

Administrative/Finance Committee of the Whole  
February 18, 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. Alderman McIvor was absent.

Alderman Poteraske provided opening comments on the draft budget, including mentioning that sales tax revenue is relatively stable and there is no water rate increase planned. Alderman Avci asked about property tax rates. Administrator Vana said the plan in the draft budget is to not abate a bond issued in 2007.

The City Council discussed the revenue budget. Administrator Vana discussed a comparison of tax rates with other DuPage communities found on the Village of Addison's website, which stated the City of Darien ranks 29<sup>th</sup> out of 33 communities in municipal property tax rate. Additionally, other taxes and fees imposed were very favorable when compared with other communities.

The City Council discussed a variety of items in the City Council, Administration, Community Development and Police Department budgets. The changes requested by the City Council included a reduction in the amount of economic development consulting, eliminating the Web Q&A item, and limiting the Bicycle Patrol program to public relations events rather than using them to enforce parking restrictions.

After a motion by Alderman Galan and a second by Alderman Gattuso, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Coren, Assistant to the City Administrator