

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY

THE TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 3, 2012 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

DECEMBER 3, 2012

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**

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	Sylvia McIvor
	Tina M. Beilke	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Marchese	Joerg Seifert

Absent: John F. Poteraske, Jr.

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 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**

Robert Rzeszutko of 1200 Allison, read into the record a letter from District #61 Board of Education regarding the changes to the DARE Program, the removal of one Police Officer as a point of contact, and the elimination of crossing guards. District 61 Superintendent, Dr. Robert Carlo expressed his concerns with elimination of crossing guards before the end of the school year. Mayor Weaver advised that the request to extend the crossing guard service to the end of the school year will be discussed at the December 6, 2012 Police Committee Meeting. Alderman McIvor requested the cost of the crossing guards for the additional month be determined prior to the Police Committee Meeting on December 6.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 19, 2012

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Minutes of November 19, 2012, as presented.

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

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Weaver is in receipt of correspondence from Megan Meyer, a resident of Woodridge, regarding the lack of a recycling program at her place of employment in Darien. Administrator Vana responded that the City’s refuse contract applies exclusively to single family residences. Businesses and multi-family dwellings contract for their refuse hauling, and have the ability to add recycling. Treasurer Coren noted that there is an additional cost to add a recycling program.

Via email, Joe Kenny requested the City amend the current ordinance to prohibit solicitation after dark. This item will be referred to the Police Committee for review.

Administrator Vana provided an overview of the proposed enhancements to the current DARE program. He noted that program is in the developmental stage but that communication was released at the onset to apprise the community. Administrator Vana

advised that this item will be discussed at the Police Committee Meeting on December 6, 2012. Chief Brown noted that the enhanced program will involve all Darien Police Officers, children of all ages, and will address the many issues affecting children today. He stressed the importance of parental involvement. Alderman Avci suggested surveys of other communities be taken. Chief Brown noted that Clarendon Hills has changed their program and others are seeking change as well. The proposed program is new and unique, and will be taught by experts in their field. A discussion took place regarding the transition period. Chief Brown shared two reports which demonstrate the ineffectiveness of the DARE Program. Alderman Beilke noted that District 86 has one officer as a point person. Chief Brown responded that Hinsdale South High School pays the Police Officer Liaison's salary and overtime; it would be very difficult to provide a Police Liaison for six elementary schools.

Alderman Seifert expressed discomfort in acceptance of a conceptual plan. Chief Brown advised that nothing will be taken away from the current program until the new program is developed and in place. The program will begin in September 2013. Administrator Vana added that discussion and assistance in development of the program by the Police Committee has been ongoing and will continue. It was noted that programs cannot work without parent involvement, and a more comprehensive educational program is needed. Alderman McIvor invited the public to attend the Police Committee Meeting on December 6, and suggested representatives from the school districts be invited; input and feedback is welcome.

Alderman Avci...

...received an e-mail from David May, 1121 69th Street, regarding the elimination of the crossing guards.

...received an e-mail from David Kessler, 7321 Richmond, complimenting the Public Works Staff and the effectiveness of the new speed limit signs on Richmond.

Mayor Weaver received communication from new resident Alicia Urbanski on Clarendon Hills Road expressing gratitude to City Staff for their assistance in resolving a number of issues with the home she purchased.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH" (DECEMBER 2012)**

Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring December 2012 as "Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" in the City of Darien.

Mayor Weaver expressed delight at being invited by Boy Scout Pack 97 to attend the Eagle Scout Ceremony honoring Andrew Hawken and Michael Benedict. She found it to be an extraordinary event.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Ragona...

...invited all to attend Meet and Greet the Mayor at City Hall on December 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

...announced the filing of nominating petitions for Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7 begins on December 17, 2012 at 8:30 A.M. The deadline for filing has been extended to December 26, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. by Senate Bill 3338.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana...

...explained that, in order to adhere to the Open Meetings Act, any e-mail correspondence directed to the entire City Council will be responded to by him.

...provided an update on the technical problems the City is experiencing with the video taping of meetings.

...announced that Veolia has been purchased by Advanced Disposal Services. He noted that the purchase will not affect the contract or services.

...advised that solicitation calls and letters for gas and electricity are being sent out by NiCor, and other energy companies; residents do not need to respond to these marketers.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac advised...

...tree trimming begins on December 17, 2012. Private property tree trimming and removal is available to residents at the same pricing as last year. Interested residents should call Ryan at Homer Tree at 815-838-0320 or ryan@homertree.com. The deadline for participation is February 15, 2013

...a monument sign has been installed on 83rd Street; the other signs will be installed in the near future. Staff is working with Woodridge to resolve permitting issues for the sign

on 87th Street. The breakaway signs will be located on Cass and Frontage, and Lemont and Cheese/Frontage.

...the Wal Mart development is in process; demolition is near completion.

...The owner of Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café closed on the Darien property two weeks ago. Director Gombac explained the improvements made by the Public Works Department are in accordance with the Economic Incentive Agreement. Treasurer Coren noted that it was cost effective for City Staff to perform the work. It is anticipated the restaurant will open the end of February or beginning of March, 2013. He expressed pride in the abilities of the Public Works Staff.

...Home Depot is considering relocation out of Darien; Inland Corporation is working on an incentive agreement.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 12-13-13

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 12-13-13 in the amount of \$80,873.26 from the General Fund; \$38,446.68 from the Water Fund; \$1,284.51 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,760.21 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$167,170.31 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$283,001.48 General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/29/12; \$23,075.24 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/29/12; for a total to be approved of \$596,611.69.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Poteraske

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee has been scheduled for December 12, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. He noted that the actual cost analysis for the next fiscal year will be conducted at this meeting, and invited the public to attend.

Police Committee — Chairman McIvor announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for December 6, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Police Pension Board – Treasurer Coren announced the next meeting of the Police Pension Board is scheduled for December 10, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Police Training Room.

Administrative/Finance Committee – Administrator Vana announced the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting of December 10, 2012 has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was none.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2012, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2013 FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. O-39-12

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2012, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2013 FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

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

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2012, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2013, IN AND FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. O-40-12

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2012, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2013, IN AND FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

Administrator Vana advised that the Tax Levy Public Hearing took place prior to the City Council Meeting, and provided an explanation of the Special Service Area.

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

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MMW BACKHAUL TO SUPPLY SPACE ON THE TOWER AT 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R-84-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MMW BACKHAUL TO SUPPLY SPACE ON THE TOWER AT 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD

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

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

18. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL

Alderman Marchese...

...congratulated and thanked Clare Bongiovanni, the Darien Chamber of Commerce, Darien Historical Society, and School District 61 for the successful Darien Days, Holiday Expo, and Tree Lighting. Mayor Weaver noted this was the 39th tree lighting.

...advised that food and financial donations for the Lions Club Food Basket Program are being accepted; a \$75 donation provides a family with food for two weeks. Volunteers are needed for December 21 and 22, 2012 at the Park District on Fairview.

Alderman Beilke advised that nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted through January 7, 2013. Nominations may be sent to any member of the Citizen of the Year Committee or dropped off at City Hall.

Mayor Weaver advised that the deadline for nominations for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest is December 7, 2012; the winner will be announced at the December 17, 2012 City Council Meeting.

Bob Rzeszutko of 1200 Allison Lane spoke of the need for school and parental involvement in the new program. He also spoke of the need for staff training. Mayor Weaver noted that the contentious issue appears to be the elimination of one police officer as the point of contact. She anticipates that with the involvement of all the officers, the program will be more effective. Bob Rzeszutko suggested that there be specialized training for the officers since not all are equipped to deal well with children.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 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 12-03-12.
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