

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 18, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

MARCH 18, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Girl Scout Troop 1673 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

Absent: Sylvia McIvor

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

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

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

Marvin Barmes of 7108 Crest Road asked if shrubbery at the retention pond between Holly and Plainfield would be discussed. Administrator Vana advised a report will be given under the Department Head Information/Question portion of the meeting.

Douglas Johnson of 2219 Hamilton Lane spoke in opposition to the passage of the ordinance allowing video gaming in Darien.

Jack Morge of 7112 Crest Road thanked Director Gombac for his assistance with ComEd during a rain storm. He spoke against the solicitation telephone calls from the police union and requested something be done to stop the calls.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 4, 2013

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 4, 2013, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Beilke...

...received communication from Christina & Mario Rodriguez of 122 Plainfield Road complimenting the new entrance signs. They expressed gratitude for the City's mosquito abatement program, and concern for the trash and rodents at Crest basin.

...received communication from Tom Quick of 6922 Crest expressing pleasure with the Blue Spruce trees on Holly at the basin, and requested something similar be planted on Plainfield Road. He reported that the trees near Burger King are dying.

...received communication from Joel Simpson of 7122 Crest requesting a pathway be developed along the basin from Plainfield to Holly.

...received communication from Joel Simpson advising that residents at Crest and Plainfield are finding it difficult to get out of their street due to the traffic light on Route 83; and requested a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign be installed. Director Gombac will submit this request to the County.

Mayor Weaver...

...received a telephone call from a resident on Ridge Road complimenting Public Works on their snowplowing efforts.

...thanked District 63 Foundation for inviting her to participate in the Darien Mayhem versus Harlem Wizards basketball game at Hinsdale South High School.

8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

A. DUPAGE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE – COYOTE PRESENTATION

Linda Painter, Commissioner of DuPage County Forest Preserve District distributed a brochure entitled “Living With Coyotes.” Jack McCrea, from Willowbrook Wildlife, who specializes in coyotes, spoke of their history and presence of coyote in DuPage County, and provided information on how to co-exist. Mr. McCrea and Ms. Painter answered Council and resident questions.

B. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Clare Bongiovanni provided a report as follows:

- Welcomed new Chamber Members: Medical Assay Laboratory, 8205 South Cass; Higher Health Chiropractic, 7702 South Cass; SLS Learning Solutions, LLC, 7833 Darien Lake Drive; and Concentra, which will be opening in the near future.
- Thanked Darien businesses for their membership renewals.
- Final touches are being put to the new “Shop Local, Shop Darien Campaign.”
- Neighbors Magazine is preparing for their 2013-2014 Annual Community Guide; contact Kate Sullivan at 630-995-3482 for a business listing and/or for advertising opportunities.
- Darien Dash sponsorship opportunities are now available.
- 13th Annual Darien Dash will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 8:30 A.M. at Darien Community Park; a cash prize to the school with the most race participants will be awarded.
- Darien Historical Society is hosting their annual Business Membership Drive.

- Darien Chamber Women in Business is hosting a Wine Tasting Networking Event on March 27, 2013 at the Downers Grove Wine Shop from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.
- A workshop on how to get client and colleague referrals will be held on April 2, 2013 at Indian Prairie Public Library from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.
- The April Membership Luncheon will be held on April 11, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Willowbrook.

Clare Bongiovanni introduced Sashi Venkatesan from Montessori Pebbles and Dan Short, Michael Giardini and Michael Saldivar from Concentra.

Sashi Venkatesan advised that Montessori Pebbles, located in the Brookhaven Market Shopping Center, has been in Darien for 13 years. The school has programs for children ages 15 months to 6 years old, and a private kindergarten. There are currently 40 students enrolled. The school provides an organic lunch, and has a job assistance program for high school students. The hours of operation are 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Ms. Venkatesan invited everyone to come and visit the school.

Michael Saldivar advised that renovations to the health care facility at 7421 S. Cass are in the process of being completed. Dan Short distributed a pamphlet illustrating the look of the new, full-service center. Mr. Saldivar announced the immediate care facility would open on April 15, 2013, with a ribbon cutting in May.

In response to Alderman Avci, Ms. Bongiovanni advised the rescheduled Not-For-Profit Mixer will be held sometime during the “Shop Local” Not-For-Profit week.

In response to Mayor Weaver, Ms. Bongiovanni advised that the Public Entity/Not-For-Profit Open House event will take place at Carriage Greens on a date to be determined.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City Offices will be closed on March 29, in observance of the Good Friday Holiday.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

City Administrator Vana...

...noted that the Police Union has begun their telephone fund raiser. He reminded residents that the Police Union solicitors are not affiliated with the Darien Police Department. He added that, although the City has no control over telephone solicitors, if residents do not donate, the calls may cease.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac...

...provided a conceptual plan of Crest Basin with the planting of 41 Pine trees. He recommended all 41 trees be planted at the same time at a cost of \$11,000. Robert Dankowski of 106 Plainfield Road spoke of the basin's poor condition and rodents. He advised that he cut the grass for many years but was informed by the County to cease. Director Gombac advised that funding from the County to plant the trees was requested. They offered to give the property to the City to plant and maintain the trees. Alderman Beilke noted that the area is overgrown and needs to be cut before any trees could be planted. Director Gombac will contact DuPage County to clean up the area. Treasurer Coren agreed the area is in need of improvement, but felt every effort should be made to hold DuPage County accountable. He added that if the City is to maintain the property, the County should compensate the City. Director Gombac noted that the City would not want to take over the property in the current condition. Robert Dankowski requested the level of dirt remain as is to prevent flooding.

...advised that Suburban Concrete would be awarded the contract for the 2013 Concrete Replacement Program. Resident may participate through mid-July. He reviewed the private property costs to residents. Residents who would like a quote for aprons, sidewalks, and curbs, should contact Mary at 630-353-8102; for private driveway replacement, residents should contact John Leverick at Suburban Concrete at 847-837-8805 or suburbanconcrete@comcast.net.

...announced there will be a waiver of permit fees for specific home improvements from March 20 to December 1, 2013.

...advised that Home Depot is partnering with the City of Darien to offer additional discounts for orders and delivery for purchases of \$2500 or more by visiting their Pro-Desk.

...announced May 1, 2013 is the target date for the opening of Chuck's Southern Comforts Café. There will be a job fair, for all positions, for Darien residents on March 20, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Treasurer Coren requested Director Gombac review the Coach Light Replacement Program at a future meeting.

Chief Brown...

...announced that the Darien Police Department has an online crime map called RAIDS Online (www.raidsonline.com) that maps and analyzes crime data, alerts Darien citizens about crimes in their area, and allows the Darien Police Department to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur.

Administrator Vana took a poll of the Council to determine if the \$11,000 Crest Basin improvements should be included in the FYE 14 Budget; the result was 50%/50%. It was felt that Alderman McIvor should be included in the poll prior to a decision being made.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 12-13-19

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 12-13-19 in the amount of \$46,110.43 from the General Fund; \$273,089.76 from the Water Fund; \$113,162.59 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$627.21 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$223,845.60 General Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/07/13; \$23,459.82 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 03/07/13; for a total to be approved of \$680,295.41.

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor, Poteraske

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER’S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2013

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of February 2013:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$11,597,938; Expenditures \$8,656,811; Current Balance \$4,249,652
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,892,791; Expenditures \$4,800,183; Current Balance \$970,763
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$559,978; Expenditures \$356,169; Current Balance \$413,633
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$507,112; Expenditures \$21,907; Current Balance \$761,479

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$5,082,243; Expenditures \$2,919,207;
Current Balance \$4,027,744
Capital Projects Debt Service Fund: Revenue \$498,012; Expenditures \$494,375; Current
Balance of \$7,845

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for March 25, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Poteraske announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for April 8, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

A. A MOTION TO APPROVE:

- **OUR LADY OF PEACE GHOSTLY GALLOP 2013, 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013 BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M. AND THE POLICE WILL NOT ABSORB ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THIS EVENT, TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS WILL BE PLACED ON 71ST STREET BETWEEN CLARENDON HILLS ROAD AND BENTLEY AND THAT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE RACE**
- **USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE GHOSTLY GALLOP 2013 WHICH BEGINS AT THE DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:
5K RUN – 71ST AND TURNING SOUTH ON RICHMOND. IT WILL THEN CONTINUE HEADING WEST ON CHEROKEE, TURN**

NORTH ON SEMINOLE, TAKING 71ST WEST AND TURNING NORTH ON BEECHNUT AND FOLLOWING AROUND THE POOL AREA AT HINSBROOK BEFORE HEADING NORTH TO WILMETTE. THE COURSE WILL THEN TURN EAST AT 69TH AND CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL BLOCKS BEFORE TURNING SOUTH AT BENTLEY TO 71ST, THEN EAST TO THE FINISH AT THE COMMUNITY PARK; AND
1 MILE WALK – 71ST STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO FINISH AT THE DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK

- B. A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN DISTRICT 61 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- C. RESOLUTION NO. R-23-13 A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING BUILDING PERMIT FEES TO ENCOURAGE HOME IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE DURING THE 2013 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-24-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT (WITH SUBURBAN CONCRETE INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$422,769.00) FOR THE 2013 CONCRETE SIDEWALK, APRON, CURB AND GUTTER REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, THE ELM STREET SIDEWALK EXTENSION AND WAIVING THE \$75 PERMIT FEE APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS

- E. RESOLUTION NO. R-25-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 DITCH MAINTENANCE PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND SCORPIO

**CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$188,630.00**

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE CANINE
AND OFFICER TRAINING**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$12,500 for the purchase of a police canine and officer training.

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Marchese...

...commended the Citizen of the Year Committee for excellent work in planning and executing an outstanding event.

...extended gratitude to all for the successful Lions Club 42nd Annual Pancake Breakfast; he noted that the funds from this event pay for the Fourth of July parade and Halloween Party.

Matt Goodwin, Post Commander of Darien VFW Post 2838 provided the following information:

- The VFW is currently pursuing a Darien post home.
- The VFW programs include:
 - a) Military assistance grants
 - b) Buddy Poppies - made by disabled veterans with funds going towards veterans
 - c) Community Outreach
 - d) Scholarships
- Buddy Poppy Days will be held the weekend before Memorial Day
- VFW is offering Darien Vehicle Stickers for a \$3 donation

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk