

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Marchese to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:00 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 Galan to adjourn into open session.

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The Executive Session meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS THE COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE A WORKSHOP SESSION ON FEBRUARY 02, 2009.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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**

Cub Scout Pack 36 from Mark Delay School led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Coleman was as follows:

Present:	Halil Avci	Joseph A. Marchese
	William R. Durkin	Sylvia McIvor
	John Galan	John F. Poteraske, Jr.
	Carolyn A. Gattuso	

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Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
John B. Murphey, City Attorney
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Robert Pavelchik, Police Chief

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 19, 2009

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Durkin

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Avci received requests from Gloria Mathiasch of 7214 Western and Bill Oldham of 7209 Tennessee to have their streets included in the drainage program.

Mayor Weaver noted that the Director of Municipal Services is on vacation, and that he will be able to address their concerns and requests upon his return.

Alderman Marchese received a number of communications from residents inquiring as to the time line AT&T has for the installation of U-Verse in Darien.

Administrator Vana explained that, per a new state law, AT&T is not required to provide service throughout the community. To date, AT&T has not provided the city with their installation plans. The city will continue to try to obtain this information.

Alderman Gattuso advised that she recently switched to AT&T U-Verse. She was told that all of Darien would be up and running by the time transmissions go digital.

Mayor Weaver...

...received an e-mail from Brian Sharrett, President of the Condominium Association located at 7525, 7515 Nantucket, and 714 Walnut, commending Scott Coren for the valuable services he has provided. Mr. Sharrett extended gratitude to Scott for his efforts which have always been responsive, informative, and helpful.

...received a communication from Bridget E. Shahan of the Woodridge Community Pantry. The pantry currently serves approximately 1,229 families in Woodridge, Bolingbrook, Downers Grove, Darien, Lisle, and Westmont. The Woodridge Community Pantry is seeking donations for their silent auction that is being held on April 26, 2009. Anyone interested in making a donation may contact Rosanna Furman at City Hall. Mayor Weaver requested Woodridge Community Pantry's fundraising event be placed in The Neighbors Magazine.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Mayor Weaver introduced Amy Pollitz, 6th Grade Social Science Teacher at Cass Junior High. Ms. Pollitz explained that her students have created plans for the redevelopment of Darien's downtown area, and will be presenting those plans to the Council Members. Ms. Pollitz introduced the presenters as follows:

Allison Bodnum	Luke Forfar
Paige Vanderplow	Sarah Leganski
Joe Eilbert	Nicki Chappell
Rachael Schoenhardt	Jake Hynek
Clara Garcia	Ricky Lopez
Jovan Krcadinac	Andrew James
Austin Mantey	

The students formed four separate groups, then each group presented their plans for redevelopment of downtown. There was a resounding round of applause for the students upon completion of their presentation

Mayor Weaver thanked the students for their wonderful ideas and presentations.

B. Mayor Weaver introduced Julie Stone of People's Resource Center located at 649 Blackhawk Drive in Westmont. Ms. Stone provided information on the services provided by the agency. Although the Westmont satellite location is new, People's

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Resource Center has been in existence for thirty years. Ms. Stone extended gratitude to Walmart and Fruitful Yield for their donations to the center. The website for People's Resource Center is www.peoplesrc.org. Ms. Stone noted that the center is always looking for volunteers.

Alderman McIvor suggested information on this organization be placed in the Neighbors of Darien magazine.

Alderman Avci inquired if the center is open on weekends.

Ms. Stone advised that although the center currently has very limited hours, the goal is to be a full service center, open seven days a week. The more volunteers the center is able to recruit, the more hours they can be open.

Alderman Poteraske inquired where their operational funds are obtained.

Ms. Stone responded that the majority of donations are from individuals and government grants. The People's Resource Center is not funded by the county or state.

Alderman McIvor asked if donations other than money are sought.

Ms. Stone responded that currently they are seeking donations of computers, gifts for children's birthday bags, and dry or canned food.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2009 in honor of Presidents' Day. Due to the holiday, the City Council will have their next meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

...invited everyone to attend Coffee with Mayor Weaver on Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. at Indian Prairie Library located at 401 Plainfield Road.

...announced that today was the last day to file objections to the Candidate Nominating Petitions that were submitted last week. No objections were received. City Clerk Coleman announced the ballot positions for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election have been certified by her office as follows:

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Ted V. Schauer, Ward 1

John F. Poteraske, Ward 3
JoAnne E. Ragona, Ward 3

Joseph A. Marchese, Ward 5

Halil Avci, Ward 7
Arleta Peknik, Ward 7
Bob Smid, Ward 7
Donald Damon, Ward 7

Clerk Coleman advised that early voting begins March 16, 2009, and once the early voting sites become available, they will be posted on the city's website.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana...

...advised that, due to a Post Office error, some residents may not have received their copy of the January/February, 2009 issue of the Neighbors of Darien magazine. The January/February issue is available on the city's website.

...noted that Ken Seaton's ComEd Reliability Report was included with the Administrator's Report. Staff is coordinating the attendance of Mr. Seaton and representatives of ComEd at a City Council Meeting in March.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief of Police, Robert Pavelchik, advised that the city is now in possession of a new vehicle that was seized from a convicted drunk driver. The new squad has been added to the fleet as a replacement for the DARE van.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 08-09-17

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 08-09-17 in the amount of \$26,352.88 from the General Fund; \$138,805.46 from the Water Fund; \$7,384.22 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,939.10 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$1,683.00 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$21,370.37 from the Debt Service Fund; 255,279.48 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/15/09 and 1/29/09; \$43,430.81 from the Water Fund Payroll for the

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period ending 01/15/09 and 1/29/09; \$40,378.96 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 01/15/09 and 1/29/09; for a total to be approved of \$537,624.28.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, 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 has been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room pending agenda items.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room. The first Committee of the Whole Administrative Finance Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. and will be aired on cable.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor advised that the next Planning and Development Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers pending agenda items.

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**

There was no Consent Agenda.

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16. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the City Council.

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

Mayor Weaver reported that, in hopes of receiving funding incentives, a list of all the city's shovel ready projects, totaling \$6,528,601, has been submitted to the State.

Alderman McIvor suggested that since funds are allocated on a first come first serve basis, it may be in the city's best interest to submit the list to the U.S. Legislators as well.

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 7:55 P.M.

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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 02-02-09.
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