addison asked if the group was willing to contribute to an intergovernmental fund that would be used hire a lobbyist and other professional services to work against House Bill 5552 and Senate bill 580 which would abolish the DuPage Water Commission and put it under the authority of DuPage County. Based on a formula used several years ago Darien's contribution would be \$3,377. Alderman Poteraske asked staff if all the communities committed to a contribution. Staff advised they would follow up on that question. Alderman Avci did not favor hiring a lobbyist and suggested the City write letter to the State elected officials. Administrator Vana advised that we did send out information to our area representatives regarding Darien's position opposing House Bill 5552 and Senate bill 580. Alderman Poteraske added he does not generally favor hiring a lobbyist but it may be the most effective way is stopping the legislation. The Administrative/Finance Committee recommended approval of the expenditure by a 2 (Poteraske, Gattuso) to 1 (Avci) vote.

Garbage Contract Review

Staff advised that on March 31, 2011 the City of Darien will finish an extension option of a contract with ARC Disposal to provide residential refuse and recycling services. This contract was viewed as successful by staff and the Environmental Committee in both pricing and service. Staff updated the Committee on the proposed bid document that will be used to solicit bids for the next contract term. Staff will also review this issue with the Council during the next Council workshop session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05 p.m. Next scheduled meeting date is Monday, May 10th, 2010.

Approved:

John Poteraske, Chairman _____

Halil Avci, Member _____

Carolyn Gattuso, Member _____