

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 2, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

DECEMBER 2, 2013

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**

Boy Scout Caleb 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	Sylvia McIvor
	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Joerg Seifert
	Joseph A. Marchese	

Absent: None

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 seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

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

There were none.

- 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 13, 2013 Goal Setting Session
– November 18, 2013 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the minutes of the Goal Setting Session of November 13, 2013 as amended to correct the second sentence under Cass & 75th Street Development as follows: “All aldermen asked were in favor of demolishing the *existing building and* rebuilding two buildings.”

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 18, 2013 as amended to correct Page 7, second line, to change the District Number from 203 to 202.

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

- 7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

- 8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

- A. **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH” (DECEMBER 2013)**

Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring December 2013 as “Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month” in the City of Darien.

B. DEBORAH L. DARZINSKIS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DUPAGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Deborah L. Darzinskis provided a lengthy presentation on DuPage County Housing Authority’s affordable housing voucher system, services, and the requirements to qualify for the program. Ms. Darzinskis responded to questions from the City Council Members and Neil Christiansen. Ms. Darzinskis apologized for the lack of communication in the past and will strive to do better in the future. Mayor Weaver suggested that contact information for the various DuPage Senior Service agencies be provided in Direct Connect. Alderman Beilke suggested this information also be placed on the City’s website.

Mayor Weaver thanked the Darien Historical Society for sponsoring the tree lighting.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona invited all to Meet and Greet the Mayor on December 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in the upstairs conference room.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Vana...

...advised Consent Agenda Item G has been moved to New Business as Item D.
...announced there will be a leaf/yard waste pick up on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week; refuse stickers are required.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown...

...presented the new format for the Police Monthly Report as follows:

- 1) Crime Tip Information
- 2) Community Engagement
- 3) Statistical Breakdown

...provided information on three recent robberies; he requested residents be vigilant to stem the flow of burglaries.

Director Gombac...

...commended his staff on their fine work and provided a report on the actual costs of the following major projects completed this year:

- Emerald Ash Borer
- Sidewalk/Concrete Program
- Drainage Improvement Projects
- Rear Yard Drainage Projects
- Road Program

...announced the Tree Trimming Program with Homer Tree has begun. The cost to residents for their private trees is as follows:

- \$65 front yard tree trimming
- \$140 rear yard tree trimming
- \$28 per diameter inch for front yard tree removal
- \$40 per diameter inch for rear yard tree removal
- \$50 front yard stump removal
- \$75 rear yard stump removal

The deadline for participation is February 15, 2014. For further information contact Ryan at homertree.com or 815-838-0320.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 13-14-14

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve payment of Warrant Number 13-14-14 in the amount of \$1,012,531.26 from the enumerated funds; and \$286,274.99 from payroll funds for the period ending 11/28/13; for a total to be approved of \$1,298,806.25.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairman Schauer announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for January 6, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese advised the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee Meeting of October 28, 2013 have been submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced there is a Special Meeting scheduled for December 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. and the regular meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman McIvor announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for December 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

Matt Goodwin, Commander of VFW Post 2838 addressed the City Council in regard to the request for a waiver of the liquor license fee for the period December 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Weaver announced that Consent Agenda Item C has been moved to New Business as Item C, and Consent Agenda Item H has been moved to New Business as Item D.

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

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

- A. **A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FILLING THE ROLE OF FULL TIME COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER WITH THREE PART TIME POSITIONS**
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. O-34-13 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE TO THE DARIEN**

ZONING ORDINANCE FOR A DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT (PZC 2013-09: DARIEN VFW POST 2838, 7515 CASS AVENUE)

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-35-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A CHAPTER 5-7-3, "GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS, PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS IN REQUIRED YARDS," AND CHAPTER 12-4-1, "NOISE," OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (PZC 2013-10: TEXT AMENDMENT: GENERATORS)

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-36-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-23, COPY OF THE ORDINANCE TO BE PROVIDED LICENSEES, OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-95-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR PAVEMENT CORINGS FOR THE PROPOSED 2014 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,750.00

F. RESOLUTION NO. R-96-13

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING FOR THE 2014 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,730.00

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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, 2013, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2014 FR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

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

Administrator Vana summarized New Business Items A and B and reviewed the total tax levy for all funds.

ORDINANCE NO. O-32-13

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2013, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2014, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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, 2013, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2014, 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 Seifert to approve the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 0-33-13

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2013, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2014, IN AND FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FEE CHARGED TO DARIEN VFW, FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN DECEMBER 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$583.33

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the resolution as presented.

Treasurer Coren commented that in his opinion, waiver of the liquor license fee for the VFW is comparable to making a donation to the VFW on behalf of the citizens of Darien, and may be setting a precedent. Since there is another liquor license holder in the center, he feels a partial refund of the unused portion of the liquor license fee would be in order should demolition of the property take place prior to the end of the liquor license year.

Alderman Seifert noted that since the VFW does not pay rent, they are being treated differently. Alderman Belczak advised that raffle license fees are generally waived for non-profits, and feels waiving the liquor license fee will not set a precedent. He also stated that a scenario such as this will unlikely ever occur again. Alderman Beilke commented that the Darien Woman’s Club is currently utilizing vacant space at the center for storage. She noted that since the City will be reclaiming the space sooner than anticipated for demolition, the VFW request is reasonable. Alderman Schauer feels that waiver of a one time fee for a non-profit organization would not set a precedent. Alderman Kenny stated that this is a unique situation, and it does not set a precedent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-94-13 A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FEE CHARGED TO DARIEN VFW, FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN DECEMBER 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$583.33

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-97-13 A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT LIMITED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND LIMITED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITES ON CERTAIN CITY OF DARIEN-OWNED PROPERTY, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE DARIEN TOWNE CENTER – PIN NO: 09-29-400-020, LOT 3 OF THE DARIEN TOWNE CENTER PUD, AND REFERRED TO AS AN UNDISTURBED/BUFFER AREA

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

Mayor Weaver advised that the addresses of the properties along Wilton have been incorporated in the resolution. Administrator Vana provided background information, and advised that the City has followed IRMA’s recommendation for the language in Item 4. Director Gombac explained that upon approval, letters will be sent to the eight residents providing information on the property use and restrictions; permits will be required.

RESOLUTION NO. R-97-13

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Marchese read a letter from Ralph Beardsley, Chairman of the Lions Club Food Basket Program. Alderman Marchese noted that through the collaborative efforts of the Darien Lions Club, Darien Park District, and Darien Woman’s Club, 200 families will be served. Donations and volunteers are needed.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 12-02-13. Minutes of 12-02-13 CCM.