

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 18, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:10 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to adjourn Executive Session.

REVERSE ROLL CALL – MOTION DULY CARRIED

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

APRIL 18, 2011

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 City Clerk Coleman was as follows:

Present:	Halil Avci	Joseph A. Marchese
	John Galan	John F. Poteraske, Jr.
	Carolyn A. Gattuso	Ted V. Schauer

Absent: Sylvia McIvor

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services
Robert Pavelchik, Police Chief

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 4, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Avci received an e-mail from Mike Vanhal of 1009 Belair regarding parkway restorations. Municipal Services Superintendent Salvato has responded to Mr. Vanhal’s concerns.

Per Alderman Avci’s request, Director Gombac provided an update on the parkway restoration schedule. The restorations should be completed within three weeks. Utility companies have been notified of the need to complete their restoration work as well.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. MAYOR PROCLAMATION "EISENHOWER JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING TEAM DAY"

Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring April 18, 2011 as "*Eisenhower Junior High Wrestling Team Day*" in the City of Darien in honor of their hard work and achievements over the past year.

Head Coach Phil Esposito accepted the Proclamation, and thanked the City Council for acknowledging the team's accomplishments. Coach Esposito expressed pride in the team and the coaching staff.

There was a resounding round of applause from the Council Members and the audience, and congratulatory hand shakes from the City Council. The team had their photograph taken with Mayor Weaver for the City's Wall of Fame, and Clerk Coleman awarded City of Darien pins to each team member.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "ARBOR DAY"

Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring April 29, 2011 as "*Arbor Day*" in the City of Darien.

Kathy Minardi accepted the Proclamation and thanked the City Council for recognizing Arbor Day. Kathy Minardi spoke of the importance of planting trees and their benefit to the environment.

C. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Clare Bongiovanni, Business Outreach Coordinator of the Darien Chamber of Commerce, announced new Chamber Members Advanced Home Care, Goers Dental, Oakridge Hobbies & Toys, and Culvers. Ms. Bongiovanni provided a report on the recent and upcoming programs and events of the Darien Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is seeking a few volunteers to assist with office duties. Interested individuals should call 630-728-6682. Coffee with the Mayor will be held on Sunday, May 15 from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M., in conjunction with the Darien Dash 5K Run. Volunteers are needed for The Darien Dash. Interested parties should call 630-968-0004. Ms. Bongiovanni introduced Linnell Allred of Advanced Home Care.

Linnell Allred provided information on the skilled nursing and rehabilitation services provided by Advanced Home Care. In response to Alderman Avci, Ms. Allred advised that their services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and other commercial insurances.

Mayor Weaver reported that a proposed agreement for DarienFest has been received from the President of the Darien Chamber of Commerce. Copies of the proposal were distributed to the Council Members and will be forwarded to the Administrative Finance Committee for review.

Alderman Poteraske noted that a vote was taken and approved by the Darien Park District to lower their fee by \$1,000.

Mayor Weaver sadly announced that Chief Pavelchik has submitted his letter of resignation effective May 31, 2011. Mayor Weaver expressed gratitude to Chief Pavelchik for his service to the community.

Mayor Weaver reported on a few resident concerns which were brought up at the Candidates Meeting in March. In regards to the condition of North Frontage Road during the winter, staff has contacted IDOT offering to take over salting and snow removal services. IDOT has agreed, and will provide the City with a maintenance agreement. Upon receipt, the agreement will be forwarded to the Municipal Services Committee for review. Concern was also expressed with abandoned buildings on South Frontage Road and the equipment located within. Mayor Weaver advised that the equipment has been removed.

Director Gombac added that the City is waiting for structural review of the abandoned buildings.

Mayor Weaver announced that Director Gombac is preparing a plan for a Building Permit Holiday. Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to the Municipal Services Committee for review.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that City Offices will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011 in observance of the Good Friday Holiday.

...advised that an amendment to the Open Meetings Act requires establishment of rules for public comments.

Mayor Weaver directed that the Open Meetings Act Amendment be submitted to the Administrative Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Clerk Coleman read into the record the results of the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election as follows:

The referendum question failed with 48.61% voting “Yes” and 51.39% voting “No.”

Kathleen Weaver retained her seat as Mayor with 53.88% of the vote

JoAnne E. Ragona won as City Clerk with 57.80% of the vote

Michael J. Coren won as City Treasurer with 100% of the vote

Tina M. Beilke won as Ward 2 Alderman with 67.72% of the vote

Joerg Seifert won as Ward 4 Alderman with 52.14% of the vote

Sylvia McIvor won as Ward 6 Alderman with 100% of the vote

City Clerk Coleman announced the new officers will be sworn in at the next City Council Meeting on May 2, 2011.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

At the request of Administrator Vana, Assistant Administrator Coren explained that towards the end of the refuse removal contract with Allied, the City went out for bid, and received four proposals. Allied Waste was proposing \$3.28 per sticker, and Veolia came in with a bid for \$2.89 per sticker, which is a \$1.95 per sheet savings. Veolia also had exceptional references for customer service.

Mayor Weaver noted that Darien’s pricing is significantly lower than surrounding communities.

Assistant Administrator Coren added that the City was fortunate to have secured a contract prior to the escalation of fuel prices.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

At the request of Alderman Schauer, Director Gombac reviewed the remaining items for completion of the salt shed. Upon completion, the old shed will be disassembled, and the scrap metal sold.

Director Gombac...

...reminded everyone that the first brush pick up will take place the week of April 25, 2011. The brush may be of any length and up to an 8-in diameter.

...informed all that updates on Darien capital projects will be sent out through the Direct Connect Program and will be posted on cable.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 10-11-21

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 10-11-21 in the amount of \$50,780.23 from the General Fund; \$30,780.56 from the Water Fund; \$3,055.19 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$10,735.98 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$31,843.82 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$214,450.13 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/07/2011; \$18,082.17 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/07/2011; \$29,555.29 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/07/2011 for a total to be approved of \$389,283.37.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2011

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of March, 2011: General Fund Revenue \$12,056,300; General Fund Expenditures \$11,156,847; Current General Fund Balance \$4,148,177; Water Fund Revenue \$4,454,147 Water Fund Expenditures \$3,509,138; Current Water Fund Balance \$1,157,252; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$669,264; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$569,961; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$50,559; Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$2,739; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$609,128; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$134,325; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$1,902,618; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$2,205,082; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$212,801; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$105,541; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$147,285; and a current fund balance of \$2,200.

Treasurer Coren commented that at a council meeting in November, 2010 he reviewed the actuarial report of the Police Pension Fund for the year ended April 30, 2010 with the Council. Questions were raised as to the appropriateness of the 7% rate of return assumptions used in that report. Treasurer Coren explained that the higher the rate

assumption used, the lower the amount of the contribution to the Fund, and the lower the rate assumption used, the higher the amount of the contribution to the Fund.

Treasurer Coren referenced an article in the March 23, 2011 issue of the Wall Street Journal that indicated that of the 126 largest public pension plans, all but one used rates in excess of the 7% used by the City of Darien in its funding assumptions. The majority of those funds used rates ranging between 8% and 8-1/2% which would require smaller current contributions into the plans. This shows that the City of Darien has handled the Police Pension Plan in a very conservative manner.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Alderman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske announced that the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. pending agenda items.

Police Committee — Alderman Galan submitted the minutes of the March 3, 2011 Police Committee Meeting and correspondence for the record, and announced that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on May 5, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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 clarified that items on the Consent Agenda are discussed during the Work Session which occurs half an hour before the City Council Meeting.

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

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. O-07-11** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (P.D.)**

- B. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FROM KIESLER’S POLICE SUPPLY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,203.00**

- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 0-08-11** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE AND SIGN CODE (PZC 2011-04: 7511 LEMONT ROAD, CHESTNUT COURT SHOPPING CENTER, OAKRIDGE HOBBIES)**

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer
 Nays: None
 Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

Heidi Ramirez of 1613 Heather Lane questioned why her property tax bill reflects payment to Downers Grove Township for roads and brush pick-up in unincorporated areas.

Mayor Weaver responded that staff will research this issue and get back to her.

Former Mayor Carmen Soldato came forward to honor retiring City Clerk Joanne Coleman. Former Mayor Soldato expressed his gratitude to City Clerk Coleman for her outstanding, selfless public service from 1991 through 2011, and presented her with an inscribed gavel and base.

City Clerk Coleman's son, granddaughters, brother, sisters and nephew were in attendance.

City Clerk Coleman expressed gratitude to have been able to serve the community, and to be recognized for her service this evening. City Clerk Coleman stated that Former Mayor Carmen Soldato has always been an inspiration to her.

Mayor Weaver invited all to attend coffee and cake in Clerk Coleman's honor following this evening's meeting.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Mayor

City Clerk

ld

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 04-18-11.
Minutes of 04-18-11 CCM