

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Beilke to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Personnel Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Chlystek to adjourn Executive Session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Executive Session adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**OCTOBER 19, 2015**

**7:45 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:45 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:	Tina Beilke	Joseph A. Marchese
	Thomas J. Belczak	Sylvia McIvor
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
 JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
 Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
 Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
 Ernest Brown, Police Chief  
 Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

5. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 24, 2015 Special Town Hall Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the Special Town Hall Meeting of September 24, 2015.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer
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Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

B. October 5, 2015 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 5, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from Stan Niemiec regarding overnight parking on 7100 block of Hudson; issue was resolved.

Alderman Chlystek shared communication about the great job Municipal Services has done fixing sidewalks and planting parkway trees.

Alderman Marchese received numerous inquiries from residents in Sawmill Creek about crack seal debris deposited on their lawns. Director Gombac to investigate.

Alderman McIvor received correspondence about the early start time of construction and the amount of dust being generated at the Rolling Knolls development. Director Gombac advised dust control measures are in place and a water truck will be on site.

Mayor Weaver received a text from Gerry Leganski that he would not be able to attend the meeting this evening due to an emergency.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. SWEARING IN OF POLICE LIEUTENANT: EDWARD RENTKA**

Chief Brown commended Lieutenant Rentka on his 27 years of distinguished service. Mayor Weaver administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Edward Rentka. There was a round of applause from the Council Members and the audience.

**B. SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT: NICHOLAS SKWERES**

Chief Brown recognized Sergeant Skweres for his knowledge and leadership within the department.

Commissioner Scharnak administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Nicholas Skweres. There was a round of applause from the Council Members and the audience; Mrs. Skweres and their two sons had the honor of placing recognition pins on Sergeant Skweres.

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING COMMITTEE: ELIZABETH HAYES, JIM KISER, AND GERRY LEGANSKI**

It was moved by Alderman Chlystek and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the reappointment of members to the Holiday Home Decorating Committee: Elizabeth Hayes, Jim Kiser, and Gerry Leganski.

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth Hayes and Jim Kiser.

**D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE: BARBARA BOYER, BONNIE KUCERA, CAROL MALLORS AND LINDA ZEMAN**

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the reappointment of members to the Citizen of the Year Committee: Barbara Boyer, Bonnie Kucera, Carol Mallers and Linda Zeman.

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Boyer, Bonnie Kucera, Carol Mallers, and Linda Zeman.

**E. DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP – THERESA A. COCKRELL, ASSESSOR**

Mayor Weaver introduced Theresa A. Cockrell, Downers Grove Township Assessor.

Assessor Cockrell shared the duties of her office, explained how assessments are calculated, and reviewed the process residents need to take prior to November 2, 2015 to challenge their assessed property valuation.

Assessor Cockrell addressed questions from the Council and residents. Assessor Cockrell provided her complete contact information and invited residents to call her office at 630-719-6630 should they have questions.

Mayor Weaver thanked Assessor Cockrell for taking the time to meet with Council and residents about assessment concerns.

**F. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Clare Bongiovanni provided the following update:

- Darien Chamber Women in Business and the Cancer Smashers were on hand to light up the Pink Breast Cancer Ribbon at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held on October 1, 2015 at the Darien Pointe Park clock tower. Meals for women going through breast or any cancer treatment are being provided by the Darien Chamber Women in Business by calling the Chamber Office at 630-968-0004.
- Darien Chamber Women in Business is hosting their mini expo and networking event at the Wild Orchid Salon on October 20, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- The Darien Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Health & Wellness Fair on October 28, 2015 at Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café from 1:00 – 7:00 P.M.
- Join chamber members for the Darien Chamber Coffee Connection networking event on October 27, 2015 at First Merchants Bank in Darien, at 8:00 A.M.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dancing with the Chamber Starz Gala Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Ashton Place.
- Nominations are being accepted through November 1, 2015 at the Chamber Office for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Darien Chamber of Commerce Excellence Awards. Winners will be announced at the Excellence Awards and State of the Chamber Luncheon on January 26, 2016 at Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café.
- The Darien Chamber Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 15, 2015 at Zazzo’s Pizza and Catering.
- Remember to support Darien Chamber businesses and shop local during the holidays.

- Save the date for the Darien Chamber Winter BrewFest on February 27, 2016 at Chuck's Southern Comforts Café.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**A. 2016 VEHICLE STICKER LOTTERY**

Clerk Ragona provided a brief history of the Darien Identification Vehicle Sticker Program and shared the list of non-profit organizations that were offered the opportunity to participate. Clerk Ragona advised the eligible Darien Community organizations that expressed an interest in selling the vehicle stickers were: Darien Historical Society and Darien Lions Club. Clerk Ragona conducted the 2016 Vehicle Sticker Lottery; the winner was the Darien Lions Club.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 9<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD 2015**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Police Period Report (August 24, 2015 –September 20, 2015) is available on the City website.

As this was Chief Brown's last City Council meeting, he shared his parting sentiments. Chief Brown thanked everyone for their support and the endearing friendships he has made. Chief Brown thanked Mayor Weaver and Administrator Vana on their leadership and vision in allowing him the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Darien.

Mayor Weaver thanked Chief Brown for his leadership and for all his achievements over the last four years.

Chief Brown announced that his new position is Executive Director for the Cook County Department of Homeland Security.

Director Gombac reminded residents the last brush pickup will take place the week of October 26 – October 30, 2015.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 15-16-12**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Chlystek to approve payment of Warrant Number 15-16-12 in the amount of \$798,720.71 from the enumerated funds; and \$246,513.11 from payroll funds for the period ending 10/01/15; for a total to be approved of \$1,045,233.82.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER’S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2015**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of September 2015:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$6,961,161; Expenditures \$4,611,032; Current Balance \$2,967,271
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$2,071,661; Expenditures \$2,407,710; Current Balance (\$302,030)
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$131,575; Expenditures \$159,296; Current Balance \$254,366
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$349,697; Expenditures \$92,045; Current Balance \$132,321
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$2,221,555; Expenditures \$2,822,916; Current Balance \$5,086,095
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$472,287; Expenditures (\$0); Current Balance of \$472,287

Treasurer Coren shared that due to a budget impasse the State of Illinois has temporarily suspended payment of the Motor Fuel Tax and Use Tax.

Treasurer Coren advised that Comcast will be issuing a check for taxes that were incorrectly listed as unincorporated instead of City of Darien.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairman Schauer advised the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for November 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Marchese advised the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for October 26, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman McIvor announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for November 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

**Police Pension Board** – Liaison Coren announced the next quarterly meeting of the Police Pension Board has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Goal Setting** – a Goal Setting Session has been scheduled for October 27, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

Alderman Beilke...

...inquired about Consent Agenda Item A tax levy determination. Treasurer Coren explained the process and advised the City is collecting all that has been levied.

...asked for clarification on Consent Agenda Item C Section 8 of Lease Agreement with the Darien Historical Society (DHS) and School District 61; Administrator Vana advised the City may be responsible for payment if the DHS is unable to pay utility and custodial service bills; the Lease Agreement can be terminated with 30 days notice.

...suggested meeting with the Darien Historical Society on an annual basis to discuss financial accountability.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TAX LEVY DETERMINATION FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

**B. RESOLUTION NO. R-99-15                      A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
“RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT ON  
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**



**BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN  
AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT  
OF REVENUE”**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. R-100-15**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A  
LONG TERM LEASE AGREEMENT  
WITH THE DARIEN HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT 61  
FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS  
“OLD LACE SCHOOL HOUSE”**

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Marchese,  
McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO THE DUPAGE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS  
COUNCIL**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the motion as presented.

Alderman Schauer shared his recommendation to honor the agreement for \$20,000 this year and to remove this item from the budget next year.

Treasurer Coren reviewed Income Tax Form 990 received from the DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC). Council would like the DSCC to advise why other communities are not contributing and to confirm the number of Darien residents being served.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE**

It was moved by Alderman Chlystek and seconded by Alderman Belczak to postpone the motion.

**City Council Meeting**

**October 19, 2015**

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Chlystek, Marchese, McIvor,  
Schauer  
Nays: Kenny  
Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Alderman Beilke thanked members of the Citizen of the Year Committee. Alderman Beilke advised applications will be available November 1, 2015; submittal deadline is January 5, 2016; the Citizen of the Year will be announced at the January 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting; a cake & coffee reception will take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> and the dinner-dance will be held at Alpine Banquets on March 5, 2016.

Alderman Belczak announced the Darien Lions Club Halloween Party is scheduled for October 31, 2015 at the Sportsplex beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Alderman McIvor provided an update on private drones; she indicated that the City is monitoring legislation from the Federal Government for regulating and registering drones. Mayor Weaver commented the FAA is the ruling body for drones.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 10-19-15. Minutes of 10-19-15 CCM.