

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER TO REVIEW THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE WOODRIDGE BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION, SECTION 2(C)(11) AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, SECTION 2(C)(2) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Marchese to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Section 2(C)(11) and Collective Bargaining, Section 2(C)(2) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:06 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Marchese at 7:40 P.M. to adjourn into open session.

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**OCTOBER 17, 2011**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:41 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

Absent: Sylvia McIvor

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
John B. Murphey, City Attorney  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services  
David Skala, Deputy Chief

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** — There being six aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 3, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Avci and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 3, 2011, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Marchese

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received an e-mail and telephone call from Jeff Wayman of 8822 Carlisle regarding the poor condition of Darien entry signs. He submitted photographs of the signs for the record. Director Gombac advised that the signs are maintained by Public Works on a yearly basis. He added that prices for new signs were acquired a few years ago. A brief discussion took place. Director Gombac will evaluate the signs, and obtain current pricing. Administrator Vana suggested the signs be reviewed as an expansion item during budget review.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Weaver advised that during the State of the City, many business owners and Chamber Members inquired why the City is not negotiating for electric rates as other communities have been. She reminded all that there was a referendum question on the April 2011 ballot requesting authorization to bid for electric rates; voters chose not to approve. She suggested that since residents have become more knowledgeable on the subject, it might be a good idea to place the referendum question on the March 2012 ballot. Assistant Administrator Coren noted that Oakbrook went out for bid and is seeing a 30% reduction in electric rates. He added that the City cannot advocate a referendum question; he also warned residents to carefully read any contracts entered into for electric rates. Administrator Vana noted that the State governs the ability of municipalities to negotiate electric rates.

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE: BONNIE KUCERA, KATHY LYONS, FRAN MAZZOLINI, JOAN WAYMAN AND THERESA WEST**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the reappointment of members to the Citizen of the Year Committee: Bonnie Kucera, Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, Joan Wayman and Theresa West.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, Poterasko, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Bonnie Kucera, Joan Wayman, and Theresa West.

There was a round of applause from the Council Members and the audience, and congratulatory hand shakes from the City Council.

Kathy Lyons and Fran Mazzolini were not in attendance and will be sworn in at a later date.

**B. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Clare Bongiovanni reported the following information:

- The Darien Chamber Excellence Awards will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at Bobak's Signature Events. Congratulations to the Darien Chamber Excellence Awards Finalists:  
Ashton Place & Marie's Catering, Barbara's Elegant Touch Staffing, Inc., Celestine Salon & Spa, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Michael Overmann Ltd., Paolucci Jewelers, and Slowikowski and Associates.
- The Darien Chamber is hosting its first Holiday Expo on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Darien Sportsplex where over 25 vendors will participate.
- The Darien Park District is hosting an Arts & Crafts Fair at their Community Center on Fairview on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The City of Darien, Darien Park District and Darien Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Darien Health & Wellness Fair this Wednesday at the Darien Sportsplex. Clare Bongiovanni introduced Dr. Tom Dimitropoulos, Chairperson of the Health & Wellness Fair Committee. Dr. Dimitropoulos invited all residents to attend the free fair from 3 to 7 P.M. He thanked Clare Bongiovanni for coordinating the event.

Administrator Vana questioned when a financial report on the DarienFest proceeds will be available. Ms. Bongiovanni responded the report and recommendations should be available following the Chamber's November 1 Meeting.

**C. DUPAGE COUNTY – UPDATE ON THE 75<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

DuPage County Board Member John Curran and Chris Snyder from DuPage County Department of Transportation were in attendance to provide information on the proposed 75<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Mr. Snyder provided background on the Traffic Study of 75<sup>th</sup> Street from I 355 to Route 83, which began ten years ago and was completed in 2006. The study identified the intersections at 75<sup>th</sup> & Lemont, 75<sup>th</sup> & Cass, and 75<sup>th</sup> & Plainfield to be the most critical. The design engineering has been completed and a request for bid has gone out for the 75<sup>th</sup> & Lemont project. The project should begin March 2012, with an anticipated completion in the Fall of 2012. A public information meeting on this project will take place in January 2012. The intersections of 75<sup>th</sup> & Cass and 75<sup>th</sup> & Plainfield will have to be performed at

the same time. The many concerns of the City and the School District have been addressed and incorporated by the County. John Curran advised that prior to the final design phase and property acquisition, a public meeting will be held. DuPage County has submitted two grant applications and are anticipating award by December 2011. He noted that construction on this project will not begin prior to 2014. Mr. Snyder responded to questions and concerns raised by the Aldermen. Alderman Beilke noted that there was an illustration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street Project on display at City Hall for resident review. Director Gombac added that plans are available at City Hall.

District 61 School Board Member Janine Kiwiet advised that the School Board's concerns have been addressed by the County, and support of the County's current plan will be recommended at the School Board Meeting.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Ragona conducted the 2012 Vehicle Sticker Lottery. The following organizations were offered the opportunity to participate: The Active Seniors Club, Darien Chamber of Commerce, Darien Historical Society, Darien Lions Club, Darien Seniors Club, Darien Woman's Club, Darien Youth Club, Safety Village of Darien, Young at Heart Seniors and Younger Than Ever Seniors. The eligible Darien community organizations that expressed an interest in participating were the Darien Chamber of Commerce, Darien Historical Society and Safety Village of Darien. The Darien Historical Society won the lottery. Clerk Ragona noted that the winner will be notified and the stickers should be available January 1, 2012.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac...

...announced the final free brush pick up is scheduled to take place the week of October 24.

...advised that there will be two street sweepings; the first will take place the week of November 7, and the second before December 1.

...Municipal Services Committee will tour the High Road project on October 24 at 6:00 P.M. Any residents interested in joining the tour should contact his office.

...in order to avoid street flooding, residents are requested to assist in keeping inlets clear of leaves or to contact Public Works to report covered inlets.

Administrator Vana noted that it is unlawful for residents to rake leaves into the street or ditches.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-11**

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-11 in the amount of \$135,699.70 from the General Fund; \$243,210.92 from the Water Fund; \$2,948.62 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$34,139.24 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$214,903.91 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/06/11; \$20,233.80 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/06/11; for a total to be approved of \$651,136.19.

In response to Alderman Seifert, Treasurer Coren advised that amounts shown on Page 5 to Exelon are in payment of two separate street light invoices.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Avci, Beilke, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2011**

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of September, 2011:

General Fund: Revenue \$7,100,154; Expenditures \$5,190,166; Current Balance \$3,371,397;

Water Fund: Revenue \$1,425,985; Expenditures \$1,543,974; Current Balance \$1,232,693;

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue \$339,816; Expenditures \$368,383; Current Balance \$52,423;

Water Depreciation Fund: Revenue \$705; Expenditures \$22,239; Current Balance \$112,969;

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$3,197,251; Expenditures \$1,681,668; Current Balance \$1,630,277;

Capital Projects Debt Service Fund: Revenue \$103,187; Expenditures \$52,375; Current Balance of \$53,014.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese advised that the minutes of the September 22, 2011 Municipal Services Committee Meeting have been submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the next meeting is scheduled to take place on October 24, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in order to tour the High Road Project. The regular meeting will resume after the tour at City Hall.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Chairman Poteraske advised the next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on November 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Police Committee** — Alderman Poteraske advised the next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on November 3, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Police Pension Committee** — Treasurer Coren announced there will be a meeting of the Police Pension Committee on October 24, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Police Department.

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

There were none.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the City Council.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Weaver reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**A. ORDINANCE NO. O-23-11                      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION                                      OF                                      AN  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

**JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY LINE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE  
OF WOODRIDGE**

**B. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TAX LEVY DETERMINATION FOR  
GENERAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING SECTION 6C-4-7 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE, "WATER  
CONSUMPTION CHARGES"**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-24-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
SECTION 6C-4-7 OF THE DARIEN  
CITY CODE, "WATER  
CONSUMPTION CHARGES"**

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

On behalf of the Darien Lions Club, Alderman Marchese expressed gratitude to the community for their outstanding support of Candy Days. He noted that The Darien Lions Club has been #1 in the State of Illinois for total collections for the past 18 years.



18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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Mayor

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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 10-17-11.  
Minutes of 10-17-11 CCM