

Administrative/Finance Committee of the Whole
March 3, 2009
6:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. with Mayor Weaver, Treasurer Coren, Aldermen Durkin, Galan, Poteraske, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor and Avci, City Administrator Vana, Police Chief Pavelchik, Deputy Chiefs Skala and Cooper, Accounting Manager Nosek and Assistant to the Administrator Coren present.

The Committee began reviewing updated items from previous budget meetings. Alderman Poteraske asked staff if it made more sense to finance a public works vehicle or purchase it outright, and Treasurer Coren said an analysis was done and recommended the outright purchase. The Committee also discussed free leaf pickup and decided to include it in the budget.

In the capital projects fund the Committee reviewed and included the street, sidewalk and ditch programs. They also included funds for the repair of Walnut Lane.

Administrator Vana discussed debt payments and tax abatements. In past years the City Council abated two bonds, but in the draft budget not abating the bonds was considered. The Committee voted to not abate the bonds for FYE 2010, with Alderman Poteraske and Alderman Avci dissenting.

The Committee discussed the water fund, including rate increases imposed by the City of Chicago. The draft Darien budget did not anticipate a rate increase for FYE 2010. The Committee also discussed other water items, including adding equipment to trucks, a service charge transferred to the general fund for general fund expenditures in the water department, fencing around water plants, and hydrant painting.

The Committee went over the list of expansion items they wanted to discuss further at the next meeting.

After a motion by Alderman Poteraske and a second by Alderman Gattuso, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator