

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 1, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION RECESSED AT 7:00 P.M. FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENED AT 7:22 P.M., AND ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SALE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE, SECTION 2(C)(6) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Schauer to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Sale or Lease of Real Estate, Section 2 (C)(6) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Poteraske at 7:18 P.M. to adjourn into open session.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

AUGUST 1, 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 Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Halil Avci	John F. Poteraske, Jr.
	Tina M. Beilke	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Marchese	Joerg Seifert
	Sylvia McIvor	

Absent: None

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

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 18, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 18, 2011, as presented.

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Weaver...

...received a letter from Gladys and Harold Reu of 306 Peony expressing gratitude to the City for providing a generator to their home during long electric outages.

...submitted, for the record, a letter from Charles A. Livingood of 1221 Darien Club Drive. She noted that his concerns have been addressed and resolved.

...has received numerous e-mails expressing gratitude to Municipal Services for their excellent service.

Alderman Marchese received many calls from residents in his subdivision regarding the on-going outages and flooding. He advised that the residents are frustrated and want to know why they are continually losing power. Mayor Weaver said that it is important the City be made aware of outages in order to keep track and follow-up. Administrator Vana advised ComEd will be in attendance at the September 19, 2011 City Council Meeting. He advised that Assistant Administrator Coren will be compiling a list of outages for the Council's review. Alderman McIvor suggested ComEd be given a list of concerns prior to the meeting so responses can be provided at that time.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Vana advised that information on special brush pickup dates have been communicated to residents through Direct Connect and cable television. He recommended residents sign up for Direct Connect in order to receive important information, and explained how residents may register for the program.

Director Gombac announced the next regular brush pickup is scheduled to take place the week of August 22. He noted that residents are welcome to utilize the brush dumpster located at 1041 S. Frontage Road. Director Gombac explained the criteria which must be met in order to conduct a special brush pickup. He reiterated the benefit of signing up for the City's Direct Connect Program.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Deputy Chief Skala...

...explained that when crime occurs in the City, the Police Officers are aware and, although residents cannot be guaranteed extra patrols, personnel are watchful of any abnormal or suspicious conditions and/or behavior. Deputy Chief Skala urged residents to feel free to call 911 when police response is needed.

...announced a new program which has been coordinated between Officer Nick Skweres and Home Depot in Darien, wherein residents may receive a 10% discount on the purchase of crime prevention equipment for their home. Residents should contact Officer Skweres to verify their intended purchase meets the criteria to be covered under this program.

...advised August 2, 2011 is "National Night Out." He explained this program promotes neighborhood safety by encouraging residents to leave their lights on, go outside, meet their neighbors, and get involved.

...provided a brief summary on officer staffing statistics. Although 37 sworn officers are authorized, the city is currently operating with 31 officers due to two vacant positions, and four officers being out on medical leave.

Director Gombac advised that following a storm, Municipal Services generally has storm sewer inlets cleared within twenty-four hours. He requested residents clear clogged storm sewer inlets when possible.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-06

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Poterasko to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-06 in the amount of \$186,315.71 from the General Fund; \$250,205.25 from the Water Fund; \$979.14 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,100.45 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$406,894.63 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$256,883.78 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/14/2011; \$21,825.02 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 07/14/2011; for a total to be approved of \$1,125,203.98.

City Council Meeting

August 1, 2011

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese advised the minutes of the July 5, 2011 Municipal Services Committee Meeting were submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He noted there will be a Special Meeting of the Municipal Services Committee on August 15, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on August 22, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Poteraske submitted the minutes of the May 9, 2011, June 13, 2011, and July 11, 2011 Administrative/Finance Committee Meetings. The next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on August 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room.

Police Committee — Chairman McIvor submitted the minutes of the May 5, 2011 Police Committee Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on September 1, 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 reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

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

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. O-18-11** **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (PZC 2011-07: 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD, GREAT DANE SUBDIVISION)**

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. R-67-11** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NORTH SUBURBAN ASPHALT MAINTENANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,700.00 FOR THE 2011 CRACK FILL PROGRAM**

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. R-68-11** **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM GAFFNEY’S PMI FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) STREET LIGHTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,778.25 AT WARWICK AVENUE AND JANET AVENUE AND WARWICK AND WALNUT AVENUE**

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

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16. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Weaver advised that New Business Item A. had been removed from the agenda and deferred to a future meeting.

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

Alderman Avci recommended that the City take a more proactive approach to property maintenance issues. Director Gombac suggested Municipal Services staff could look for

property maintenance issues while reviewing sidewalks as part of the Concrete Replacement Program.

Alderman Poteraske inquired when building codes will be updated. Director Gombac advised the update will take place next year.

Alderman Beilke inquired when ditch repairs will commence. Director Gombac responded work will commence approximately two months after criteria is established and projects are prioritized.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Mayor

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 08-01-11.
Minutes of 08-01-11 CCM