

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 4, 2009 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Marchese to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase or Lease of Land Acquisition, Section 2(C)(5) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:07 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Durkin to adjourn into open session.

REVERSE ROLL CALL - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The Executive Session meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

MAY 4, 2009

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.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the following motion as presented:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS: BRYON VANA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR; ROBERT PAVELCHIK, POLICE CHIEF; AND DANIEL GOMBAC, DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to City Administrator Vana, Police Chief Pavelchik, and Director Gombac.

There was a round of applause from the Council Members and the audience, and congratulatory hand shakes from the City Council.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

...invited everyone to attend Coffee with Mayor Weaver on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. at the Darien Park District which is located at 7301 Fairview Avenue.

...announced that a second Coffee with the Mayor will be held before the Darien Dash at the Darien Community Park, at Plainfield & Clarendon Hills Roads on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana advised that the Neighbors of Darien 2009-2010 Community Guide was delivered on May 1, 2009.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Per Alderman Galan's request, Administrator Vana provided a detailed explanation of the decision not to abate certain taxes this year. Administrator Vana noted that the increase in the assessed value of properties was a major factor in the rise in taxes. The city's portion of the tax bill amounts to just 3.1% of the property taxes.

Alderman Marchese clarified that the city did not abate the tax this year in order to make sure there were cash reserves for capital improvements such as the road repair and ditch projects.

Alderman McIvor added that the Council Members felt that it was appropriate not to abate the taxes this year in order to maintain a healthy fund balance.

Administrator Vana noted that the city's tax rate is the fourth lowest in DuPage County.

Alderman Marchese stated that residents are provided excellent services at economical costs. Alderman Marchese asked residents not to confuse the city taxes with those of the other taxing districts.

Treasurer Coren added that the city's fund balance and excellent rating are the reasons good interest rates are attainable.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 09-10-01

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 09-10-01 for FYE 2009 in the amount of \$35,580.76 from the General Fund; \$20,347.12 from the Water Fund; \$3,300.21 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$12,781.09 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$1,214.74 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$222,717.55 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/23/09; \$19,419.21 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/23/09; \$26,224.09 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 04/23/09; and for FYE 2010 in the amount of \$12,216.76 from the General Fund; for a total to be approved of \$353,801.53.

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Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese advised that the next Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room pending agenda items.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor announced that the next Planning/Development Committee meeting has been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers pending agenda items.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

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**

At the request of Alderman Poteraske, Mayor Weaver reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE GIFT OF CARL FOUNDATION

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- B. RESOLUTION NO. R-34-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (EXPENDITURE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX – 2009 GENERAL MAINTENANCE ITEMS)**
- C. RESOLUTION NO. R-35-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2009 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND JAMES D. FIALA PAVING COMPANY INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,596,441.61**
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-36-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND DARIEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #61**
- E. RESOLUTION NO. R-37-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT #63**
- F. RESOLUTION NO. R-38-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM GAFFNEY'S PMI FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF**

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**A STREET LIGHT AT 8631
HIGHCREST DRIVE IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$4,120.00**

- G. RESOLUTION NO. R-39-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM GAFFNEY'S PMI FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT BETWEEN 1605 AND 1609 DURHAM COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2407.50**
- H. RESOLUTION NO. R-40-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2009 STREET SWEEPING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND HOVING CLEAN SWEEP LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,712.50**
- I. ORDINANCE NO. O-09-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN, AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY**
- J. RESOLUTION NO. R-41-09** **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$109,300.00 FOR THE DESIGN ENGINEERING**

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**SERVICES OF THE DRAINAGE
STRUCTURE WITHIN SAWMILL
CREEK ADJACENT TO THE 700
BLOCK OF WALNUT**

**K. RESOLUTION NO. R-42-09 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO
APPROVE A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE
FROM LANDMARK FORD FOR ONE
NEW 2009 FORD MODEL
EXPEDITION CARRYALL UNIT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$24,664.00**

**L. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO
SUPPORT THE DUPAGE SENIOR CITIZEN'S COUNCIL, WHICH
PROVIDES MEALS ON WHEELS AND THE SENIOR HOME
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,533.75**

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor,
Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Alderman Ted V. Schauer.

There was a round of applause from the Council Members and the audience, and congratulatory hand shakes from the City Council.

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Alderman Halil Avci.

Alderman Avci thanked the voters and expressed appreciation for the trust and confidence placed in him. Alderman Avci also thanked the City Council

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Members and Administration, and looks forward to another four years of service to the community.

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Alderman Joseph Marchese.

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Alderman John F. Poterasko, Jr.

Alderman Poterasko thanked his wife for her continued support, his son John for his assistance with the campaign, to his daughter and her family, and to the voters in Ward 3.

Alderman Marchese stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve, and is grateful for the opportunity to continue his service. Alderman Marchese expressed appreciation to City Council Members and Staff.

Mayor Weaver read the following resolution into the record.

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve the following resolution as presented:

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-43-09 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIAM DURKIN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poterasko, Schauer, Weaver, Coleman, Coren, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Weaver presented Alderman Durkin with a Plaque of Appreciation for his four years of service and personally thanked him for his contributions.

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Alderman Durkin stated it has been a tremendous four years. Alderman Durkin noted that the representatives of the City of Darien are of great character, competence, and have a sincere commitment to the city. In Alderman Durkin's opinion, the elected officials and staff make Darien a great place to live. Alderman Durkin expressed confidence in newly elected Alderman Schauer.

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

Alderman Avci reminded everyone that the Darien Committee for Intergovernmental Coordination will be meeting tomorrow at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers and invited the public to attend.

Mayor Weaver advised that the meeting will be televised, and that the superintendents of Districts 61 and 63 will be in attendance to discuss various ways the city and schools can work together cooperatively. Mayor Weaver noted that although District 66 has not attended any of the meetings, they have always been invited to participate, and the invitation remains open.

Alderman Schauer thanked everyone for their support, and looks forward to working with City Council and Staff.

Jerry Falasz of 1641 73rd Street congratulated the new and re-elected aldermen. Mr. Falasz thanked the City Council and staff for their explanation of the tax increase and recommended this explanation be provided on the city's website.

Greg Krcmar of 2200 Green Valley Road asked if the new development area will be a TIF District.

Mayor Weaver responded that it will not be a TIF District.

Mr. Krcmar commented that he is on a fixed income and would prefer that taxes be raised minimally on a yearly basis rather than a large increase at one time.

Administrator Vana reiterated that the tax increases were largely due to an increase in the assessed values.

Treasurer Coren informed residents that they have thirty days from notification by the Tax Assessor's Office to object to their assessed valuation.

Alderman McIvor advised that her attempt to object to the assessed valuation was rejected.

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Administrator Vana clarified that the repayment amount of the bond issue is consistent, but noted that the Police Pension is funded by the tax levy as well. An actuarial study is performed annually to determine the Police Pension cost. Administrator Vana noted that the city has been fortunate in being able to continue to perform yearly improvement projects, at excellent pricing due to the current economy.

Treasurer Coren urged senior citizens to contact the Downers Grove Township Tax Assessor's Office to take advantage of any exemptions offered.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 05-04-09.
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